POLAND

CRUISE PLAN FOR POLISH FISHING TRIAL OPERATIONS ON POLLOCK IN THE INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE BERING SEA IN 2000

1. Institution
Polish Deep Sea Fishing Companies - to be decided later

2. Polish Vessels

Name: to be decided later
Type:
Length:
Tonnage:
Radio call sign:
Immarsat no.

Detailed information will be provided to all Parties at least one month prior to commencement of trial fishing.

3. Research area
International waters of the Bering Sea. The detailed hydroacoustic trackline will depend on the availability of the vessels and will be determined before the cruise.

4. Time of trial fishing operation
To be decided later

5. Purpose
The purpose of trial fishing operation is:

a/ to determine the geographical distribution of pollock in the international waters of the Bering Sea;
b/ to estimate total catch weight for as many hauls as possible;
c/ to calculate the CPUE data;
d/ to determine species composition of catches;
e/ to collect biological data on pollock (length, sex, body weight, maturity);
f/ to complete forms as recommended in "Observer Manual for Sampling of Central Bering Sea Pollock Fisheries" March 1997 that is:

- Haul Summary Form,
- Species Composition Form,
- Length Frequency Form,
- Biological Samples Form.

6. Scientific observers

Observers will be trained and certified in the Sea Fisheries Institute, Gdynia in accordance with the procedures established by Poland and consistent with relevant aspects of the training for observer provided by the United States in March 1997.

7. Results

The reports and data collected during the cruises will be available to all Parties concerned.