

CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS OF THE CANADIAN
CRAB FISHERY ON THE PACIFIC COAST IN 1984

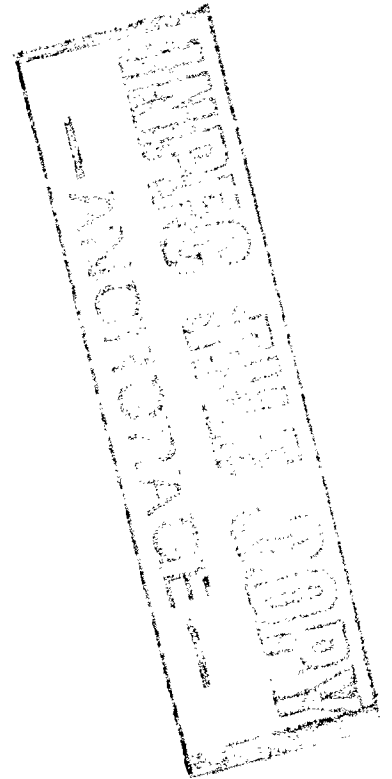
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ABSTRACT

Total landings of 1,154 metric tons (2.5 million lbs) and total fishing effort of 15,748 days are tabulated for International North Pacific Fisheries Commission statistical areas.

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INTRODUCTION

Landings were 1,154 metric tons (2.5 million lbs), up from 840 metric tons (1.8 million lbs) in 1983 and about equal to the mean catch from 1974 to 1983. Overall landings in the north were about 40% below the mean and landings in the south above the mean.

Table 1. Comparison of INPFC and PMFC statistical areas.

Latitude	INPFC areas	PMFC areas
50°30'-54°30'N	Charlotte	62 and 64
47°30'-50°30'N	Vancouver	66 and 68

Table 2. Trap landings (metric tons and 1,000's of lbs) of crab and effort (days) for Canadian vessels by INPFC area . . . 1984.

INPFC area	Catch		Effort
	Metric tons	1000's of pounds	days
Charlotte	295	649	1,871
Vancouver	859	1,890	13,877
TOTAL	1,154	2,539	15,748

Table 3. Crab landings (C = metric tons) and effort (E = days fished) by Canadian vessels, by PMFC area and by month
 . . . 1984.

Area	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
62 C	9,508	4,145	10,215	20,002	21,029	20,222	25,568	19,871	18,874	89,948	33,388	11,198	283,968
E	105	79	64	70	123	199	161	114	125	302	145	96	1,583
64 C	-	-	47	182	-	1,007	1,208	3,788	1,355	-	3,113	-	10,700
E	-	-	8	32	-	54	20	116	28	-	30	-	288
66 C	7,662	4,639	14,015	21,549	18,124	11,444	10,404	16,819	9,093	11,824	22,287	13,493	161,353
E	,220	73	170	269	196	162	179	209	133	115	161	72	1,959
68 C	24,639	21,653	26,651	44,400	38,827	52,374	170,436	118,037	66,862	66,438	40,554	27,000	697,871
E	502	466	554	783	611	991	2,089	1,729	1,225	1,139	1,031	798	11,918
TOTAL													
C	41,809	30,437	50,928	86,133	77,980	85,047	207,616	158,515	96,184	168,210	99,342	51,691	1,153,892
E	827	618	796	1,154	930	1,406	2,449	2,168	1,511	1,556	1,367	966	15,748

