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ABSTRACT

A total of 48,980 male seals were killed on the Pribilof Islands in 1964. Age classification in percent was: 8, 60, 27, and 5, ages 2-5. The peak of the kill oc-curred 27-31 July. Predicted kills of 3- and 4-year-old males on St. Paul Island by 5 August were 24,000 and 13,000; actual kills were 22,203 and 10,509. Harem and idle bull counts were 11,074 and 8,584. Of 16,452 female seals killed, 72 percent were in ages 2-5 and 28 percent were age 6 and older. Of 147 3-year-old females examined, all were nulliparous; 3 of 73 4-year-old females were primiparous and post partum. Recoveries of seals marked as pups included 4,205 with tags and 1,890 with checkmarks only. A total of 302 seals selected and tagged as yearlings in previous years and 45 Soviet-tagged seals were killed. A total of 24,991 pups were tagged and checkmarked. Surveys of yearlings tagged as pups in 1963 were made to provide an index to survival from birth to age 1. Land pup mortality was 25,042. From 4-year-old male tag recoveries, there were an estimated 614,580 pups alive at the time of tagging in 1960. From 3-year-old male tag recoveries, there were 494,724 pups in 1961. Pup populations estimated from female data were 604,546 for 1960 and 473,131 for 1961. Recoveries of seals tagged as yearlings indicated that 80,211 male seals of the 1961 year class survived to age 1. Marked to unmarked ratios yielded an estimate of 353,000 pups born on the Pribilof Islands in 1964. Total counts of live pups on some rookeries supported this estimate. Tagged male and female pups weighed 1.10 and 0.92 kilograms less than untagged males and females. A total of 1,077 skins from males and females were collected for experimental use in relating economic value to age and sex. The predicted male kill as of 5 August 1965 is 4,000 ages 2 and 5, 33,000 age 3, and 16,000 age 4.

INTRODUCTION

Complete protection of female seals was one of the principles followed in restoring the reduced Pribilof seal population, after signing of the Fur Seal Convention of 1911. The steady growth of the population from 1911 to about 1940 illustrated the effectiveness of this principle. After 1940 the failure of the kill of males and the number of harem bulls to increase raised doubts about the population figures in use and the wisdom of continuing current management methods indefinitely. The first of continuing population studies (Kenyon, Scheffer, and Chapman, 1954) demonstrated that the Pribilof population was far smaller than had been calculated from a constant increase percentage. The decreased growth rate suggested that the seal population was being restrained by one or more unknown factors of its environment. A logical succeeding step was a recommendation that some females be killed since they did not contribute to an increased population size or kill. Time was needed to bring about this abrupt change in the traditional standards for killing seals. The first change was made in 1954 when all females found in the round-up of males were purposely killed. Surprisingly, only 540 females were taken by the end of the male kill on 27 July, about 300 more than were usually taken accidentally with males.

The plan to take females was developed further in 1955 by discussions of U.S. and Japanese

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statisticians at the conference to negotiate a new fur seal convention. Some assumptions used in preparing a plan of action were:

1. The number of females in the Pribilof population was greater than needed to provide a maximum sustained yield, and unless reduced the population would begin to exhibit more drastic fluctuations.

2. After reduction of the population to a calculated sustained yield point, some females would be available in the harvest each year.

3. Improvement in the productivity of the population could be measured most quickly by observing the change in land mortality of pups and in the pregnancy rate of females. It would also be observed later in the number of returning seals.

By fall of 1963, population estimates, supplemented by observation of the reduced area of some rookeries and the fewer females on hauling grounds and rookery fringes, indicated that the number of females was sufficiently reduced. Both killing and natural mortality contributed to the lower population. Beginning in 1964 the number of females to be taken is the surplus recruitment. This is determined by calculation and by availability.

The period of reduction was more extended than was desirable and the total amount of reduction was made less clear by fluctuating natural mortality. Methods of estimating populations and monitoring mortality and reproduction have been improved or made more specific. There is evidence now that the population level was lower than calculated when the experiment was planned.

As it enters its second phase, the experiment promises to have interesting and useful results even if the economic return from the fur seals is not increased. Results, such as lower population estimates and reduced land mortality, are beginning to accumulate, but it is too early to show how these changes are related to reduction of the population. The manipulation of seal numbers required by the experiment is capable of producing concrete evidence on which sound management principles can be based.

The 1964 field season on the Pribilof Islands extended from June to October. Arrivals, departures, and affiliations of research workers follows:

Name	Arrival	Departure	Affiliation	Work
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Willard L. Fairbanks ¹	6 ''	31 Aug.	11	U U
Leland P. Glenn ¹	11 II	14 Sept.	11	11
Mark C. Keyes	11 H	24 Aug.	11	
Charles A. Rohrmann ¹	н н	11 11	11	
Ancel M. Johnson	15 ''	17	н	11
Ford Wilke	17 Aug.	28 Sept.	11	11
Dennis Bordukofsky ¹	-	-	St. Paul Island resident	11
David Galaktionoff ¹	-	-	11	п
Patrick Kozloff ¹	-	-	11	11
Agafon Krukoff, Jr. ¹	-	-	11	н
Benny Misiken ¹	-	-	11	11
Lavrenty Stepetin ¹	-	-	11	11
Innokenty C. Lestenkof ¹	-	-	St. George Island resi- dent	
Herman Lestenkof ¹	-	-	11	11
Dimitri Philemonof ¹	-	-	11	11
Max Thompson	6 July	8 Sept.	Smithsonian Institution	Bird banding
Vin Holman	U 11	11 EL	11	11

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Shoichi Tanaka spent the period from 20 July to 10 August on the Pribilof Islands observing fur seal research, seal killing, and skin processing. Tanaka represents the Government of Japan, Tokai Regional Fisheries Research Laboratory. His visit was arranged under the provisions of the Interim Convention on Conservation of North Pacific Fur Seals.

Allison M. Craig and assistant Christopher Craig were on St. Paul Island 10-31 August conducting experiments on the effects of pituitary extracts of seals on the reproductive organs of captive female fur seal pups. Miss Craig represents the Government of Canada through the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. This body supports fur seal research at the University of British Columbia.

Roger Spencer, Professor of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University, was on St. Paul Island from 28 July to 10 August. He assisted the staff veterinarian with studies of fur seal pathology and prepared an appraisal of seal mortality investigations.

POPULATION

Males

Age Classification.-- The male seals killed on the Pribilof Islands in 1964 are classified by age in appendix tables 5, 6, 7, and 8. All available males from 42 inches, tip of nose to tip of tail, to those having a mane were included in the kill. The mane, a secondary sex characteristic composed of long silvercolored guard hairs on the neck, appears first on some 5-year-olds. At age 6, most males have a developing mane.

Age classification of the male kill was determined from a sample of 5,140 canine teeth collected on St. Paul Island and from 1,587 collected on St. George Island. Normally, 10 percent of the males killed are sampled for their canine teeth. The size of the tooth sample, however, is increased when the number of seals killed on a rookery from one drive is below certain levels. The following sampling schedule is used: 10 percent of a kill of 300 or more; 20 percent of 100 to 300; and 30 percent or more of 100 or fewer animals.

The minimum length limit of 42 inches was removed for 8 days beginning 17 July so that all available 2-year-old males could be taken. Though only a small proportion of this age class is on land in late July a complete kill of those that are available may provide information useful for forecasting the size of the 3-year-old kill the following year. Twenty percent of all the males killed were sampled for age and body length during the 8-day period.

The peak of the kill occurred during round 7 (27-31 July) when 6,550 males were taken on St. Paul Island (fig. 1). The percent cumulative kill, by date, age, and island is shown in figure 2.

Table 1 shows the kill of male seals by year class for the years 1947-62. Tables 2 and 3 illustrate the kill of 3- and 4-year-old male seals at various dates for 1954-64, and the cumulative numbers of males killed each year from 1955 to 1964, St. Paul Island.



Figure 1.--Kill of male seals, by age and round, St. Paul Island, 1964.



Figure 2.--Percent 3- and 4-year-old maie seals in cumulative kill, by date, Pribllof Islands, Alaska, 1964.

		St. Pa	ul Island				St. George Island				
Year		Age wi	hen killed				Age	when kille	ed	- Tetal	Grand
class	2	5	4	5	Total	6		4		Iotal	total
1947	-	30,110	23,697	854	54,661	-	7,043	3,731	123	10,897	65,558
1948	486	25,714	19, 995	103	46,298	114	5,546	3, 926	22	9,608	55,906
1949	-	29,697	12,326	249	42,272	303	7,116	2,570	280	10,269	52, 541
1950	855	40,656	15,365	3 3 2	57,208	1,104	8,475	4,793	147	14,519	71,727
1951	1,384	32,350	18,083	3,057	54,874	288	7,907	5,310	681	14, 186	69,060
1952	1,735	30,733	31,410	675	64,553	545	8,998	8,459	506	18, 508	83,061
1953	839	38, 312	8,855	54	48,060	295	10,611	3,330	100	14,336	62, 396
1954	2,918	23,473	5,599	554	32, 544	535	6,651	2,779	162	10, 127	42,671
1955	1,015	27,863	10,555	115	39, 548	555	7,246	2,825	260	10,886	50, 434
1956	885	10,671	2,762	532	14,850	171	2,251	1,387	218	4,027	18, 877
1957	2,590	24,283	15, 344	773	42,990	242	5,098	4,492	244	10,076	53,066
1958	1,977	48,458	14, 149	1,587	66,171	431	9,413	3,707	540	14,091	80, 262
1959	2,820	26,456	14, 184	1,764	45,224	891	5,890	4,690	492	11,963	57, 187
19602	1,619	14,310	10,533	-	26,462	636	4,332	2,579	-	7, 547	34, 009
19612	1,098	22,468	-	-	23, 566	921	6,948	-	-	7,869	31, 435
196222	2,539	-	-	-	2,539	1,139	-	-	-	1,139	3,678

Table 1. -- Kill of male seals, 1 by year class, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1947-62

¹ Includes only age 2- to 5-year-old seals killed in the Pribilof Islands. ² Incomplete returns.

			Age in years		
	Date	Kill level	3	4	
			Percent	Percent	
1954	4 July	10,000	44	54	
	11 "	20,000	49	49	
	18 ''	30,000	56	41	
	27 "	49,699	65	31	
1955	9 11	10,000	50	48	
	16 ''	20,000	53	46	
	22 11	30,000	56	42	
	31 "	49, 977	62	36	
1956	6 11	10,000	24	64	
	11 "	20,000	30	62	
	16 "	30,000	33	60	
	26	50,000	41	52	
	15 Aug.	75,736	51	42	
1957	13 July	10,000	53	41	
	24 "	20,000	63	33	
	5 Aug.	30,000	67	28	
	10 "	34,055	69	26	
1958	10 July	10,000	74	26	
	18 "	20,000	78	22	
	28 ''	30,000	80	19	
	31 "	33, 325	82	17	
1959	14 ''	10,000	38	57	
	27 "	20,000	45	50	
	31 "	22,286	46	47	
1960	21 "	10,000	80	17	
	l Aug.	20,000	83	12	
	7 ''	28,819	84	10	
1961	9 July	10,000	61	37	
	18 ''	20,000	62	37	
	24 "	30,000	66	32	
	2 Aug.	50,000	70	27	
	15 ''	67,169	72	23	
1962	12 July	10,000	49	47	
	20 "	20,000	54	42	
	26 11	30,000	59	37	
	5 Aug.	39,983	62	34	
1963	16 July	10,000	33	59	
	25 1	20,000	43	50	
	5 Aug.	30,000	47	46	
1964	15 July	10,000	48	43	
	24 11	20,000	55	36	
	2 Aug.	30,000	59	31	
	5 11	32,712	60	29	

Table	2Kill	of	3- and	4-y	ear-old	male	seals	at	various
			dates,	St.	Paul Is	land,	1954-0	64	

Date		3	4	Date		2	
				Date			4
1055.	1 Taylor	1 574	1 062	1060.	1 Tecles	600	240
1955:	1 J ULY	2 241	3 6 4 3	1900.	1 July	099	200
		5, 541	5,045		0	1, 751	0/0
		5,929	0,240			5, 274	988
	16 "	10,416	8,999		16 "	5,529	1, 385
	21 "	15, 358	11,648		21 "	7,904	1,717
	26 "	21,707	15,638		26 11	10, 978	1, 968
	31 0	30, 733	18,083		31 "	15, 312	2, 347
					5 Aug.	21,610	2,657
					10 "	24,201	2,757
1956:	l July	1,079	3,056	1961:	6 July	4,119	2,315
	6 11	2,671	7,060		11 ''	6,770	4,316
	11 "	6,145	12,677		16 "	9,993	6,021
	16 "	9,808	17,954		21	15,492	8,302
	21 11	14,589	22,159		26 "	22,609	10,851
	26 "	20,726	25,999		31 "	29,523	12,488
	31 "	26, 590	28,560		5 Aug.	38,908	14,072
	5 Aug.	31,701	29,853		10 ''	43,629	14,780
	10 "	35, 502	30,663		15 ''	48, 458	15, 344
	15 "	38,290	31, 448			,	
1957.	l Tuly	1 360	1 071	1962	6 July	1 639	2 028
1)51.	6 !!	2 994	2 161	1 /05.	11 "	4 485	4 335
	11 11	4 507	3 296		16 1	7 643	6 636
	16 1	6 777	4 651		21 11	11 226	8 663
	21 1	0,717	5,602		26 11	17 301	10,832
	26 11	13 350	6 784		31 11	20 267	12 047
	31 11	16 804	7 547		5 4110	25 098	13 422
	5 4.00	10,004	9 106		J Aug.	25,090	10, 100
	10 "	23, 473	8,855				
1050.	1 7 1	1 001	7 2 2	10/2	(]]	1 201	2 669
1958:	I July	1,991	1 202	1963:	6 July	1, 201	4,000
	6 "	3,988	1, 383			2,498	4, 551
		8,038	2,658		16 "	3,155	5,551
	16 1	12,917	3,912		21 11	6,047	7,882
	21 "	17,688	4,839		26 "	8,915	10, 373
	26 11	22,661	5,279		31 "	11,596	12, 283
	31 ''	27,216	5,556		5 Aug.	13,954	13, 791
1959:	l July	584	1,474	1964:	6 July	1,819	2,095
	6 11	1,364	3,028		11 "	3,266	3, 482
	11	2,625	4,665		16 ''	5,619	4, 968
	16 "	4, 189	6,425		21 "	9,333	6,710
	21 1	6,096	7,949		26 "	13, 188	8,279
	26 "	8,327	9,721		31 ''	17,607	9,624
	31 "	10,203	10,446		5 Aug.	22,203	10,509

Table ³. --Cumulative number of male seals killed, St. Paul Island, 1955-64¹

Sealing began 2 July in 1961, 1962, and 1963; 1 July in 1964; 27 June all other years.

1955	male	kill	ended	31	July	1959	male	kill	ended	31	July	1963	male	kill	ended
1956	11	11	11	15	Aug.	1960	11	11	11	7	Aug.			5 A	ugust
1957	11	11	11	10	11	1961	U.	11	11	15	11	1964	11	11	11
1958	11	11	11	31	July	1962	11	11	11	5	11			11	11

Bull Counts.--Harem and idle bulls decreased for the third successive year. The 1964 bull counts by island and by rookery are given in table 4, and all bull counts since 1911 are presented in appendix table 9.

Harem bulls on St. Paul Island decreased by 1.4 percent of the 1963 count; those on St. George Island decreased by 4.0 percent. The magnitude of the percent decrease from 1963 to 1964 was less than that from 1962 to 1963 when St. Paul Island had 10.9 percent fewer and St. George had 11.6 percent fewer harem bulls. The total number of harem bulls on the Pribilof Islands was 98 percent of the 1963 count.

The idle bulls on St. Paul Island decreased 7.3 percent from 1963; those on St. George Island decreased by 21.2 percent. The magnitude of the percent decrease was also less than that for the 1962-63 counts when St. Paul Island had 16.0 percent fewer and St. George Island had 28.7 percent fewer idle bulls. The total number of idle bulls on the Pribilof Islands was 90 percent of the 1963 count.

Table 4Harem	and idle	bull count,	by rookery,	Pribilof
	Islands,	Alaska, 19	64	

		Bul	ls	
Date	Rookery	Harem	Idle	Total
	<u>St.</u>	Paul Island		
l0 July	Gorbatch	764	561	1,325
	Ardiguen	100	70	170
	Reef	1, 301	756	2,057
	Total	2,165	1, 387	3, 552
ll July	Polovina	244	455	699
	Polovina Cliffs	727	482	1,209
	Little Polovina	275	339	614
	Total	1,246	1,276	2, 522
12 July	Morjovi	708	866	1,574
	Vostochni	1,523	1,232	2,755
	Total	2,231	2,098	4,329
13 July	Tolstoi	920	508	1,428
	Lukanin	221	94	315
	Kitovi	492	152	644
	Total	1,633	754	2,387
l4 July	Zapadni	1,039	1,061	2,100
	Little Zapadni	559	349	908
	Zapadni Reef	212	170	382
	Total	1,810	1,580	3,390
St. Paul	Island total	9,085	7,095	16,180
	St. G	eorge Island		
15 July	Staraya Artil	294	340	634
15 July	East Reef	150	133	283
	East Cliffs	225	82	307
	Total	375	215	590
15 July	Zapadni	307	316	623
	South	257	82	339
	Total	564	398	962
17 July	North	756	536	1,292
St. Georg	ge Island total	1,989	1,489	3, 478
Pribilof 1	Islands total	11,074	8,584	19,658

Females

1962

1963

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Age Classification.-- The female seals killed on the Pribilof Islands in 1964 are classified by age in appendix tables 10, 11, 12, and 13. Year class contributions to the female kills on the Pribilof Islands are given in table 5 for the years 1939-63. Table 6 shows the percent age composition of female seals sampled from the kills on the Pribilof Islands from 1958 to 1964.

Because the need to reduce the number of females has ended, most old females appearing in the drives in 1964 were allowed to escape. In general, only females having black or a mixture of black and white vibrissae were killed. Selection on this basis roughly restricts the kill of this sex to ages 2-5, or those having the highest quality skins. Most females 6 years old and older have white vibrissae.

The source of females killed on St. Paul Island in 1964 was noted, that is, whether from traditional male hauling grounds, rookery fringes, or from mixed areas. The age composition of females taken from these three areas is given in table 7. Behind some of the rookeries are areas on which few animals appear until August, or after the general breeding season. Because seals using these areas may be a mixture of animals from the rookery and from the hauling ground, they are classified as coming from a mixed area. As in 1963, there was little difference in the age composition of females taken from the three areas.

<u>Reproduction</u>.-- The genital tracts from 147 3-year-old and 73 4-year-old females taken in the kill on St. Paul Island in 1964 were collected and preserved for a detailed study to be made later. A gross examination of the genital tracts revealed that none of the 3-yearold females had given birth to pups in 1964 or previously; three 4-year-old females were primiparous and post partum.

Soviet tagged females bearing tags M-13487, E-17100, and C-54750 (ages 2, 3, and 4,

Year					Age in	years				
class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1939	-	_	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	17
1940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	15
1941	-	-	_	_	-	-	-	16	7	15
1942	_	-	-	-	-	-	15	13	7	39
1943	_	-	_	_	-	12	8	10	41	36
1944	-	-	-	_	3	11	9	57	43	10
1945	-	-	~	4	4	8	45	43	11	27
1946	_	_	-	4	4	60	54	11	38	762
1947	-	1	-	1	37	84	46	48	1,136	1,773
1948	_	-	-	84	75	94	77	1,766	3,120	678
1949	-	-	30	34	161	118	2,155	3,550	559	1,173
1950	-	10	17	92	210	2,949	4,031	654	1,289	345
1951	4	-	8	85	4,618	6,343	1,328	1,958	492	2,292
1952	-	-	16	6,422	11,465	3,408	3,515	526	3,127	1,687
1953	-	1	2,132	5,806	4,056	2,958	493	2,843	2,247	87
1954	-	132	1,150	8,493	3,771	683	3,057	2,809	68	51
1955	-	11	11,468	7,285	1,047	4,810	2,869	97	34	
1956	-	601	2,072	614	4,520	3,444	1,859	42		
1957	150	281	352	6,912	6,303	4,080	592			
1958	76	79	4,651	8,683	8,697	1,914				
1959	27	508	4,563	8,044	3,626					
1960	120	431-	2,979	3,409						
1961	37	724	3.434							

Table 5. --Kill of female seals, by year class, $\frac{1}{2}$ Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1939-63

1/ Includes pelagic research kill of the United States and Canada, 1958-64. In addition to the above kill, 50,438 females, 11 and older, 19,484 females, 8 and older, and 2,360 unclassified females, were taken.

							/			
Year and				Ag	e in y	ears				
island	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10+
1958										
St. Paul	2	37	29	13	11	3	1	1	2	1
St. George	1	20	22	17	13	9	4	3	2	9
1959										
St. Paul	1	6	25	14	11	12	6	4	4	17
St. George	-	6	20	14	10	13	7	6	5	19
1960										
St. Paul	1	8	14	23	14	9	8	7	4	12
St. George	-	3	9	20	12	8	10	9	5	24
1961										
St. Paul	1	10	16	10	11	6	6	7	5	28
St. George	1	11	15	10	10	7	6	7	6	27
1962										
St. Paul										
July-August	1	14	26	15	6	5	4	3	3	23
September	-	2	9	13	10	9	10	8	4	35
St. George	1	12	24	14	8	5	5	3	3	25
			Ag	e in ye	ears					
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+			
1963										
St. Paul										
July-August	1	5	18	21	10	4	41			
September	3	7	14	17	8	5	46			
St. George	2	10	23	18	10	4	33			
1964										
St. Paul	3	21	22	23	13	4	14			
St. George	2	29	24	28	10	2	5			

Table 6. --Percent age composition of female seals sampled from the kills, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1958-64

Table 7. --Age classification of female seals in kill, by source, St. Paul Island, 1964

		-		Age			
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8+
			Haulin	g grounds			
Number	74	313	362	374	317	82	309
Percent	4	17	20	21	17	4	17
			Rool	ceries			
Number	111	1,321	1,346	1, 311	696	241	719
Percent	2	23	23	23	12	4	13
			Mixe	d areas			
Number	81	605	679	777	433	109	491
Percent	3	19	21	25	14	3	15

respectively) were taken on St. Paul Island in 1964. The genital tracts of these females showed that all were nulliparous and that none had ovulated during the summer.

Tag Recoveries and Tagging

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Tag Recoveries.--Except for a few tagged animals taken for experimental use, tagged male and female seals were not killed purposely, but rather, were taken only if they were within the limits described on pages 3 and 8 of this report.

A total of 4,205 tags were recovered from seals tagged as pups; 1,890 checkmarks from seals that had lost their tags were recorded. These data are summarized in table 8 by sex, age, and island, and are given in more detail in appendix table 14. The homing tendency of tagged male and female seals is shown in table 9 by age and in table 10 by rookery.

able	8.	Summary	of	tagged	and	tag-	lost	seals	recovered,	by	age	and	sex,	Pribilof	Islands,	
							Ala	aska,	1964							

			Tagged seals		Tag			
		St. Paul	St. George	Combined	St. Paul	St. George	Combined	Grand
Series	Age	Island	Island	total	Island ¹	Island	total	total
	Years							
				l July to 7	August			
				Males				
0	2	161	67	228	105	20	125	353
N	3	1,674	424	2,098	609	96	705	2,803
М	4	703	134	837	325	60	385	1,222
L	5	74	13	87	77	23	100	187
K	6	20	1	21	6	1	7	28
J	7	4	-	4	-	-	-	4
Total		2,636	639	3, 275	1,122	200	1, 322	4, 597
~	7	,	1	Female			2	4
U NI	2	1	1	2	2	-	4	4
IN	5	5	5	0	4	-	4	10
1/1	4	5	5	10	11	-	11	21
10	5		2	8	4	5	1	15
K.	0	11	2	13	2	1	5	10
J	(5	2	(1	-	1	0
1	8	1	1	6	-	-	-	2
н	9	0	-	0	-	-	-	0
r	11	1		1	-	-	-	1
E	12	5	1	0	-	-	-	0
US	15	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
B	16		-		-	-		
lotal		40	20	60	24	*	20	40
				14 28 411	met			
				14+20 Au	gust			
				Males				
0	2	49	45	94	23	10	33	127
N	3	34	25	59	13	4	17	76
M	4	3	7	10	1	8	9	19
1.	ŝ	1	1	2		3	3	5
ĸ	6	2	- 	2	_	ĩ	1	3
T	7	1	-	1	_	-		1
Total		90	78	168	37	26	63	231
				Female	s			
0	2	18	13	31	70	7	77	108
N	3	142	66	208	127	18	145	353
M	4	142	42	184	125	20	145	329
L	5	94	28	122	91	15	106	228
K	6	82	9	91	-	3	3	94
J	7	25	2	27		1	1	28
1	8	6	-	6	-	-	-	6
Н	9	11	-	11	-	-	-	11
G	10	5	-	5	-	-	-	5
F	11	2	-	2	-	-	-	2
E	12	8		8	-	-	-	8
D	13	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
B	16	1	-	1	-	-	-	1
Total		537	160	697	413	64	477	1,174

¹ Tag-lost recoveries on 17, 18, and 19 July are not included.

	Mal	les		Females							
	Total	Recover	red home		Total	Recover	ed home				
Age	recoveries	ro	okery	ery Age recoveries		rookerv					
Year	s	Number	Percent	Year	5	Number	Percent				
2	213	111	52	2	31	21	68				
3	1,852	995	54	3	208	153	74				
4	738	438	59	4	184	149	81				
5	79	61	77	5	122	102	84				
6	20	13	65	6	91	75	82				
7	4	-	-	7	27	23	85				
				8	6	4	67				
				9	11	8	73				
				10	5	4	80				
				10+	14	5	36				

Table 9. --Homing tendency of male and female seals, by age, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1964

Table 10. --Homing tendency of male and female seals, by rookery, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1964

Rookery	M	ales		Fe	emales	
of	Total	Recover	ed home	Total	Recover	ed home
tagging	recoveries	rook	ery	recoveries	rook	ery
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
		C. T)l.Tll			
NFD	612	<u>31. P</u>	77	- 127	119	0.3
TOI	261	111	11	24	110	75
IOL	201	111	42	24	5	21
L-K	174	86	. 49	18	7	39
ZAP-1	454	267	59	194	169	87
REEF	528	277	52	117	87	74
POL	256	96	38	68	43	63
			Mean			Mean
Total	2,285	1,309	57	548	429	78
		St. Geo	orge Island	1		
ZAP-2	143	66	46	- 47	42	89
NOR	270	166	61	59	45	76
EAST	118	58	49	13	5	38
STAR	90	19	21	32	23	72
			Mean			Mean
Total	621	309	50	151	115	76

A total of 302 seals selected and tagged as yearlings on St. Paul Island in 1961 (M-series), 1962 (N-series), and 1963 (O-series) were recovered on the Pribilof Islands in 1964. The recovery information is given in tables 11 and 12.

Information on 45 Soviet-tagged seals killed on the Pribilof Islands in 1964 is given in table 13 and in appendix table 15.

Tagging--Pups.--The number of pups tagged in 1963 is listed in table 14 by rookery, and a record of pups tagged on the Pribilof Islands since 1941 is given in appendix table 16. Tag and checkmark locations on pups tagged since 1947 are shown in appendix figure 1.

Of 24,991 Q-series tags attached to pups in 1964, 19,998 were used on St. Paul Island and 4,993 on St. George Island. This was the second year of a 2-year program designed to determine the influence, if any, of age of pups when tagged on survival. As in 1963, half of the pups on St. Paul Island were tagged in late August and half in late September. Mortality rates of the two groups will be compared in 1967 when the survivors return at age 3.

All tags used in 1963 and in August 1964 were attached at the hairline of the front flipper. Tags used in late September 1964 were attached about 2 inches toward the tip of the flipper from the hairline. At this point, tags will not interfere with muscles and blood vessels as they do when attached at the hairline.

Under the reduced tagging program, a crew of 10-12 men is adequate in that this number is large enough to complete tagging on the largest rookeries in 1 day, yet small enough to permit quality in tagging and gentler handling of pups.

Survey--Yearlings.--Surveys of certain areas on St. Paul Island were begun in 1963

Table 11.--Tag recoveries in 1964 from seals selected and tagged as yearlings, Pribilof Islands, Alaska

		St. Pa	ul Island	St. Geo	rge Island	То	tal
Series	Age	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
		Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
			Male kill	(l July to	7 August)		
N	3	194	_	21	-	215	-
	4	7	1	-	-	7	1
Total		201	1	21	-	222	1
0	2	34	-	6	-	40	-
	3	3	449	-	-	3	-
Total		37	-	6	-	43	-

Female kill (14-28 August)

М	4		1	-	-	-	1
	5		1	-	-	-	1
Total		-	2	-	-	-	2
N	3	-	6	3	2	3	8
	4	-	2	-	1	-	3
Total		-	8	3	3	3	11
0	2	11	-	5	-	16	-
	3	-	4	-	-	_	4
Total	-	11	4	5	-	16	4

Rookery		Males		F	Females			
of	Total	Recover	ed home	Total	Recover	ed home		
tagging 1	recoveries	rookery		recoveries	rookery			
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		
Zapadni	67	25	37	5	4	80		
Little Zapad Zapadni Re	ni, ef 18	3	17	2	1	50		
Reef	48	27	55	4	2	50		
Tolstoi	18	12	67	**	-	-		
Lukanin- Kitovi	7	3	43	-	-	-		
Northeast Point	99	53	54	5	4	80		
Polovina	5	1	20	2	1	50		
Total and Percent	262	124	47	18	12	67		

Table 12. --Homing tendency of seals selected and tagged as yearlings, by sex and rookery, St. Paul Island, 1964

Table 13. --Summary of Soviet tags recovered from the kill, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1964

	St. Paul Island			St. George Island ¹			
N	Male	F	emale	N	lale	Female	
Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number	Age	Number
2	5	2	1	2	2	-	-
3	7	3	1	3	4	-	-
4	14	4	1	4	5	4	1
5	3						
6	1						
Total	30		3		11		1

¹One 3-year-old of undetermined sex not included.

			Number		
Date	Rookery	Proportion allotment	and series allotment	Tags spoiled	Pups
St. Paul Island		Firs	t tagging		
		Percent		Number	Number
14 Aug.	Reef	23.8	2,400 Q 9001-11400	-	2,400
12 Aug.	Polovina	10.7	1,050 Q13801-14850	-	1,050
12 Aug.	Little Polovina	3.0	300 Q15901-16200	~	300
13 Aug.	Northeast Point	24.6	2,450 Q16501-18950	-	2,450
15 Aug.	Tolstoi	10.1	1,000 Q21401-22400	-	1,000
12 Aug.	Lukanin-Kitovi	7.9	800 Q23401-24200	-	800
15-16 Aug.	Zapadni	11.4	1,150 O 5001-6150		1,150
16 Aug.	Zapadni Reef	8.5	850 Q 7301-8150	-	850
		Total		-	10,000
		Secor	nd tagging		
18 Sept.	Reef	23.8	2,400 Q11401-13800	-	2,400
18 and 22 Sept.	Polovina	10.7	1,050 Q14851-15900	-	1,050
17 Sept.	Little Polovina	3.0	300 Q16201-16500	-	300
17 Sept.	Northeast Point	24.6	2,450 Q18951-21400	-	2,450
22 Sept.	Tolstoi	10.1	1,000 Q22401-23400	-	1,000
17 and 22-23 Sept.	Lukanin-Kitovî	7.9	800 Q24201-25000	2	798
16 Sept.	Zapadni	11.4	1,150 Q 6151-7300	-	1,150
l6 Sept.	Zapadni Reef	8.5	850 Q 8151-9000	-	850
		Total		2	9, 998
St. George Isla	ad				
25 Aug.	Zapadni	28.0	1,400 0,3601-5000	2	1,398
20 Aug.	North	38.0	1, 900	2	1,898
25-26 Aug.	Staraya	16.0	800 0 901-1700	3	797
27 Aug.	East	18.0	900 Q 1-900	-	900
		Total	,	7	4, 993
		Grand total		9	24, 991

Table 14. -- Fur seal pup tagging, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1964

and continued in 1964 to determine the relative number of known-age yearling seals on land in late September and early October. If the number of yearlings counted on land during the sampling period is related to the return of the age class 2 years later, yearling surveys will be useful as a method for predicting the kill of 3-year-old males. An additional 3 or 4 years of data are necessary, however, before it can be determined if such a relationship exists.

The results of the yearling surveys in 1964 are given in table 15. Methods and survey areas used have been described previously (Roppel, Johnson, and Chapman, 1963). Among known-age yearlings captured during the surveys in 1963 and 1964 and during yearling tagging in 1961, 1962, and 1963, males have outnumbered females by as much as 15 to 1.

 Table 15. --Known-age
 yearlings counted, by rookery, date, and sex, St. Paul Island, 1964

	24-2	5	1 -	2	8	
Rookery	Septem	nber	Octo	ber	Octo	ber
	C	¥	ೆ	Ş.	đ	Ŷ
NEP	6	-	7	1	1	-
POL	-	-	-	-	-	-
GOR	-	-	_	-	-	-
REEF	4	1	3	-	1	-
KIT	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOL	1	-	3	-	-	-
ZR	6	-	2		2	-
L.ZAP	3	-	-	1	-	-
ZAP	3	-	2		-	-
Total	23	1	17	2	4	

¹ Scals tagged as pups in 1963.

Mortality

Pup mortality in 1964 decreased by 34 percent of the 1963 count on St. Paul Island and by 52 percent on St. George Island. The 1964 count of dead pups was the lowest since the beginning of complete counts in 1953. The data for both islands are given in table 16 by rookery, and dead-pup counts made since 1941 are presented in appendix table 17.

Population Estimates

Estimates of the pup population are currently derived from three sources: (1) The tag recoveries and tag loss identifications in the kill; (2) the ratio of marked to unmarked in samples of live pups; and (3) total counts of live pups on three rookeries and a portion of

Table	16 Dead	d-pup counts,	Pribilo
	Islands.	Alaska, 1964	

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Rookery	Dead pups
St. Doul Island	
Northeast Point	
Moriovi	1 0 2 0
Vostochini	1,000
VOStOCIIIII	5,404
Polovina	
Little Polovina	631
Polovina Cliffs	1.097
Polovina	783
Reef	
Ardiguen	. 102
Gorbatch	1,549
Reef	3,000
Kitovi	462
I salasa in	100
Lukanin	402
Tolstoi	2,614
	2,011
Zapadni	
Little Zapadni	1,101
Zapadni Reef	425
Zapadni	4,172
Counted total	21,572
5 percent addition	1,079
Estimated total	22,651
St. George Island	
North	792
Zapadni	446
East	272
Staraya Artil	767
Counted total	2,277
5 percent addition	114
Estimated total	2,391
Summary - 1964	
Pribilof Islands counted total	23,849
5 percent addition	1,193
Estimated total	25,042

a fourth. In previous years the tag-lost to tagged ratio on St. George Island was changed to correspond to the ratio observed on St. Paul Island if there was an appreciable difference in the ratios observed on the two islands. This procedure was not used this year.

In 1964, for the first time, recoveries of tags from males tagged as yearlings were sufficiently numerous to form a basis for estimating the number of seals from a year class alive at age 1.

Estimates of the Pup Population From the Recovery of Tagged Males.--During the period 17-19 July, the tag-lost recoveries on St. Paul Island were recorded incorrectly; therefore, the number of tag-lost for this period was estimated by the tag-lost to tagged ratio observed during the remainder of the male kill. Also, the tag-lost to tagged ratio for 2-year-old males was much higher on St. Paul Island than on St. George Island, 0.65 and 0.30, respectively (table 8).

Recent estimates of the pup population are lower than those of the mid- and late-1950's (tables 17, 18, and 19).

Estimates of the Pup Population From the Recovery of Tagged Females.--Two features should be noted in the tag recoveries from females (table 8). First, the tag-lost to tagged ratio is unrealistically high for 2-year-old females on St. Paul Island--this is probably the result of recording tag loss from 6-yearolds as that from 2-year-olds. Secondly, the tag-lost to tagged ratio for all ages is higher on St. Paul Island than on St. George Island.

Estimates of the 1960 and 1961 year classes based on the recovery of tagged females and of tagged males were similar (tables 17 and 20). The high but unreal rate of tag loss recorded on St. Paul Island for 2-year-olds resulted in the low estimate for that year class and a high estimate for the 1958 year class. Estimates based on the recoveries from tagged females have generally been more erratic than those based on recoveries from tagged males.

Estimated Number of Yearling Males, 1961 Year Class .-- Length was first used as a basis for selecting yearling animals for tagging in 1962 (Roppel, Johnson, Bauer, Chapman, and Wilke, 1963). Of those tagged, most were yearlings, some were 2 years old and, for females at least, some were 3 years old. The ages of animals tagged as yearlings are determined from tooth ridge counts when the seals are taken in the kill; thus, the proportion older than 1 at the time of tagging can be estimated. For example, 2 of 46 males tagged as yearlings in 1962 and recovered from the kill in 1963 were older than 1 at the time of tagging. In 1964, 222 males tagged as yearlings were recovered from the kill; the ages of 7 had been incorrectly determined at the time of tagging. Thus, 3.4 percent of the males recovered were older than 1 at the time of tagging. On this basis, 600 or 96.6 percent of the 621 males selected and tagged as yearlings in 1962 on the basis of body length were actually yearlings. The estimate of the error (3.4 percent) in determining ages, however, is probably too high as seals older than 1 at the time of tagging have subsequently been available in the kill as 3- and 4-year-olds, while those that were age 1 have to date been available only as 2- and 3-year-olds. The probability of tagged seals being taken in the kill is greater at ages 3 and 4 than at ages 2 and 3. The error of 3.4 percent, if too high, would inflate the estimates of the number of yearlings.

Year	Killed I July to		Tagged and tag-lost	Population
class	7 August 1964	Tagged	seals recovered	estimate
	(n)	(t)	(s)	(N)
	Number	Number	Number	Number
1959	2,252	49,881	201	556,357
1960	13,073	59,981	1,275	614,580
1961	28,827	49,921	2,908	494,724
1962	2,726	49,908	364	372,882

Table 17. -- Estimates of the pup population based on tag recoveries from males, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, year classes 1959-62

n = number of males killed from each year class, 1 July through 7 August 1964.

t = number of tags applied to each year class.

s = number of tagged and tag-lost males recovered from each year class, 1 July through 7 August 1964.

N = estimated number of pups in each year class at time of tagging; (n+1)(t+1)

(s+1)

		0100000	.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
Year class	Killed at ages 3 and 4 (n)	Tagged (t)	Tagged and tag-lost seals recovered (s)	Population estimate (N)
	Number	Number	Number	Number
1958	74,890	49,917	5,409	691,018
1959	48,596	49,881	3,324	729,057
1960	31,059	59,981	3,279	568,000
1961	1 28,827	49,921	l 2,908	494,724

Table 18 .-- Estimates of the pup population based on recoveries of tagged male seals at ages 3 and 4, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, year classes 1958-61

¹ Age 3 only.

n = number of 3- and 4-year-old males killed from each year class. Males accidentally taken during the female kill are excluded.

t = number of tags applied to each year class.

s = number of 3- and 4-year-old tagged and tag-lost males recovered from each year class during the male kill.

N = estimated number of pups in each year class at time of tagging; (n+1)(t+1)

(s+1)

Table	19Estimated	number	of	pups	born,	Pribilof	Islands,	Alaska,
		year c	las	ses l'	951-62	Ŧ		

Year class	Estimated number of pups alive at time of tagging	Dead-pup count	Estimated number of pups born
1951	484,000	86,000	570,000
1952	529,000	87,000	616,000
1953	704,000	91,000	795,000
1954	727,000	111,000	838,000
1955	778,000	90,000	868,000
1956	872,000	120,000	992,000
1957	637,000	75,000	712,000
1958	691,000	38,000	729,000
1959	729,000	49,000	778,000
1960	² 568,000	75,000	643,000
1961	² 495,000	71,000	566,000
1962	³ 373,000	54,000	427,000

¹ See footnote 2, p. 29, for source of estimates 1951-59. From table 18, this report.

³ From table 17, p. 16, this report.

	Killed 14-29		Tagged and tag-	Population
Year	August	Tagged	lost seals recovered	estimate
class	(n)	(t)	(s)	(N)
	Number	Number	Number	Number
1958	1,822	49,917	94 .	957,900
1959	3, 543	49,881	228	775,359
1960	3, 325	59,981	329	604,546
1961	3,354	49,921	353	473,131
1962	346	49,908	108	158,881

Table 20. -- Estimates of the pup populations based on tag recoveries from females, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, year classes 1958-62

n = number of females killed from each year class, 14-29 August 1964.

t = number of tags applied to each year class.

s = number of tagged and tag-lost seals recovered from each year class, 14-29 August 1964.

N = estimated number of pups at time of tagging; $\frac{(n+1)(t+1)}{(s+1)}$.

Using the above information in the modified Petersen formula, the number of yearling males born in 1961 and still living at the time of tagging in 1962 can be estimated:

$$N = \frac{(600+1)(28827+1)}{(215+1)} = 80,211$$

where

- 600 is the number of tags applied to yearling males
- 28827 is the number of 3-year-old males taken from 1 July through 7 August 1964

and

215 is the number of recovered 3-yearold males tagged as yearlings 1 July through 7 August 1964

The estimate seems reasonable, but as previously mentioned, it may be slightly high.

Estimated Pup Population From Sampling Live Pups.--The methods used in marking and in sampling live pups on St. Paul Island in 1964 were the same as those used in 1963 (Roppel, Johnson, and Chapman, 1965), with the following exception. Shearing effort was distributed within each rookery according to the counted distribution of the harem bulls on the rookery. This method gave a more uniform distribution of sheared pups than was obtained in 1963. The number of pups sheared was 27,716.

All the live pups on three rookeries and a separated section of a fourth were counted, and the counts were compared to the estimates obtained on each of the rookeries from sampling (table 21). The estimates for the smaller rookeries were higher than the counts, but the estimate from the larger rookery was slightly less. The total area counted contained 11.0 percent of the total number of harem bulls on both islands. Though desirable, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to count live pups on additional areas.

The estimated pup population for each rookery on St. Paul Island is given in table 22 for two sampling periods. The estimates from pup sampling have been of about the same magnitude since 1961 (table 23). To extend the estimate to include the pup population of both islands, the estimate for St. Paul Island was divided by the usual factor of 0.8, giving an overall estimate of 328,000. This estimate does not include the pups that died prior to shearing, something less than 25,000.

Estimated Pup Population From the Count of Pups on Four Rookeries.--The count of live pups on three rookeries and a portion of a fourth can be used to estimate the total pup population. Assuming that the ratio of pups per harem bull is the same for counted and

			_		Percent
		Estimate	ed pup pop	pulation	error in
Rookery	Count	8-9	15-16	Mean	mean of
		Aug.	Aug.		estimates
Kitovi Amphitheatre	1,095	1,522	1,243	1,382	+26
Little Polovina	7,180	8,640	8,130	8,385	+17
	1	1	1/ // 0	1/ 000	
Morjovi	17, 530	17,300	16,460	16,880	-4
7 I D f	25 700	(120	(000	1 515	. 1.4
Zapadni Keei	5,700	6,130	6,900	6,515	+14

Table 21. -- A comparison of total pup counts on four rookeries with pup population estimates from marked to unmarked ratios, St. Paul Island, year class 1964

¹ Rocky Point south of Sea Lion Neck not included.

² Count corrected by adding 400 pups estimated to have swum out of the rookery area.

uncounted areas, the total pup population can be estimated from the counted pups and the harem bull count, that is,

$$\frac{31,505}{1,222}$$
 : $\frac{N}{11,074}$; N = 285,000

where

- 31,505 is the number of pups counted
- 1,222 is the harem bull count on areas where pups were counted
- 11,074 is the total count of harem bulls for both islands

and

N is the pup population

The areas where pups were counted contained 11.0 percent of the total number of harem bulls on both islands.

Discussion of the Estimates of the Pup Population.--Recent estimates of the pup population from tag recoveries are lower than those of the mid- and late-1950's. Since 1960, the pup population has also been estimated from marked to unmarked ratios obtained from sampling live pups. The estimate obtained in 1960 was based on samples from only two rookeries; since 1961, all rookeries have been sampled. Where the results of the two methods (tag recoveries and sampling) can be compared, the estimates from sampling are lower than those from tag recoveries (table 24).

Attempts to check the accuracy of the estimates from sampling by counting live pups have been partially effective in that total pup counts were successfully made on one rookery in 1963 and on three rookeries in 1964. From the counts and sampling estimates it is impossible to derive a correction 'factor that can be used to improve the estimates. A correction factor may not, however, be needed. The counts show that it is highly improbable that the estimated pup population from sampling could be drastically in error. Hence, the best estimate of the 1964 pup population is about 350,000, that is, 328,000 plus pup mortality on land. Table 22. --Estimates of the pup population from marked to unmarked ratios obtained after shearing, St. Paul Island, year class 1964

		First s:	ampling period,	8-9 August	Second s.	ampling period,	15-16 August	
			E	stimated pup		Es	timated pup	
Rookery			Sheared	population		Sheared	population	Mean
	Seals		to total	at time of		to total a	at time of	of two
	sheared	Samples	sampled	shearing	Samples	sampled	shearing	samples
	Number	Number	Ratio	Number	Number	Ratio	Number	Number
Gorbatch	2,331	73	167/1825	25,470	27	206/1925	21,780	23, 625
Reef	3, 917	120	302/3000	38, 910	108	275/2700	38,460	38, 685
Ardiguen	301	10	21/250	3, 580	6	33/225	2,050	2,815
Polovina	733	17	65/425	4,790	18	60/450	5, 500	5, 145
Polovina Cliffs	3 2, 186	48	123/1200	21, 330	59	139/1475	23, 200	22, 265
Little Polovina	826	18	43/450	8,640	13	33/325	8,130	8, 385
Vostochni	4,736	130	366/3250	42,050	146	412/3650	41,960	42,005
Morjovi	2,202	64	195/1600	18,070	63	199/1575	17,430	17,750
Tolstoi	2,771	06	257/2250	24, 260	95	247/2375	26,640	25,450
Lukanin	665	23	83/575	4,610	24	71/600	5,620	5,115
Kitovi	1,504	40	110/1000	13,670	58	150/1450	14, 540	14, 105
Zapadni	3, 198	119	288/2975	33, 030	102	242/2550	33, 700	33, 365
Little Zapadni	1, 702	72	170/1800	18, 020	66	173/1650	16, 230	17, 125
Zapadni Reef	644	16	42/400	6, 130	15	35/375	6, 900	6,515
Total	27, 716	840	2	262, 560	853		262, 140	262, 350

		Year	classes	
Rookery	19612	19622	1963 3	1964 3
Reef, Gorbatch, Ardiguen	85,700	52,800	55,600	65,100
Polovina, Polovina Cliff	21,600	22,900	23,800	27,400
Little Polovina	7,500	7,200	6,500	8,400
Vostochni, Morjovi	47,400	36,700	52,000	59,800
Tolstoi	34,800	19,300	23,600	25,400
Little Zapadni	18,900	19,200	20,000	17,100
Zapadni, Zapadni Reef	38,000	33,600	32,400	39,900
Lukanin, Kotovi	22,100	11,900	16,000	19,200
Total	276,000	203,600	229,900	262,300

Table 23. -- Estimates of the pup population from marked to unmarked ratios, St. Paul Island, year classes 1961-64

¹ The estimates for some rookeries have been combined so that the estimates for each year are comparable. ² Pups marked by tagging.

³ Pups marked by shearing.

Table 24. -- Estimates of the pup population from live pup sampling and tag recoveries, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, year classes 1960-64

Year	Estimate from	Estimate from
class	live pup sampling	tag recoveries
1960	¹ 438,000	² 568,000
1961	³ 345,000	² 495,000
1962	³ 255,000	4 373,000
1963	³ 287,000	-
1964	³ 328,000	-

¹ Estimated from sampling pups on two rookeries and extending to both islands.

² From table 18, p.17, this report.
³ From table 23, p.21, this report, and divided by 0.8 to represent both islands. ⁴ From table 17, p.16, this report.

Seal-pup Weights

Since 1957, seal pups have been weighed annually on St. Paul Island about 1 September. The primary purpose was to determine if the mean weight of pups is related to the return of the year class 3 and 4 years later. There are as yet not enough data to determine if the relation between weight as pups and return of the year class will be of value for predicting returns (table 25). Preliminary studies are not encouraging. As in previous years (Roppel, Johnson, and Chapman, 1965) the weighing program produced important secondary information on differences in the mean weights of tagged and untagged pups (tables 26 and 27). In 1964, tagged males and females averaged 1.10 and 0.92 kg. less than untagged males and females. This weight difference is 12 percent of the mean weights of untagged males and females.

Appendix table 18 lists the tag numbers and weights of tagged pups by rookery and by sex.

Year	Mean	n weight	Return in
class	Males	Females	thousands
	Kg.	Kg.	
1957	8.7 (391)	7.7 (351)	53
1958	11.4 (127)	9.9 (121)	80
1959	9.4 (444)	8.1 (386)	55
1960	9.8 (372)	9.1 (363)	34

Гable	25Mean	weights	$\frac{1}{2}$ of un	tagged	pups a	and	male	returns,
	Pribilof	Islands,	Alaska,	year o	classes	s 19	57-60	

 $\frac{1}{}$ Numbers in parentheses are the number of pups in each sample.

Table	26Mean	weights	\mathbf{of}	seal	pups,	1/	St.	Paul	Island,	year
		C	la	ss 19	64					

	Ma	les	Fema	les
Rookery	Untagged	Tagged	Untagged	Tagged
	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.
NEP	9.68	8.49	7.76	7.20
	(75)	(75)	(75)	(75)
REEF	8.69	7.39	7.36	6.54
	(75)	(73)	(75)	(73)
ZAP	7.80	7.59	6.93	6.29
	(75)	(75)	(75)	(74)
POL	10.26	8.54	8.86	7.23
	(75)	(74)	(75)	(72)

 $\frac{1}{}$ Numbers in parentheses are the number of pups in each sample.

