

CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS OF THE CANADIAN
CRAB FISHERY ON THE PACIFIC COAST IN 1987

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ABSTRACT

Total crab landings of 1,631 metric tons and total fishing effort of 19,862 days are tabulated for International North Pacific Fisheries Commission statistical areas. Two figures show boundaries of the statistical areas.

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INTRODUCTION

Total crab landings for the west coast of Canada were 1,631 t, with a landed value of 6.4 million dollars. A 60% increase in catch in the Tofino area (INPFC Area 66) accounts for the improvement over 1986 landings.

Table 1 comparing 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. Crab landings (t) and effort (days) for Canadian Vessels by INPFC area 1987.

INPFC areas	Effort	Catch
Charlotte	2,051	394.2
Vancouver	17,811	1,236.4
Total	19,862	1,630.6

Table 3. Crab landings (C = metric tons) and effort (E = days fished) by Canadian vessels, by PMFC Area and by Month . . . 1987.

Area	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
62 C	5.7	4.2	4.4	22.8	47.7	62.3	61.9	11.8	14.0	100.2	38.3	13.6	387.0
E	29	54	36	88	232	342	209	167	186	273	128	153	1897
64 C	tr	0	0.8	1.1	1.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.4	0	0.5	7.2
E	10	0	10	20	40	10	15	4	16	28	0	1	154
66 C	21.5	13.4	19.2	63.7	33.7	20.0	103.4	63.3	59.0	58.4	18.1	16.8	490.4
E	322	240	288	545	395	359	911	623	847	865	218	172	5785
68 C	36.3	32.3	28.3	36.5	48.4	45.5	237.1	103.6	68.1	68.0	23.7	18.3	746.0
E	952	716	786	1091	1094	986	1858	1063	1081	1319	654	426	12026

