

11. CRAB SECTIONS

Japanese catch (MT)

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
King	137	351	123	207	0
Snow	6,900	10,322	13,586	9,357	8,000
Blue	4,638	5,227	5,327	3,990	4,000
Other	87,467	84,080	74,715	63,081	57,000
Total	99,142	99,980	93,751	76,635	69,000

Imports (MT)

	<u>Jan-Aug</u>				
	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Canada	5,839	7,455	5,178	4,559	5,051
USA	22,612	28,658	29,465	26,449	39,158
S/Korea	7,180	797	380	272	213
N/Korea	8,814	132	99	79	93
China	8,210	7,724	9,736	6,398	1,850
USSR	3,748	5,193	5,498	2,816	4,708
Total	60,024	53,786	54,691	42,838	53,266

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last. mo.</u>	<u>Oct 90</u>
Canadian size 2L (5kg pack)	1800-1900	1900-2000	1850-1950	1800-1900
Canadian size L	1400-1450	1400-1500	1500-1650	1450-1600
Alaska Size 2L	1450-1500	1450-1500	1450-1550	1450-1550

Market Situation and Outlook

- The market has been good for crab sections and prices remain fairly stable from 1989.
- It is felt that most sales to the Japanese market have already been made.