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RECRUITMENT STUDIES CONDUCTED BY THE  
INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC HALIBUT COMMISSION  
IN THE NORTHEAST PACIFIC OCEAN IN 1970

The annual surveys to assess the abundance of young halibut in the Gulf of Alaska were continued in 1970. A commercial trawler was chartered to fish on selected inshore and offshore sampling areas during July-September. The following table summarizes the age composition of halibut below 65 cm taken during the 1970 survey.

Area	0 1970	1 1969	2 1968	3 1967	4 1966	5 1965	6 1964	7-9 1963-61	Total
<u>Inshore</u>									
Shumagin	0	350	226	154	28	11	4	1	774
Chirikof	0	976	981	132	20	2	2	0	2,113
Yakutat	231	92	124	94	27	22	4	3	597
Southeastern	8	17	6	8	11	2	1	1	54
TOTAL	<u>239</u>	<u>1,435</u>	<u>1,337</u>	<u>388</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3,538</u>
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<u>Offshore</u>									
Shumagin	0	0	35	62	32	20	5	4	158
Chirikof	0	9	1,534	393	305	105	66	9	2,421
Kodiak	0	0	50	170	163	63	46	14	506
Yakutat	0	0	10	21	77	35	104	79	326
TOTAL	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>1,629</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>577</u>	<u>223</u>	<u>221</u>	<u>106</u>	<u>3,411</u>