Table 27. --Mean weights -- of seal pups approximately 1 week after tagging, St. Paul Island, year classes 1957-64

Group	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962 <u>2/</u>	1963 <u>3</u> /	1964 <u>3/</u>
	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.	Kg.
Males								
Tagged	7.9 (262)	-	9.0 (182)	9.2 (211)	8.0 (186)	8.4 (300)	8.3 (299)	8.0 (297)
Untagged	8.7 (391)	11.4 (127)	9.4 (444)	9.8 (372)	8.5 (381)	9.2 (300)	8.9 (300)	9.1 (300)
Females								
Tagged	7.4 (196)	-	8.0 (188)	8.4 (254)	7.2 (167)	7.6 (300)	7.3 (296)	6.8 (294)
Untagged	7.7 (351)	9.9 (121)	8.1 (386)	9.1 (363)	8.0 (466)	8.2 (300)	8.0 (300)	7.7 (300)

 $\frac{1}{N}$ Numbers in parentheses are the number of pups in each sample.

 $\frac{2}{}$ Mean weights from the first of three weighings.

 $\frac{3}{-}$ Two weeks after tagging.

RELATED STUDIES

Since 1958, 1,884 skins were collected on St. Paul Island for experimental use in relating economic value to biological factors, particularly age and sex. Table 28 lists the skins

Fable 28.--Skins collected for experimentaluse, St. Paul Island, 1958 and 1961-64

	Males		Fem	ales
Year	Number	Ages	Number	Ages
1958	-	-	248	2-10
1961	-	-	117	2 - 5
1962	9	2-4	171	2-15
1963	142	3-6	120	3-6
1964	641	2-7	436	2-6

taken and marked to permit identification through processing into finished furs.

Experimental skins taken in 1958 and 1961-62 were processed, 'graded, and sold. Those collected in 1963 and 1964 are currently in cold storage where they will be held until processed.

Sectioned teeth of eight 8-year-old female fur seals were examined by the Laboratory of Radiation Biology. University of Washington. A substance (strontium 90?) which affected photographic film was found in the 1962-63 layer of dentin in certain teeth. Studies are continuing.

A survey was completed of the surface features of sheared sealskin. Plastic impressions were made from the sheared skins of various seals representing the 20 genera of Pinnipedia. One purpose of the study was to provide a key to the identification of fragments found in the stomachs of killer whales, sharks, and other predators.¹²

SUMMARY

Males:

1. Of 48,980 male seals killed on the Pribilof Islands in 1964, 47,011 were taken during the male kill from 1 July to 7 August and 1,969 were taken during the female kill 14-28 August. St. Paul Island supplied 37,789, and St. George Island, 11,191. Based on a collection of 6,727 right upper canine teeth, age classification of the kill in percent for ages 2-5 was: St. Paul Island, 7, 60, 28, and 5; St. George Island, 10, 62, 23, and 5. In 1964, male seals were taken from the minimum limits of 42 inches, tip of nose to tip of tail, up to but not including those having a mane.

¹Victor B. Scheffer, 1964. Hair patterns in seals (Pinnipedia), Journal of Morphology (in press).

²Victor B. Scheffer. 1964. Estimating abundance of pelage fibres on fur seal skin. Proceedings of the Zoo-logical Society of London (in press).

2. The peak of the kill occurred during round 7 (27-31 July) when 6,550 males were taken on St. Paul Island. The predicted male kill on St. Paul Island by 5 August 1964 included 24,000 of age 3 and 13,000 of age 4. Actual kills were 22,203 and 10,509 of ages 3 and 4, respectively. The predicted male kill as of 5 August 1964 includes 4,000 of ages 2 and 5, 33,000 of age 3, and 16,000 of age 4.

3. Harem bulls counted 10-17 July 1964 decreased by 2 percent of the 1963 count, and idle bulls were 10 percent less. Counts in 1964 were 11,074 harem and 8,584 idle.

4. Tags and checkmarks recovered from 4-year-old male seals in 1964 yielded an estimate of 614,580 pups of the 1960 year class alive at the time of tagging. Based on tags and checkmarks from 3-year-old male seals, there were 494,724 pups alive at the time of tagging in 1961.

5. Based on tag recoveries at age 3 in 1964 from male seals tagged as yearlings in 1962, an estimated 80,211 male seals of the 1961 year class survived to age 1.

6. Exclusive of pups that died before shearing, marked to unmarked ratios obtained from shearing the heads of 27,716 pups and subsequent sampling yielded an estimate of 353,000 pups born on the Pribilof Islands in 1964. Total counts of live pups on three rookeries and a portion of a fourth supported the estimates.

Females:

1. Of 16,452 female seals killed on the Pribilof Islands in 1964, 14,602 were taken during the female kill 14-28 August and 1,850 were taken during the male kill from 1 July to 7 August. Seventy-two percent were in ages 2-5, and 28 percent were age 6 and older. Age classification of the kill was based on a collection of 3,034 right upper canine teeth. Females having black or a mixture of black and white vibrissae were selected for killing; most females having white vibrissae were allowed to escape.

2. There was little difference in the age composition of females taken from traditional male hauling grounds, from rookery fringes, or from mixed areas.

3. Of 147 3-year-old females examined, none had given birth to pups in 1964 or previously. Three of 73 4-year-old females were primiparous and post partum.

4. Pup populations estimated from tags and checkmarks recovered from females were 604,546 for the 1960 year class at the time of tagging and 473,131 for 1961.

Tag Recoveries and Tagging:

1. The kill in 1964 included 4,205 seals tagged as pups and 1,890 with checkmarks only. In addition, 45 Soviet-tagged seals were taken, and 302 seals selected and tagged as yearlings in previous years were recovered.

2. A total of 24,991 pups were tagged on the right fore flipper with Q-series tags. The tip of the same flipper was sliced off as a checkmark.

3. Three counts of yearlings tagged as pups in 1963 were made from 24 September to 8 October on nine sample areas on St. Paul Island. The counts may make possible an index to survival from birth to age 1 and assist in predicting the return of 3-year-old male seals 2 years later.

Mortality: Pup mortality on land decreased to 25,042 in 1964 from 39,239 in 1963. The 1964 level was the lowest recorded since the beginning of complete dead-pup counts in 1953.

Seal-pup Weights: Weights of 1,191 pups showed that tagged males and females weighed 1.10 and 0.92 kg. less than untagged males and females.

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The following terms used in fur seal research and management on the Pribilof Islands have special meanings or are not readily found in standard dictionaries.

- Age Class Age group. Seals of the same age (usually used when referring to seals older than pups). See year class.
- At Time of Tagging (or Sampling) Phrases used to qualify estimates of the population based on (1) tag returns at various ages or (2) sampling for a marked to unmarked ratio in the summer of birth. In either case, an estimate of the total number of pups born in a given year would include pups alive "at time of tagging" ("or sampling") plus the number that died before tagging or sampling.
- Checkmark A notch, slit, hole, or other mark made on a seal flipper when a tag is applied, to insure later recognition of an animal which has lost its tag.
- Clinch or Clinching The device or action by which metal tags applied to seal flippers are fastened. A metal point is inserted through an opening in the opposite end of the metal strip then bent over a narrow band to form a closed ring (or tag).
- Drive The act of surrounding and moving groups of seals on land from one location to another.
- Escapement Seals that were not killed because they were either too old, too large, or were not available.
- Female Kill That part of the annual harvest devoted principally to the kill of female seals, usually in August. See male kill.
- General Breeding Season Organized breeding beginning about mid-June and ending in early August. Identifiable by the formation of harems. A limited amount of breeding also occurs after the break-up of the harem structure.
- Hauling Grounds An area, usually near a rookery, on which nonbreeding animals congregate.
- Haul Out The act of seals moving from the sea to a rookery or hauling grounds on shore.
- Homing Tendency The inclination of seals to return to the rookery where they were born, that is, home rookery or rookery of birth. Homing tendency is expressed as a percentage by comparing the number of tagged seals in a specific group that were found on their natal rookery with the number that were found on some other rookery or island.
- Known-Age Applied to seals for which age is definitely known because they bear an inscribed tag or have a certain combination of tag scar and checkmark.

- Male Kill That part of the annual harvest devoted principally to the kill of male seals, usually in late June, in July, and in early August. See female kill.
- Marked Seals that have been tagged, sheared, or otherwise artificially marked so that they can be identified.
- Marked to Unmarked Ratio The number of marked seals compared to the number of unmarked seals, usually expressed as a decimal fraction. Example, 5:20, ratio .25.
- Mixed Areas Areas behind some of the rookeries on which few seals appear until August, or after the general breeding season. Seals using these areas at that time may be a mixture of animals from traditional hauling grounds and from the rookery.
- Mortality Rate Percent of a year class dying during a specific period.
- Pregnancy Rate Percent females that were carrying or had borne pups in the year examined. For example, the pregnancy rate of 5-year-old females was 69 percent.
- Return The return or survival of seals from a year class. For example, 10,000 3year-old seals from the 1960 year class returned in 1963.
- Round The sequence in which hauling grounds on St. Paul Island are visited in order to collect seals for harvest. Current practice is to make a complete circuit or round of the hauling grounds in 5 days, repeating the procedure throughout the male kill. The round system is not followed during the female kill on St. Paul Island, nor during the male and female kills on St. George Island.
- Round-Up The act of surrounding and collecting seals to be driven for harvest, tagging, or other purposes.
- Tagged Describes a seal having an inscribed metal tag or tags attached to one or more of its flippers.
- Tag-Lost A term applied to a seal that is known to have been tagged because of a checkmark and, in some cases, a healed tag scar. See tag scar.
- Tag Scar A hole or torn area near the usual tag site on a seal's flipper. Tags fall out because of poor clinching or wear and are forcibly torn out by catching in rock crevices or driftwood. Possibly some are torn out by the tagged seal.
- Tagged to Untagged Ratio See marked to unmarked ratio.
- Tag Lost to Tag Ratio The number of seals that have lost tags as compared with the number retaining tags. Usually expressed as a decimal fraction.
- Year Class Group of seals born in the same year. See age class.

PREDICTION OF 1965 MALE KILL

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Quantitative methods of predicting the annual male fur seal harvest were first discussed in 1959.¹ This discussion was concerned both with preseason and inseason predictions. Subsequently, only preseason predictions were studied and actually made for the seasons 1961 to 1964. Several methods were used in this prediction analysis. The predictions for most years were only moderately successful, though the forecast for 1964 was the most accurate yet made. Nevertheless, the prediction errors still are quite large. Some attempt is made to assess these errors, but this is difficult because each prediction may be a composite of several partially independent predictions. Moreover, various "adjustments" have to be made in previous data for varying termination dates of the kill and length limits, and additional adjustments must be made in the predictions to extrapolate St. Paul Island estimates to both islands.

