

10. BLACK COD (SABLE FISH)

Japanese catch (estimated)

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
MT Dressed	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000

Imports * (MT dressed)

	estimate			Jan-Jul	
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Canada	2,500	2,600	2,756	1,393	1,378
U.S.A.	10,000	18,000	25,083	13,832	18,565
Total	12,500	20,600	27,869	15,260	20,152

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg) frozen Alaska/Canada

	<u>Sep/87</u>	<u>Mar/88</u>	<u>Aug/88</u>	<u>Sep/88</u>
7 lb & up	900/870	890/870	880/860	920/900
5-7 lbs	900/870	890/870	880/860	920/900
4-5 lbs	820/780	850/830	830/810	870/850
3-4 lbs	780/750	800/780	780/760	820/800

* Beginning January 1, 1987 Black cod is a separate category in the import statistics.

Market Situation and Outlook

- Total imports of black cod continue to rise: it is expected that they will exceed 30,000 MT in 1988. Market will basically take all Canada can supply.
- Wholesale prices have increased from last month and are up over year ago levels.