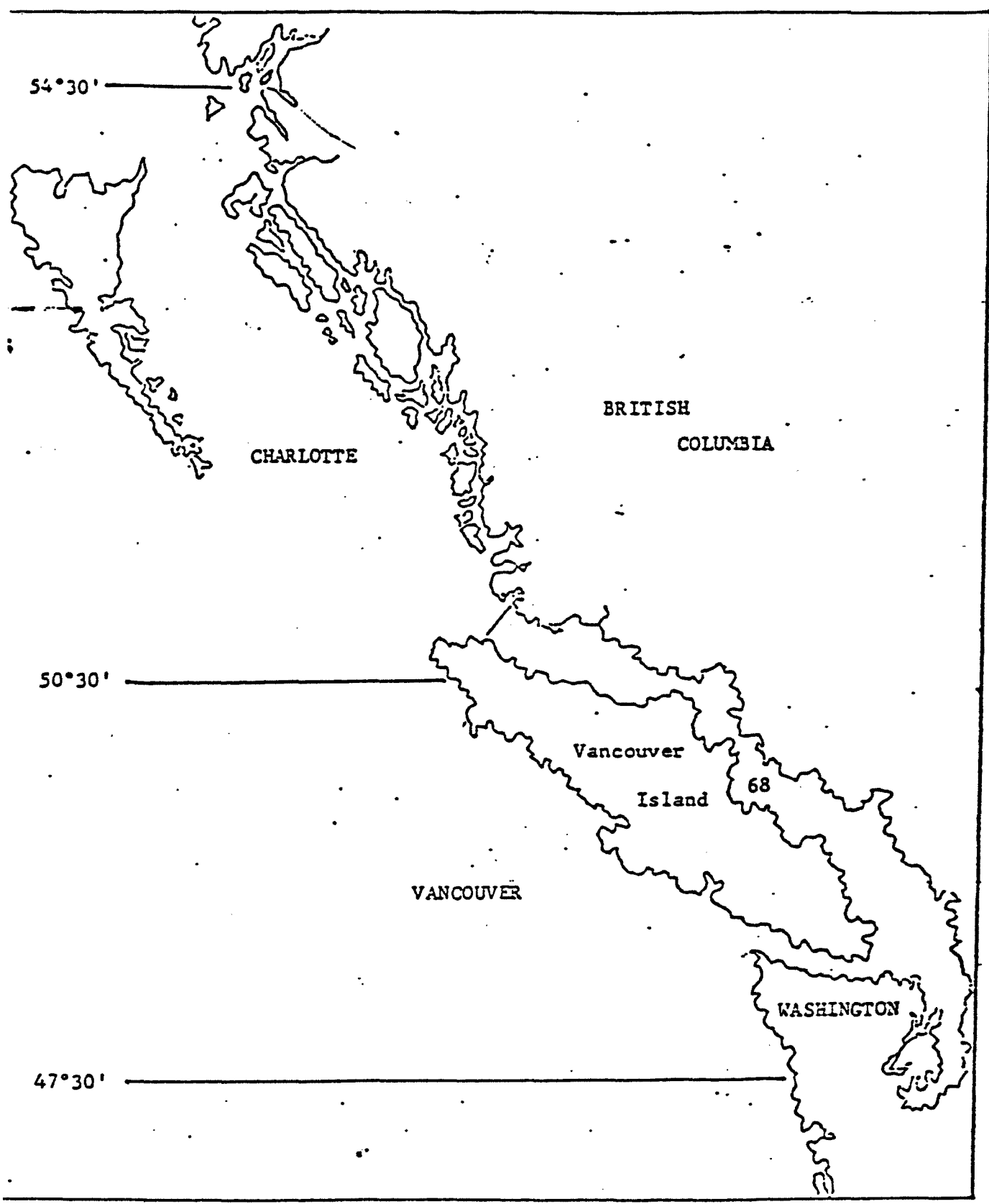


Fig. 1. INPFC FISHING AREAS OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

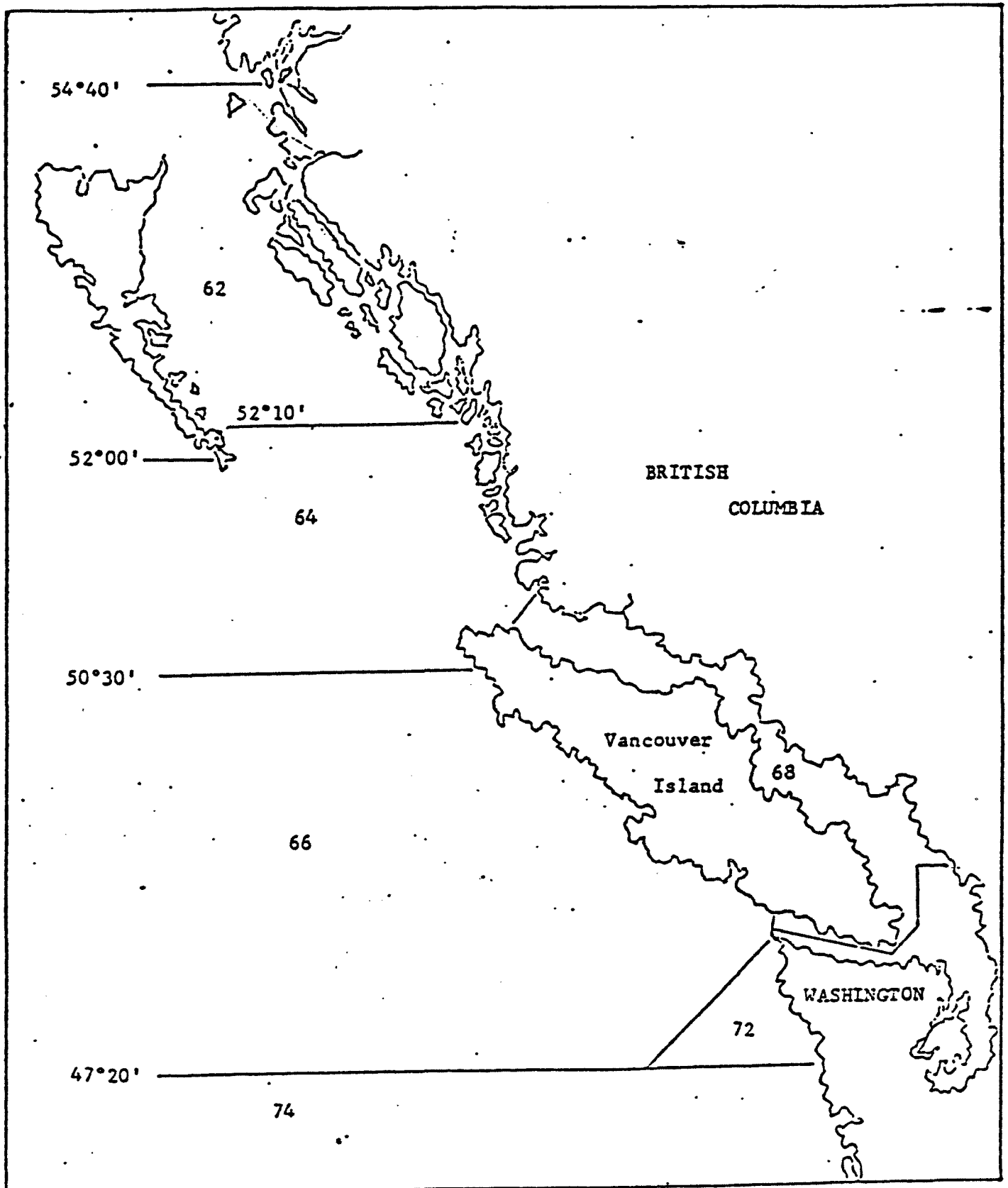


Fig. 2. PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (PMFC) FISHING AREAS OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA.