

# North Pacific albacore catches and number of vessels fishing for albacore in the north Pacific Ocean<sup>1</sup>

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Table 1. <sup>1</sup> North Pacific albacore catches (in metric tons) by fisheries, 1952-2010. Blank indicates no effort.  
 -- indicates data not available. 0 indicates less than 1 metric ton. Provisional estimates in ().

Year	Japan							Korea		Chinese-Taipei		
	Purse Seine	Gill Net	Set Net	Pole and Line	Troll	Longline	Other	Gill Net	Longline	Gill Net	Distant Water Longline	Offshore Longline
1952	154		55	41,787	--	26,687	182					
1953	38		88	32,921	--	27,777	44					
1954	23		6	28,069	--	20,958	32					
1955	8		28	24,236	--	16,277	108					
1956			23	42,810	--	14,341	34					
1957	83		13	49,500	--	21,053	138					
1958	8		38	22,175	--	18,432	86					
1959			48	14,252	--	15,802	19					
1960			23	25,156	--	17,369	53					
1961	7		111	18,639	--	17,437	157					
1962	53		20	8,729	--	15,764	171					
1963	59		4	26,420	--	13,464	214					
1964	128		50	23,858	--	15,458	269					
1965	11		70	41,491	--	13,701	51					
1966	111		64	22,830	--	25,050	521					
1967	89		43	30,481	--	28,869	477					330
1968	267		58	16,597	--	23,961	1,051					216
1969	521		34	31,912	--	18,006	925					65
1970	317		19	24,263	--	16,222	498					34
1971	902		5	52,957	--	11,473	354		0			20
1972	277	1	6	60,569	--	13,022	638		0			187
1973	1,353	39	44	68,767	--	16,760	486		3			--
1974	161	224	13	73,564	--	13,384	891		114			486
1975	159	166	13	52,152	--	10,303	230		9,575			1,240
1976	1,109	1,070	15	85,336	--	15,812	270		2,576			686
1977	669	688	5	31,934	--	15,681	365		459			572
1978	1,115	4,029	21	59,877	--	13,007	2,073		1,006			6
1979	125	2,856	16	44,662	--	14,186	1,139	0				81
1980	329	2,986	10	46,742	--	14,681	1,177	6	402	--		249
1981	252	10,348	8	27,426	--	17,878	699	16		--		143
1982	561	12,511	11	29,614	--	16,714	482	113	5,462	--		38
1983	350	6,852	22	21,098	--	15,094	99	233	911	--		8
1984	3,380	8,988	24	26,013	--	15,053	494	516	2,490	--		--
1985	1,533	11,204	68	20,714	--	14,249	339	576	1,188	--		--
1986	1,542	7,813	15	16,096	--	12,899	640	726	923	--		--
1987	1,205	6,698	16	19,082	--	14,668	173	817	607	2,514		--
1988	1,208	9,074	7	6,216	--	14,688	170	1,016	175	7,389		--
1989	2,521	7,437	33	8,629	--	13,031	433	1,023	27	8,350		40
1990	1,995	6,064	5	8,532	--	15,785	248	1,016	1	16,701		4
1991	2,652	3,401	4	7,103	--	17,039	395	852	0	3,398		12
1992	4,104	2,721	12	13,888	--	19,042	1,522	271	1	7,866		--
1993	2,889	287	3	12,797	--	29,933	897		21			5
1994	2,026	263	11	26,389	--	29,565	823		54			83
1995	1,177	282	28	20,981	856	29,050	78		14			4,280
1996	581	116	43	20,272	815	32,440	127		158			7,596
1997	1,068	359	40	32,238	1,585	38,899	135		404			9,119
1998	1,554	206	41	22,926	1,190	35,755	104		226			8,617
1999	6,872	289	90	50,369	891	33,339	62		99			8,186
2000	2,408	67	136	21,550	645	29,995	86		15			7,898
2001	974	117	78	29,430	416	28,801	35		64			7,852
2002	3,303	332	109	48,454	787	23,585	85		112			7,055
2003	627	126	69	36,114	922	20,907	85		146			6,454
2004	7,200	61	30	32,255	772	17,341	54		78			4,061
2005	850	154	97	16,133	665	20,420	234		420			3,990
2006	364	221	55	15,400	460	21,027	42		138			3,848
2007	5,682	226	30	37,768	519	22,336	44		56			2,465
2008	825	1,531	101	19,060	549	22,386	(15)		365			2,490
2009	(2,151)	(1,531)	(101)	(32,421)	(549)	(17,518)	(15)		(365)			(1,866)
2010	(2,151)	(1,531)	(101)	(32,421)	(549)	(17,518)	(15)		(365)			(1,866)