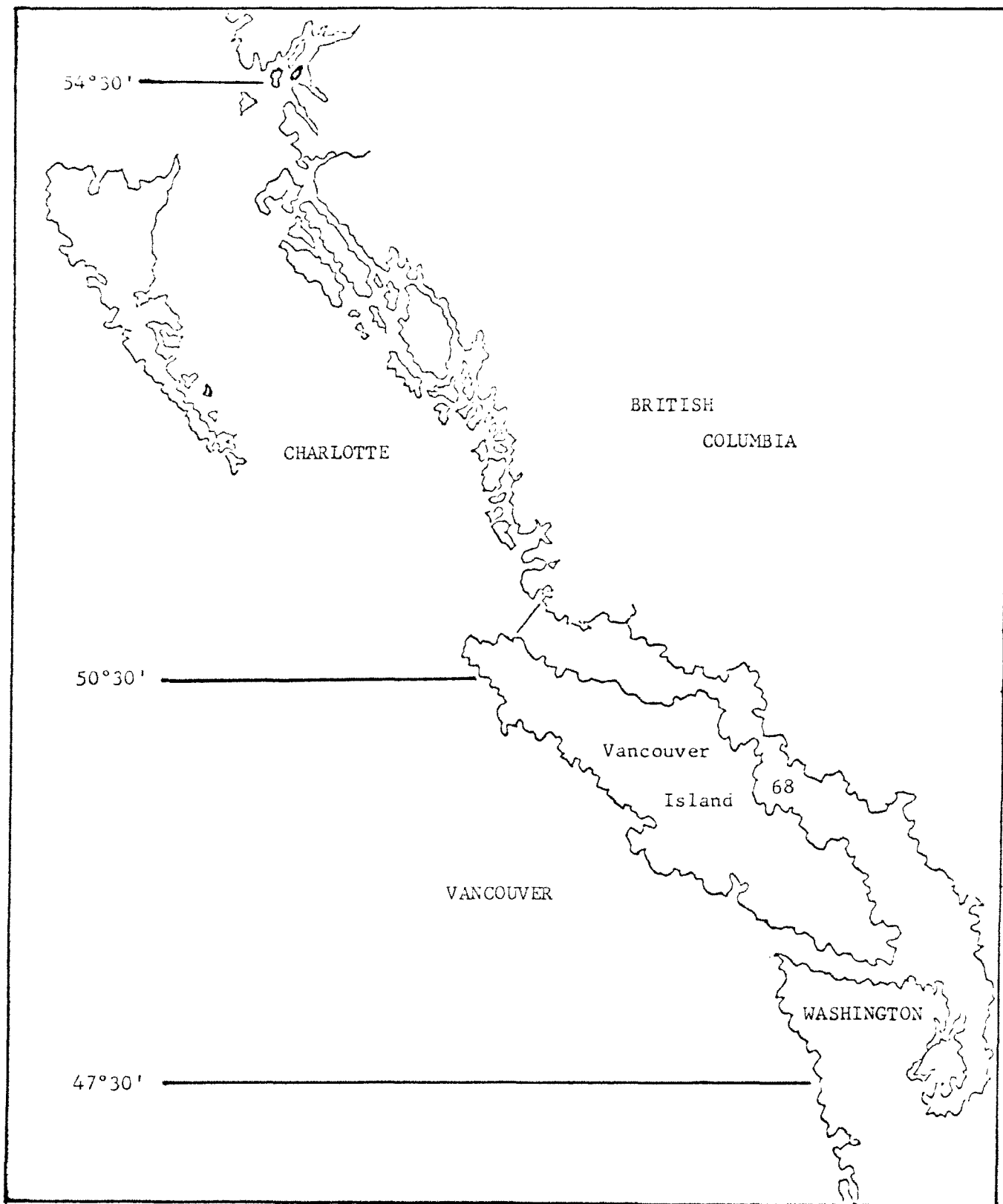


Fig. 1. INPFC AREAS OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA

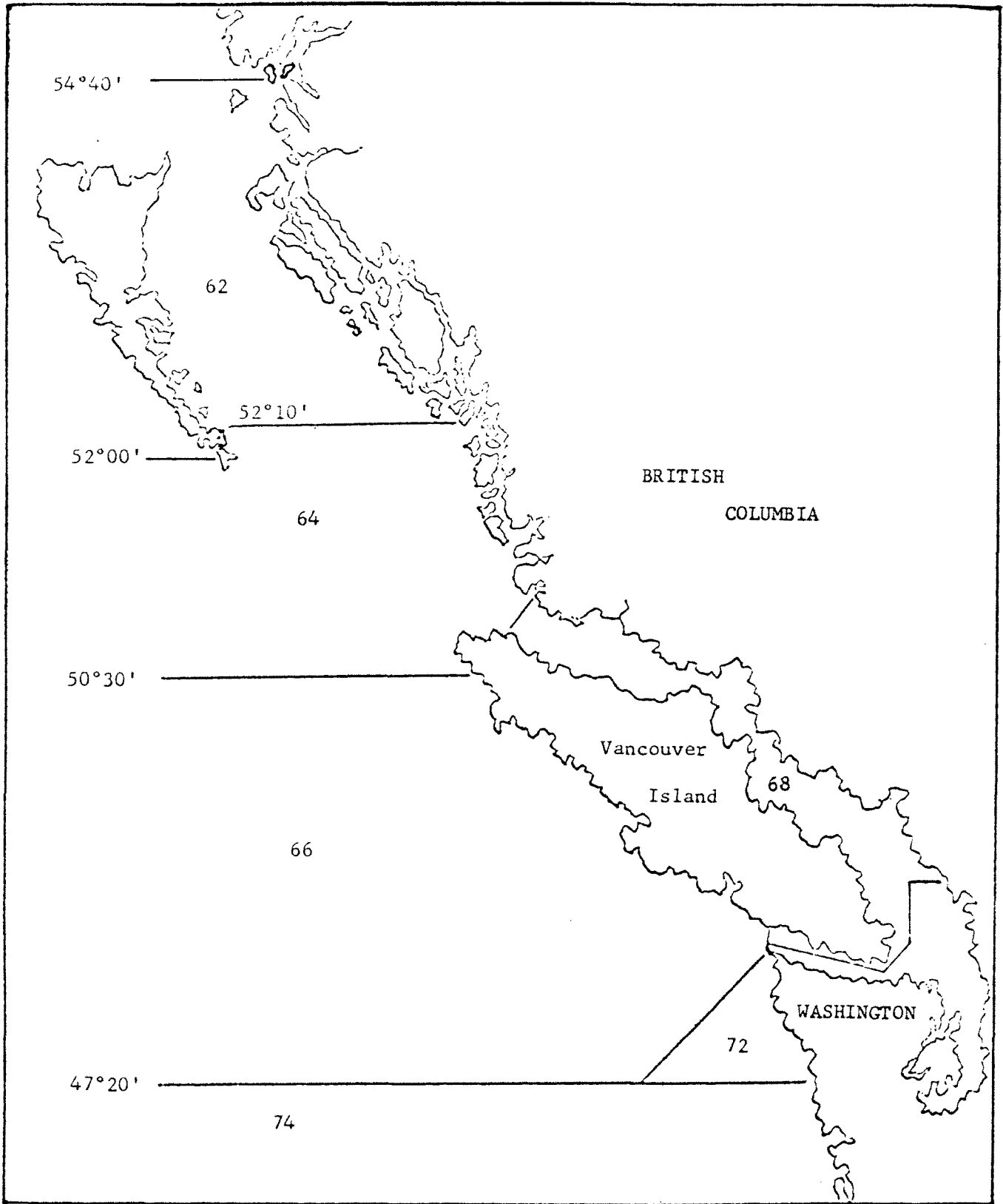


Fig. 2. PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (PMFC) FISHING AREAS OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA.