

13. REDFISH

Japanese catch (MT-dressed wt, estimates)

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
Pacific Rockfish	15,000	12,000	10,000	8,000	n.a.
Atlantic Redfish	8,850	5,800	13,000	9,500	n.a.
Canada	1,000	2,400	2,500	4,000	n.a.
Greenland	250	1,000	9,000	3,500	n.a.
Other	7,600	1,800	1,500	2,000	n.a.

Imports * (MT dressed wt)

	<u>estimates</u>				
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>
Canada	750	2,400	2,766	3,018	3,089
Iceland	2,850	4,000	2,433	10,436	8,117
Norway	1,100	200	767	3,624	3,388
Portugal	1,800	8,000	11,935	10,242	8,849
W/Germany	2,300	600	-	-	264
E/Germany	900	2,000	357	3,265	1,555
Bulgaria	800	2,200	2,245	2,469	1,563
USSR	400	2,500	2,881	11,490	5,082
USA	1,450	1,000	6,074	10,983	15,247
Cuba	2,950	300	18	871	2,170
Other	500	800	4,464	13,514	2,122
Total	15,800	24,000	33,940	58,929	51,446

Prices - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg)

	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Mar 90</u>
500g & up	350-380	450-460	480-500	480-500
300-500g	320-330	320-330	340-350	340-350
200-300	270-300	200-310	300-320	300-320

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

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Market Situation and Outlook

- Japanese imports of redfish remain strong although volume in 1989 declined somewhat.
- Wholesale prices have strengthened in the last few months reflecting the reduced supply situation.