<sup>1</sup> Data are from the ISC albacore working group July 12 2010, except as noted

Table 1. (Continued)

Year	United States								Mexico		Canada	Other		Grand Total
	Purse Seine	Gill Net	Pole and Line <sup>2</sup>	Albacore Troll <sup>3</sup>	Tropical Troll & Handline	Sport	Longline	Other	Purse Seine	Pole and Line <sup>4</sup>	Troll	Troll <sup>5</sup>	Longline <sup>6</sup>	
1952				23,843		1,373	46				71			94,198
1953				15,740		171	23				5			76,807
1954				12,246		147	13							61,494
1955				13,264		577	9							54,507
1956				18,751		482	6				17			76,464
1957				21,165		304	4				8			92,268
1958				14,855		48	7				74			55,723
1959				20,990		0	5				212			51,328
1960				20,100		557	4				141			63,403
1961			2,837	12,055		1,355	5	1	2	39	4			52,649
1962			1,085	19,752		1,681	7	1	0	0	1			47,264
1963			2,432	25,140		1,161	7		31	0	5			68,937
1964			3,411	18,388		824	4		0	0	3			62,393
1965			417	16,542		731	3	1	0	0	15			73,033
1966			1,600	15,333		588	8		0	0	44			66,149
1967			4,113	17,814		707	12				161			83,096
1968			4,906	20,434		951	11				1,028			69,480
1969			2,996	18,827		358	14		0		1,365			75,023
1970			4,416	21,032		822	9		0	0	390			68,022
1971			2,071	20,526		1,175	11		0	0	1,746			91,240
1972			3,750	23,600		637	8		100	0	3,921			106,716
1973			2,236	15,653		84	14		0	0	1,400			106,839
1974			4,777	20,178		94	9		1	0	1,331			115,227
1975			3,243	18,932		640	33	10	1	0	111			96,808
1976			2,700	15,905		713	23	4	36	5	278			126,538
1977			1,497	9,969		537	37		3	0	53			62,469
1978			950	16,613		810	54	15	1	0	23			99,600
1979			303	6,781		74	--		1	0	521			70,745
1980			382	7,556		168	--		31	0	212			74,931
1981			748	12,637		195	25		8	0	200			70,583
1982			425	6,609		257	105	21	0	0	104			73,027
1983			607	9,359		87	6		0	0	225			54,951
1984	3,728		1,030	9,304		1,427	2		107	6	50			72,612
1985	26	2	1,498	6,415	7	1,176	0		14	35	56			59,100
1986	47	3	432	4,708	5	196			3	0	30			46,078
1987	1	5	158	2,766	6	74	150		7	0	104			49,051
1988	17	15	598	4,212	9	64	307	10	15	0	155			45,345
1989	1	4	54	1,860	36	160	248	23	2	0	140			44,052
1990	71	29	115	2,603	15	24	177	4	2	0	302			53,693
1991	0	17	0	1,845	72	6	312	71	2	0	139			37,320
1992	0	0	0	4,572	54	2	334	72	10	0	363			54,833
1993	0	0	0	6,254	71	25	438		11	0	494			54,125
1994		38	0	10,978	90	106	544	213	6	0	1,998	158		73,345
1995		52	80	8,045	177	102	882	1	5	0	1,763	94		67,947
1996	11	83	24	16,938	188	88	1,185		21	0	3,316	469	1,735	86,207
1997	2	60	73	14,252	133	1,018	1,653	1	53	0	2,168	336	2,824	106,756
1998	33	80	79	14,410	88	1,208	1,120	2	8	0	4,177	341	5,871	98,229
1999	48	149	60	10,060	331	3,621	1,542	1	0	57	2,734	228	6,307	125,542
2000	4	55	69	9,645	120	1,798	940	3	70	33	4,531	386	3,654	85,052
2001	51	94	139	11,210	194	1,635	1,295		5	18	5,248	230	1,471	90,189
2002	4	30	381	10,387	235	2,357	525		28	0	5,379	466	700	105,224
2003	44	16	59	14,102	85	2,214	524		28	0	6,861	378	(2,400)	92,804
2004	1	12	127	13,346	157	1,506	361		104	0	7,856	--	4,375	90,595
2005		20	66	8,413	175	1,719	296		0	0	4,845	--	4,315	63,198
2006		3	23	12,524	95	385	270		109	0	5,832	--	5,136	66,345
2007		4	21	11,887	98	1,225	250		40	0	6,075	--	3,539	92,717
2008	0	1	1,472	10,289	29	415	353	0	10		5,478		2,812	68,761
2009	39	3	2,218	10,575	99	677	203	0	17		5,685		1,581	78,127
2010	(18)	(3)	(1,874)	(10,130)	(99)	(685)	(203)	(2)	(17)		(5,685)		(1,581)	(77,326)

