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CRAB FISHERY ON THE PACIFIC COAST IN 1988

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ABSTRACT

Total crab landings of 1,506 metric tons and total fishing effort of 16,380 days are tabulated for International North Pacific Fisheries Commission statistical areas. Two figures show boundaries of the statistical areas.

INTRODUCTION

Total crab landings for the west coast of Canada were 1,506 t, with a landed value of 5.9 million dollars. A decline of 46% in the Tofino area (INPFC Area 66) and smaller declines in other areas lead to an overall decline of 8% over 1987.

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 1988.

INPFC areas	Effort	Catch
Charlotte	1,700	538.3
Vancouver	14,680	976.8
Total	16,380	1,506.0

Table 3. Crab landings (C = metric tons) and effort (E = days fished) by Canadian vessels, by PMFC Area and by Month . . . 1988.

Area	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
62 C	5.2	11.9	11.1	22.8	51.0	68.3	71.3	37.2	48.9	102.3	70.5	15.8	516.2
E	51	49	106	193	127	124	195	62	170	262	132	130	1601
64 C	0	0	0.9	0	0.9	0.1	0.1	0	0.2	20.0	0	0	22.1
E	0	0	12	0	10	22	24	0	8	23	0	0	99
66 C	17.5	13.9	12.4	22.4	10.2	62.9	40.8	22.9	20.5	16.3	9.2	18.5	267.5
E	244	232	184	165	141	494	502	320	320	296	215	240	3353
68 C	27.2	22.6	19.7	23.4	15.6	32.9	209.7	86.1	93.7	99.5	32.2	37.9	700.3
E	550	426	406	611	494	757	1775	1380	1548	1860	694	826	11327

