

10. BLACK COD (SABLE FISH)

<u>Japanese catch</u> (estimated)					
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>
MT Dressed	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	n.a.
<u>Imports</u> * (MT dressed)					
	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>Jan-Aug</u>	
				<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
Canada	2,756	3,162	3,285	2,385	1,295
U.S.A.	25,083	27,186	26,041	21,666	20,454
Total	27,869	30,558	29,354	24,079	21,749
<u>Prices</u> - Tokyo wholesale (yen/kg) frozen Alaska/Canada					
	<u>Year ago</u>	<u>6 mo. ago</u>	<u>Last mo.</u>	<u>Oct 90</u>	
7 lb & up	860-880	930-950	980-1020	1000-1030	
5-7 lbs	860-880	930-950	970- 990	1000-1010	
4-5 lbs	780-800	840-860	960-.970	970- 990	
3-4 lbs	700-720	780-810	930- 950	950- 960	
* Beginning January 1, 1987 Black cod is a separate category in the import statistics.					

Market Situation and Outlook

- The supply of black cod has been low in 1990, while demand has been stable. As a result, prices have increased, but are not expected to incur further or substantial increases.