2 Albacore pole-and-line catches for 2008 - 2010 are estimated from new procedures.  
3 Albacore troll catches prior to 2008 contain an unknown proportion of pole and line catch.  
4 Mexico Pole and line catches for 1999 and 2000 include 34 and 4 metric tons, respectively from longline.  
5 Other troll catches are from vessels registered in Belize, Cook Islands, Tonga, and Ecuador.  
6 Updates for Other Longline 2004-2009 from Peter Williams, pers. com.

**Table 2. Number of vessels fishing for albacore in the North Pacific Ocean**

-- indicates data not available. Provisional estimates in ().

Year	Canada	Japan						Taiwan			USA							
	Troll	Longline				Pole-and-line			Purse seine			Distant-water Longline			Troll <sup>1</sup>	Pole-and-Line	Longline	
		Small 10-19 GRT	Offshore 20-119 GRT	Distant Water 120+ GRT	Total	Offshore 20-119 GRT	Distant Water 120+ GRT	Total	50-199 GRT	200 + GRT	Total	200-500 GRT	500-1000 GRT	Total				
1970																		
1971								33	4	37								
1972							161	209	370	12	-	12						
1973							187	248	435	18	-	18						
1974							182	240	422	11	-	11						
1975							174	238	412	17	-	17						
1976							233	255	488	49	-	49						
1977							192	258	450	27	-	27						
1978							236	256	492	27	-	27						
1979							238	236	474	25	-	25						
1980							258	205	463	23	-	23						
1981							248	182	430	9	-	9				1,837		
1982							261	142	403	26	-	26				759		
1983							168	128	296	26	1	27				1,622		
1984							163	118	281	41	-	41				1,126		
1985							163	110	273	32	-	32				792	36	
1986							152	99	251	43	-	43				419	39	
1987							114	106	220	42	-	42				486	37	
1988							103	64	167	35	-	35				531	50	
1989							108	78	186	40	-	40				338	88	
1990							107	75	182	32	1	33				368	138	
1991							78	50	128	32	1	33				172	141	
1992							94	50	144	25	-	25				602	125	
1993							75	47	122	24	2	26				608	129	
1994							83	51	134	19	2	21				721	156	
1995	287	338	163	243	745		53	45	98	19	1	20				471	132	
1996	292	326	119	223	668		80	51	131	12	3	15	12	4	16	676	118	
1997	197	315	116	193	624		80	54	134	21	4	25	12	4	16	1,172	130	
1998	214	346	126	182	654		84	52	136	16	1	17	12	4	16	841	147	
1999	233	320	161	174	655		82	56	138	22	10	32	12	4	16	776	130	
2000	238	317	107	171	595		52	55	107	23	8	31	15	5	20	645	129	
2001	244	314	100	161	575		66	54	120	22	7	29	12	4	16	860	125	
2002	228	283	116	161	560		69	55	124	18	8	26	16	8	24	644	123	
2003	189	294	124	139	557		61	53	114	10	2	12	13	10	23	729	129	
2004	221	303	128	124	555		67	52	119	21	10	31	15	9	24	695	125	
2005	213	302	110	107	519		55	53	108	13	6	19	0	0	0	541	126	
2006	174	327	96	106	529		54	44	98	13	2	15				601	128	
2007	198	315	74	99	488		55	45	100	14	8	22				628	130	
2008	134	291	63	100	454		48	43	91	14	3	17				543	54	129
2009	135	247	50	96	393		44	40	84	12	9	21				710	96	127
2010	(135)	(247)	(50)	(96)	(393)		(44)	(40)	(84)	(12)	(9)	(21)				(653)	(87)	(124)

<sup>1</sup> USA Troll estimates prior to 2008 include pole-and-line vessels