As is obvious, the forecast of the 4-year male kill is relatively easy, since the kill of the 3-year-olds from this year class provides a substantial amount of data on which to base the forecast. The prediction of the larger 3-year-old component is based on much more tenuous data; thus the errors of prediction for a kill of this age class are much larger.

Prediction of 4-year old male kill

Predictions of 4-year-old male kills in former years have been based on one or more of (a) the estimate of 3-year male escapement, (b) the population-return equation, (c) the dead-pup count-return equation, and (d) the temperature-return equation.

Chapman (1964) showed that the estimates of escapement based on estimating the return of 3-year males after termination of killing and the proportion of undersize or oversize animals were inconsistent with the estimates of recruitment to the population of adult males. Consequently, the escapement estimate was replaced by a direct regression of 4-year male kill on 3-year male kill and the mean date of the latter.

An analysis made in 1963 (appendix table 3; Roppel, Johnson, and Chapman, 1965) showed that the dead-pup count yielded essentially no additional predictive information over the temperature data, and thus this regression was also eliminated.

New data available in 1964 may be useful for forecasting purposes, that is, the recovery of seals selected and tagged as yearlings in 1962. This provides an estimate of the size of the 1961 year class in 1962 when it is hoped that the heaviest and most variable component of mortality has already taken place. If this is true, a small proportion can be subtracted from this estimated number of yearlings for mortality in the next 2 years. and the balance will then either be harvested or escape to join the breeding reserve.

Method 1.--Regression of 4-year-male kill on 3-year-male kill and the mean date of the kill of 3-year-olds. This regression is based on the data in appendix table 1.

Because there were two starting dates and several termination dates for the kills during the past several years, the adjustments indicated in the footnotes to appendix table 1 were made. The basis of these adjustments was reported previously (Roppel, Johnson, and Chapman, 1965).

Appendix table 1. --The 3- and 4-year-old male kill and mean date of the 3-year-old male kill, St. Paul Island, year classes 1952-60

	3-year male	4-year male	Mean date of
Year	kill to	kill	3-year male
class	31 July	adjusted	kill ²
	Number	Number	Days after 15 July
1952	31,000	29,000	5
1953	27,000	17,000	-1
1954	17,000	11,000	3
1955	27,000	11,000	2
1956	10,000	3,000	3
1957	15,000	20,000	-1
1958	30,000	27,000	4
1959	20,000	17,000	3
1960	12,000	12,000	4

¹Kill of 4-year-old males to 31 July, plus 80 percent of the number of 3-year-old males taken after 31 July from the same Pear class. ²Adjusted to the base of a common starting round on 27 June.

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The regression determined from the data is:

$$Y = -15.10 + 0.60 x_1 + 5.29 x_2$$

where x₁ = kill of 3-year-old males to 31 July

- x₂ = mean date of the 3-year-old male kill in days past 15 July
- Y = kill of 4-year-old males to 31 July, plus 80 percent of the 3-year-old male kill after 31 July

This regression, which is based on l year of additional data, is very similar to that given in 1963 (Roppel, Johnson, and Chapman, 1965), and to two decimals, R^2 is 0.82 as it was in 1963.

For the 1961 year class, which will be 4 years old in 1965, $x_1 = 18$, $x_2 = 4$, so that Y = 16.9.

Deleting 3,900 (80 percent of the 3-year male kill of 1964 after 31 July) and adding 10 percent for the 4-year male kill expected in August 1965, yields an estimate of 14,300 for the 1965 4-year-old male kill.

Method 2.-- Temperature-return regression. The basic data for this regression are given in appendix table 2.

The regression is:

Y = 16.0 + 0.99 T

where Y = adjusted kill

T = mean temperature in tenths of a degree above 32°

Appendix table 2	- The	3 -	and 4-y	ear-ol	d male	kill and mean
temperature,	St. I	Paul	Island,	year	classes	1950-60

Year	Adjusted	Temperature ²
	Number	Degrees Fahrenheit
1950	56,000	35
1951	50,000	36
1952	b0,000	37
1953	44,000	16
1954	28,000	10
1955	38,000	17
1956	13,000	1
1957	35,000	23
1958	57,000	34
1959	37,000	3 3
1960	23,000	26

¹ Kill prior to 31 July, plus 80 percent of the number of 3year-olds taken in August.
² Mean temperature for 12-month period ending 30 June of

² Mean temperature for 12-month period ending 30 June of the indicated year, measured in tenths of a degree above 32°.

For 1961, the value of T is 18, so that Y = 33.8. The kill of 3-year-old males in 1964 prior to 31 July was 17,600, and 80 percent of the kill in August (4,861) is 3,900, so that there remains for 1965 (to 31 July), 12,300. An additional 10 percent expected in August 1965 brings the total kill of 4-year-old males to 13,500.

Method 3 .-- Estimates from the yearling population estimate. Of 621 male yearlings tagged or retagged in 1962, 259 were recovered in 1963 as 2-year-olds or in 1964 as 3-year-olds. Additionally, in 1963 and 1964, nine were recovered as 3- and 4-year-olds, respectively, indicating a small degree of error in the estimating of ages during tagging. These nine seals were the survivors of 2 years' natural mortality at a rate of approximately 10 percent per year. Also, the 3-yearold kill is approximately equal to the 4-yearold kill plus escapement, so that it may be estimated that these 9 suggest that a total of 20 of the original 621 were older than 1 at the time of tagging. The total 2-year-old kill on both islands in 1963 was 2,019, and the 3-yearold kill in 1964 totaled 29,416. Combined, these kills total 31,435. Hence, the estimate of the number (N) of yearlings from both islands alive in 1962 is:

$$N_{1962} = \frac{(31,436)(602)}{260} = 72,786 \text{ or } 72,800$$

Reducing 72,800 by 10 percent for the annual mortality from age 1 to age 2 (a very rough estimate) and the 2-year-old kill, and further reducing it by 10 percent for the next year's natural mortality and a kill of 29,400, leaves a balance of 27,800. A further overwintering mortality in 1964-65 of 10 percent and an escapement of about 10,000 imply a balance of 15,000 for the 4-year-old male kill in 1965. Eighty percent of this is 12,000, which would be the St. Paul Island estimate by this method. Despite the obvious inadequacies of the data used in this method, it agrees very closely with the previous two estimates.

Prediction of 3-year-old Male Kill

In the past several years, the prediction of the 3-year-old male kill has been based on one or more of (a) the population-return equation, (b) the dead-pup count-return equation, and (c) the temperature-return equation. In addition, attempts have been made to utilize the 2-year-old male kill data on the cumulative estimates of the female population for forecast purposes. These have been unsuccessful, though some additional discussion on the cumulative estimate and its relationship to the 3-year-old kill is given below. Also, a forecast based on the return from yearling tagging is obtained. Method 1. -- Temperature-return regression. This forecast equation, which was given on page 27, implies a return of 36,800 for the 1962 year class (for which T = 21). This return, or adjusted kill, is the kill of 3- and 4-year-old males to 31 July, plus 80 percent of the kill of 3-year-old males in August. Where the termination date has been 5 August, the total 3- and 4-year-old male kill has exceeded this adjusted kill by about 8 percent.

Hence, this suggests a kill from the 1962 year class at ages 3 and 4 of 39,700. In years with a 5 August termination date, the 3-yearold male kill is about 61 percent of the total 3- and 4-year-old male kill. This leads to an estimated St. Paul Island 3-year-old male kill in 1965 of 24,000.

Method 2.--Yearling estimate. In 1963, 551 yearling males were tagged or retagged. In 1964, 56 recoveries were made of these males that were of the correct age, that is, 2 years old. In addition, there were three of age 3, that is, animals that were age 2 at the time of tagging. The proportion older than 1 at the time of tagging is similar to the situation in the previous year, that is, from the 1962 yearling tagging 44 2-year-old males and 2 3year-old males were recaptured in 1963. The subsequent data have shown that the proportion older than 1 in 1962 was 3.2 percent. Using this adjustment, the estimated size of the yearling class in 1963 was:

$$N_{1963} = \frac{3,679(534)}{57} = 34,500$$

Here 3,679 = 3,678 + 1, where 3,678 is the 1964 2-year-old male kill. This is obviously a low estimate. The estimate made on the basis of similar data in 1963 of the size of the yearling class in 1962 was similarly low. It was in fact:

$$N^{1}_{1962} = \frac{(2,020)(606)}{45} = 27,200$$

This suggests that the 1963 yearling group may have been 27 percent larger than the 1962 yearling group $(\frac{34.5}{27.2} = 1.27)$.

With other mortality factors remaining about the same, this implies a St. Paul Island 1965 3-year-old male kill of (24,500)(1.27) or 28,600.

Other methods.--A complete kill of all available 2-year-old males in late July would seem to be a possible index of the later harvest to be expected from a year class. To obtain uniform data over a period of years, a regression of the 3-year-old male kill to 31 July was calculated on the kill of 2-yearold males in the last round (27-31) of July

of the previous year, that is, from the same year class. The regression is Y = 14.9 + 1.713X, which is based on data from the 1952-61 year classes. Here Y is the 3-year-old male kill (in thousands) to 31 July, and X is the kill (in hundreds) of the 2-year-old males in the last round (27-31) of July of the previous year. For the 1962 year class, X = 4.3, hence Y is predicted to be 21.9. Adding 10 percent for the expected kill in August yields a season total of 24,100. This is in excellent agreement with estimates found by methods 1 and 2. The value of r^2 for this relationship, however, is only 0.20, that is, only 20 percent of the variation of Y is associated with or due to X. Thus the relationship can be expected to yield quite erratic predictions in general.

As mentioned earlier, an estimate of the predicted 3-year-old male kill for 1964 was based, in 1963, on the ratio of past kills to the cumulative female population estimate. Though this was unsatisfactory, it was thought that the cumulative female estimates might be used with the temperature data to give improved estimates. The cumulative estimates taken from a previous study (Chapman, 1964) are given in appendix table 3.

