

13. REDFISH

Japanese catch (MT-dressed wt; estimates)

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Pacific Rockfish	12,000	10,000	8,000	n.a.	n.a.
Atlantic Redfish	5,800	13,000	9,500	n.a.	n.a.
Canada	2,400	2,500	4,000	n.a.	n.a.
Greenland	1,000	9,000	3,500	n.a.	n.a.
Other	1,800	1,500	2,000	n.a.	n.a.

Imports * (MT dressed wt)

	<u>1986(est)</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Canada	2,400	2,766	3,018	3,089	2,090
Iceland	4,000	2,433	10,436	8,117	8,937
Norway	200	767	3,624	3,388	10,515
Portugal	8,000	11,935	10,242	8,849	2,458
W/Germany	600	-	-	264	150
E/Germany	2,000	357	3,265	1,555	1,254
Bulgaria	2,200	2,245	2,469	1,563	931
USSR	2,500	2,881	11,490	5,082	3,190
USA	1,000	6,074	10,983	15,247	20,521
Cuba	300	18	871	2,170	443
Other	800	4,464	2,531	2,122	3,872

Total	24,000	33,940	58,929	51,446	54,361

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Feb. 91</u>
500g & up	480-500	600-700	520-580	500-600
300-500g	340-350	420-450	400-420	450-480
200-300	300-320	360-380	280-330	300-350

* Beginning January 1, 1987 redfish is separate category in import statistics.

Market Situation and Outlook

- While Canadian exports of redfish to Japan decreased in 1990 by more than 30% from 1989 due to poor landings, total imports increased by 6% due to unexpectedly greater quantities imported from the IQ for the United States DAP.