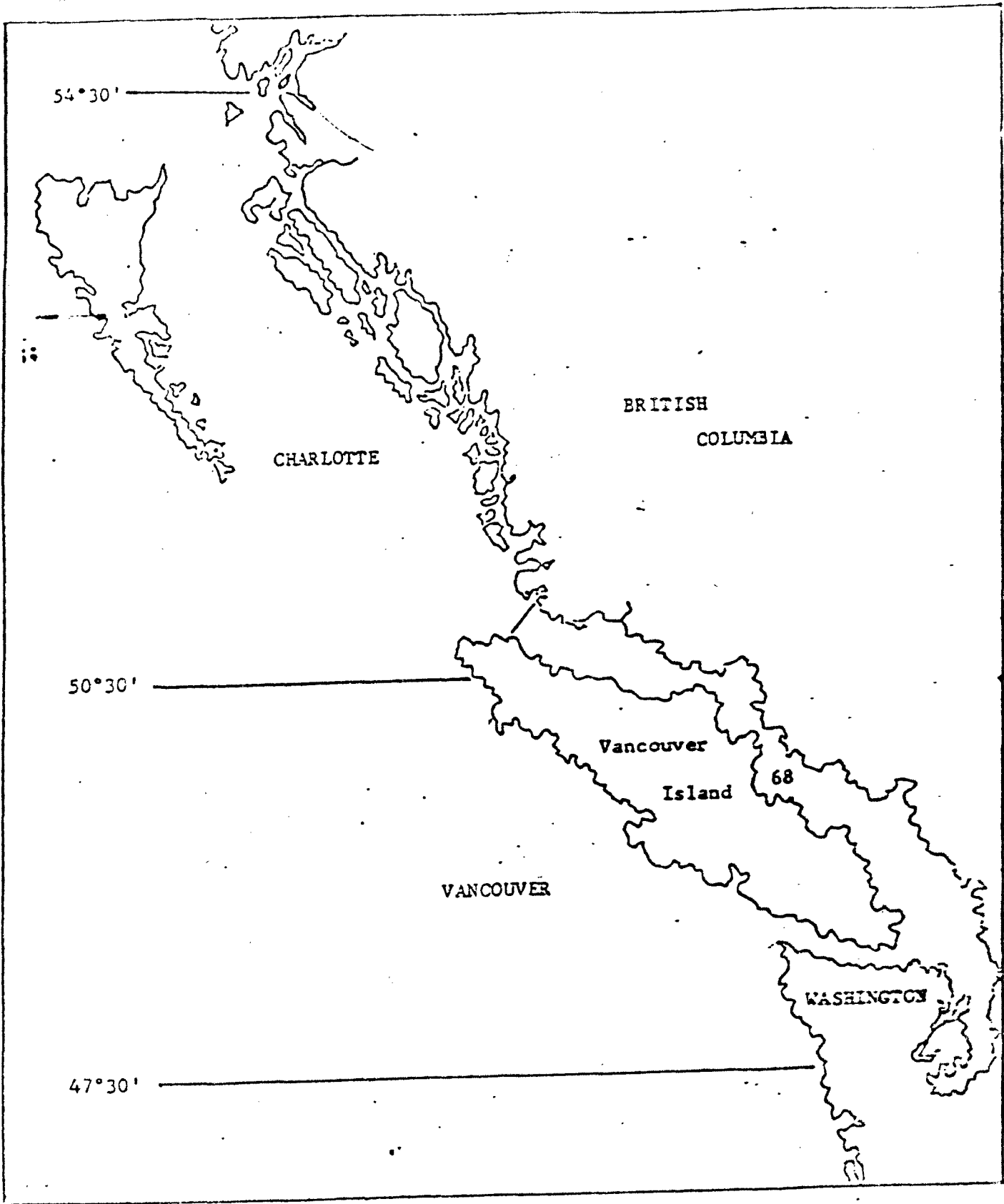


Fig. 1. INPFC FISHING AREAS OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

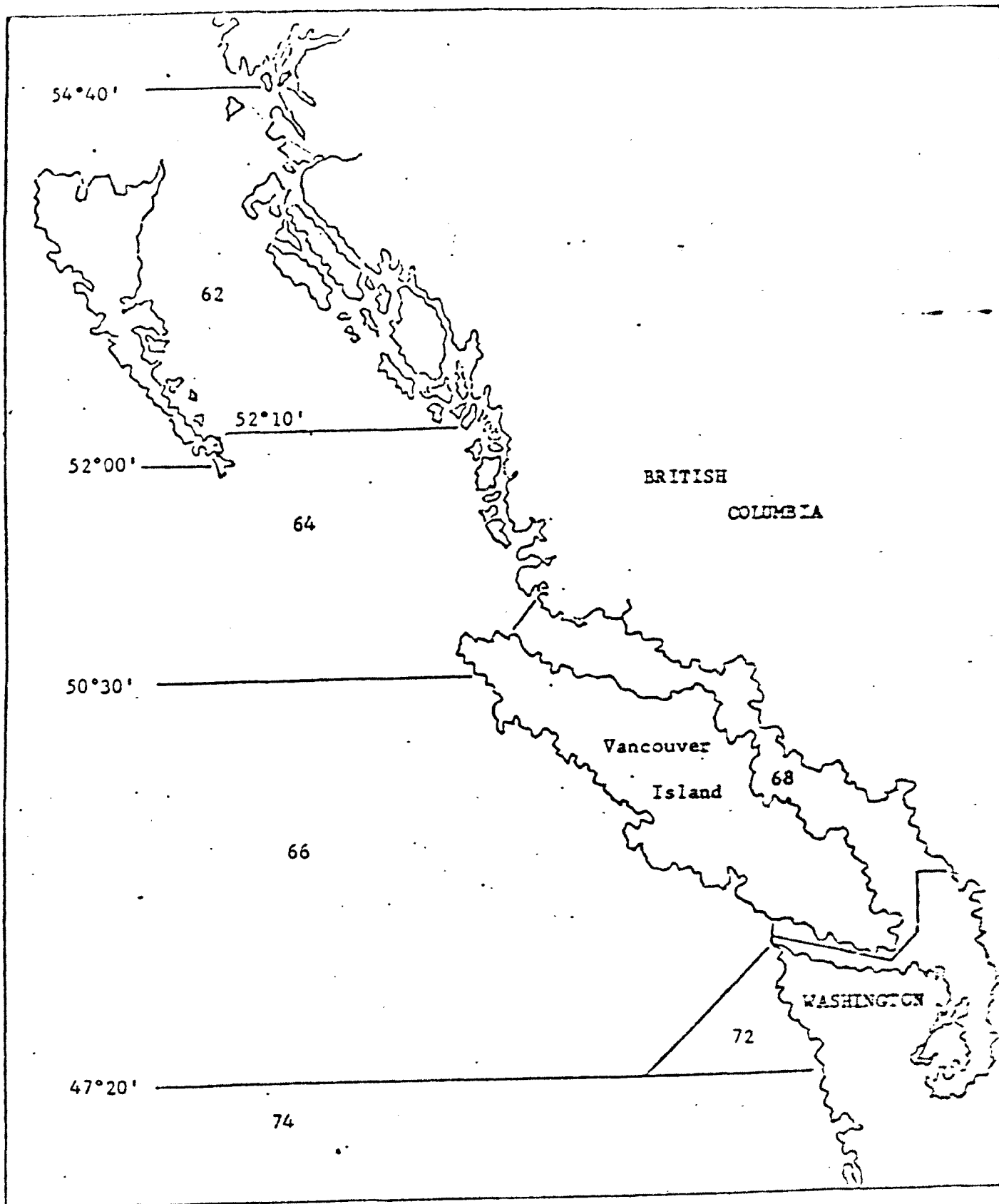


Fig. 2. PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION (PMFC) FISHING AREAS OFF BRITISH COLUMBIA.