The United States and Canadian commercial halibut catches in 1000's of pounds for 1961 are shown in the attached three figures by subdivisions of 60-mile statistical areas 18 to 37 inclusive. Each 60-mile statistical area was subdivided into areas of about 300 square miles (20 x 15).

Also shown in the figures are the average catches of halibut under 65 centimeters per one-hour haul for all stations occupied within the respective subdivisions during Rounds I of the 1961-1962 and 1962-1963 trawl surveys.

The estimated daily catches, as recorded in the log books of the fishing vessels, were credited to the subdivision wherein most of the gear was fished. The total of such estimated catches for each subdivision was equated to the total landed weight recorded from each 60-mile statistical area.

The catches shown in each subdivision are for the whole 1961 season which opened in Area 3A (60-mile sections 18 to approximately 31) on 10 May and closed on 23 August upon attainment of the catch limit for the area. The 1961 season in Area 3B South (60-mile sections approximately 32 and westward not including Bering Sea) opened on 25 April and closed on 1 October.

Separation of the catches on a seasonal basis in the attached figures was not justified as the present season is too short to clearly indicate seasonal shifts in the distribution of fishing within each 60-mile section of the coast. However, seasonal changes in the amount of fishing from one 60-mile statistical area to another are indicated in the table of monthly landings of halibut, 1957 to 1961, from each 60-mile section of the coast which has been presented separately.

The bathymetric distribution of the 1961 halibut catch from grounds west of Cape Spencer not including Bering Sea was as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Depth Range</th>
<th>Pounds</th>
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<tr>
<td>0 - 50 fathoms</td>
<td>8,281,000</td>
<td>22.7</td>
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<td>51 - 100 &quot;</td>
<td>16,701,000</td>
<td>45.8</td>
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<td>Over 100 &quot;</td>
<td>36,479,000</td>
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The depth ranges used are the only ones that are feasible.

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UNITED STATES and CANADIAN HALIBUT CATCHES in 1000's of pounds for 1961 by subdivisions of 60-mile statistical areas 22-31

AVERAGE NUMBER of HALIBUT less than 65 centimeters length caught per one-hour haul during ROUND I of the 1961-1962 trawl survey by subdivisions of 60-mile statistical areas

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