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ALBACORE TUNA FISHERY, 1952-1983

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CATCH STATISTICS FOR THE CANADIAN ALBACORE TUNA FISHERY

Historically the fishery for albacore has been irregular and minor importance to the Canadian (British Columbia) fisheries economy. Catches in the past 30 years have ranged from 0 to 3558 tonnes (see accompanying table). Fluctuations in landings have been due to a variety of economic and environmental factors.

Areas fished by Canadian fishermen (using salmon troller-type gear and feathered jigs) lie usually within 200 mi of the North American coast from about 52°N Lat. southward to Oregon and northern California. A departure from traditional areas and methods of fishing occurred in 1982 when a moderately large vessel (ca 300 G.T.) fished both with jigs and floating gillnets as far west as 178°W Long. and mainly between 35°-45°N Lat.

Canadian landings of albacore tuna (Thunnus alalunga) from waters of the Northeast Pacific Ocean (weights in metric tons), 1952-1983.

Year	Catch	Year	Catch
1952	71	1968	1,028
53	5	69	1,365
54	-	1970	354
1955	-	71	1,587
56	17	72	3,558
57	8	73	1,270
58	74	74	1,207
59	212	1975	101
1960	5	76	252
61	4	77	53
62	1	78	23
63	5	79	521
64	3	1980	212
1965	15	81	200
66	44	82	104
67	161	83	225

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