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USSR

The 1974 hake fishery terminated in early October after peaking at 30 vessels on September 23. Cargo transfer operations in Tasu Sound, which commenced on October 5, involved a total of 14 vessels of all types as compared to 58 in 1973 and 35 in 1972.

Two transport vessels were permitted to shelter in Canadian waters for emergency repairs and two additional visits by research vessels were made to the port of Vancouver raising the total for the year to 3.

In 1975, except for short term scouting forays by 1 or 2 Soviet trawlers in late June and mid August there has been no fishery off the British Columbia coast. Two bonafide research vessels and another trawler engaged in navigation and fishery training as well as some scientific sampling work made calls at the port of Vancouver.

SOUTH KOREA

An additional 5 longliners arrived on the British Columbia coast in late 1974 bringing the total for the year to 7 vessels. Operations
terminated in late December with most of the vessels moving to the
United States coast.

To date in 1975 seven longliners have operated intermittently off
the west coast but no concentrated fishery has been mounted.

POLAND

There was no fishery by Polish vessels off the British Columbia coast
in 1974. In late June 1975, two trawlers commenced fishing for
ocean perch on the 100-fathom edge west of Tofino B.C. By late
August the fleet had increased to 4 vessels with hake as the prime
target and the area of operations gradually shifted southward
outside of La Perouse Bank. Several more trawlers arrived in the
area by September 15 making a total of 8 vessels engaged in the
hake fishery.

By early October the fleet had increased to 11 vessels still reported
to be fishing hake but more to the north, off Estevan Point.

In some instances daily catches by individual vessels reached 70
tons and one single haul of 35 tons was observed. Most of these
vessels should terminate operations in October, however, one of the
captains indicated that his vessel and possibly others would remain
here until year end. On two occasions trawlers were permitted
emergency entry to Canadian waters.
EAST GERMANY

No activity in 1974.

In September 1975 two trawlers transferred cargo to a refrigerated transport off the lower west coast of Vancouver Island, and one of these vessels fished for several hours while waiting to offload.