Appendix table 3.--Cumulative female population estimates, 1950-60

Year	Estimate	Year	Estimate			
1950	850,000	1956	860,000			
1951	850,000	1957	800,000			
1952	830,000	19 58	740,000			
1953	840,000	1959	650,000			
1954	850,000	1960	610,000			
1955	870,000					

A regression of the adjusted kill, as shown in appendix table 2, was calculated using these estimates and temperature data (also given in appendix table 2). The resulting equation is:

$$Y = -56.0 + 1.20 T + 0.84F$$

where Y = adjusted kill

- T = temperature (in tenths of a degree above 32)
- F = estimated number of females

The addition of the new variable is significant when tested by the usual analysis of variance methods (F = 12.08, which is highly significant) and for the multiple regression $\mathbb{R}^2 = 0.85$, which is very high. When applied to the data for 1961, however, the estimated Y is 17,800, which is lower than the number of 3-year-old males already taken in 1964. Whether this is an aberrant observation or whether the relationship is already changing as the herd responds to the reduction program that has taken place must be left for future observations to decide.

Reliability of the Estimates

For the estimates obtained directly from a regression equation it is easy to compute confidence interval estimates to suggest their reliability. Final estimates, however, are obtained by additional adjustment which add additional variability. On the other hand, the agreement between estimates obtained in different ways yields additional confidence.

Some confidence intervals are:

For the estimate of the 4-year-old male kill to 31 July by method 1, Y lies between 16,900 \pm 10,500, that is, between 6,400 and 27,400 with 95 percent confidence.

For the estimate of the adjusted kill of the 1961 year class by method 2, the 95 percent confidence interval for Y is $33,800 \pm 23,000$, that is, from 10,800 to 56,800.

The width of these confidence intervals should indicate the caution that must still be exercised in regard to forecasts of the male harvest.

Final Predictions by Ages and by Islands

The estimates given above are averaged to yield St. Paul Island figures. Further, the long-term relation between St. Paul and St. George Island in regard to the male kill is the basis of the extrapolation of the estimate to St. George Island. It should be pointed out, however, that in 1964 as in 1963 the fraction of the kill on St. George Island was higher than the long-term average. The average of the St. George Island kill to the total for both islands for the period 1950-64 is exactly 20 percent. The results are shown in appendix table 4.

Appendix table 4. --Prediction of the kill in 1965, by age, Pribilof Islands, Alaska

		Age		
Island	2 and 5	3	4	Total
St. Paul	3,000	26,000	13,000	42,000
St. George	1,000	7,000	3,000	11,000
Total	4,000	33,000	16,000	53,000

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Appendix B

Appendix table 5.--Age classification of male seals killed on St. Paul Island, l July to 5 August and 17-28 August 1964

		N	lumber		Perc	ent in	each		Estimated number killed						
Date	Rookery	Males	Tooth		age c	lass of	samp	le		from each age class					
		killed	¹ sample	2	3	4	5	6	-2	3	cacii age	5	<u> </u>		
													0		
l July	NEP	947	118	1	41	41	14	3	10	388	388	122	2.9		
2	TZR	779	159	3	40	51	6	_	23	312	307	.17	20		
2	REEF-LH	< 1,012	127	-	32	58	10	_		324	507	47	-		
5	ZAP	840	85	_	44	49	7			370	207	101	-		
6	POL	651	84	1	53	40	6	-		370	412	58	-		
6	LK	145	2.9	-	55	35	10	-	1	345	260	39	-		
Round to	otal	4.374	602				10		10	80	2.001	14	-		
									40	1,019	2,095	392	28		
7 Julv	NEP	1.156	116	2	3.8	5.1	Q	1	2.2	120					
8	TZR	553	107	1	56	38	-	1	2 S	439	540	92	12		
9	ZAP	457	45	1	40	51	2	-	C	310	210	28	-		
10	REFE-LA	C 550	20	-	40	21	3	-	-	183	233	41	-		
11	POI	× 507	00	-	50	40	1	-	-	283	247	39	-		
Round to	FOL	3.071	- 44	-	68	52		-		2 3 2	107	-			
tround to	JIAI	3,074	398						28	1,447	1,387	200	12		
12 7.1	NED	1													
12 July	NEP	1,429	143	2	60	34	4	~	28	857	485	59	-		
13	TZR	385	75	3	65	24	5	3	11	250	92	20	12		
14	ZAP	790	79	3	45	49	3	-	24	355	387	24	-		
15	REEF-LK	1,251	139	3	56	36	5	-	40	703	448	60			
16	POL	315	70	3	60	2.3	14	-	9	188	74	4.4	_		
Round to	otal	4,170	506						112	2.353	1.486	207	12		
										_,	-,	001	16		
17 July	NEP	1,950	381	5	62	28	5	-	98	1 209	515	08			
18	TZR	1,073	213	6	63	26	5	_	64	676	270	5.4	-		
19	ZAP	1,767	351	3	63	31	3	_	53	1 113	E 1 7 E 4 0	52	-		
20	REEF-LK	1.043	205	7	56	29	7	1	73	1, 115	240	22	10		
21	POL	223	44	2	59	30	0	1	1	122	202	13	10		
Round to	tal	6 056	1 194		<u>J</u> 7		7			136	67	20	-		
		0,020							692	5,714	1,746	298	10		
22 July	NEP	1 601	321	0	65	2.4	2		1.4.4	1 0 4 1	20.4				
23	TZR	638	126	7	6.4	22	4	~	144	1,041	384	32	-		
2.4	ZAP	1 746	2.45	2	24	20	0	-	45	345	210	38			
25	BEFF-LK	1,120	142	2	04	29	4	-	52	1,118	506	70	-		
26	DOI	420	145	-1	64	25	6	1	57	909	355	85	14		
Round to	tol	4 032	20	5	70	18	5	2	32	442	114	32	12		
Round to	tai	0,037	991						330	3,855	1,569	257	26		
27 1.1.		2.105													
27 July	NEP	2,197	219	6	69	20	5	-	132	1,516	439	110	-		
20	IZR	877	103	4	57	33	5	1	35	500	289	44	9		
29	ZAP	1,165	119	5	66	24	5	-	58	769	280	58	-		
30	REEF-LK	1,985	196	9	72	14	5	-	179	1,429	278	99	-		
31	POL	326	69	9	63	18	3	7	29	205	59	10	23		
Round to	tal	6,550	706						433	4,419	1, 345	321	32		
l Aug.	NEP	2,299	244	11	75	13	1	-	253	1.724	299	23	_		
2	TZR	201	57	14	59	15	12	-	2.8	119	30	24			
3	ZAP	2,117	217	12	70	16	2	-	254	1 482	330	42	-		
4	REEF-LK	812	102	1.2	71	17	-	_	97	677	120	42	*		
5	POL	281	37	35	49	16			21	120	1.58	-	-		
5	NEP	678	86	13	82		-	-	70	100	40	-	-		
Round to	tal	6 388	743	10					00	556	54	-	-		
10		0, 500	125						818	4,596	885	89	-		
August															
17.29		21 140	27.2	13	2.4	-									
		1, 140	6(3	63	34	5	-	-	486	265	24	~	2		
Sesson	*21	337 790	5 412												
season to	Juai	51,109	5,413						2,539	22,468	10,533	1,764	122		

¹ Includes experimental and rejected skins.
 ² Age classification of these males calculated on a daily basis, then combined.
 ³ Includes 363 unclassified males.

			Estimated	number k	illed		Percent killed from						
Date	Rookery		from ea	ch age cla	SS		Total	each age class					
		2	3	4	5	6	kill	2	3	4	5	6	
l July	NEP	10	388	388	133	28	947	1	41	41	14	3	
2	TZR	33	700	785	180	28	1,726	2	40	46	10	2	
2	REEF-LK	33	1,024	1, 372	281	28	2,738	1	38	50	10	1	
5	ZAP	33	1, 394	1,784	339	28	3, 578	1	39	50	9	1	
6	POL	40	1,739	2,044	378	28	4,229	1	41	48	9	1	
6	LK	40	1,819	2,095	392	28	4, 374	1	41	48	9	1	
7	NEP	63	2,258	2,685	484	40	5,530	1	41	48	9	1	
8	TZR	68	2,568	2,895	512	40	6,083	1	42	48	8	1	
9	ZAP	68	2,751	3,128	553	40	6,540	1	42	48	8	1	
10	REEF-LK	68	3,034	3,375	592	40	7,109	1	43	47	8	1	
11	POL	68	3,266	3,482	592	40	7,448	1	44	47	8	-	
12	NEP	96	4,123	3, 967	651	40	8,877	1	47	45	7	-	
13	TZR	107	4,373	4,059	671	52	9,262	1	47	44	7	1	
14	ZAP	131	4,728	4, 446	695	52	10,052	1	47	44	7	1	
15	REEF-LK	171	5,431	4,894	755	52	11, 303	2	48	43	7	-	
16	POL	180	5,619	4, 968	799	52	11,618	2	48	43	7	-	
17	NEP	278	6,828	5,513	897	52	13,568	2	51	40	7	-	
18	TZR	342	7,504	5,792	951	52	14,641	2	51	40	7	-	
19	ZAP	395	8,617	6,340	1,004	52	16,408	2	53	39	2	-	
20	REEF-LK	468	9,201	6,643	1,077	62	17,451	3	53	38	6	-	
21	POL	472	9,333	6,710	1,097	62	17,674	3	53	38	6	-	
22	NEP	616	10, 374	7,094	1,129	62	19,275	3	54	37	6	-	
23	TZR	661	10,719	7,304	1,167	62	19,913	3	54	37	6	-	
24	ZAP	713	11, 837	7,810	1,237	62	21,659	3	55	36	6	-	
25	REEF-LK	770	12,746	8,165	1,322	76	23,079	3	55	36	6	-	
26	POL	802	13, 188	8,279	1,354	88	23,711	3	56	35	6	-	
27	NEP	934	14,704	8,718	1,464	88	25,908	4	57	34	5	-	
28	TZR	969	15, 204	9,007	1,508	97	26, 785	4	57	34	5	-	
29	ZAP	1,027	15,973	9, 287	1,566	97	27,950	4	57	33	6	-	
30	REEF-LK	1,206	17, 402	9,565	1,665	97	29,935	4	58	32	6	-	
31	POL	1,235	17,607	9,624	1,675	120	30,261	4	58	32	6	-	
l Aug.	NEP	1,488	19, 331	9,923	1,698	120	32,560	5	59	31	5	-	
2	TZR	1,516	19,450	9,953	1,722	120	32,761	5	59	31	5	-	
3	ZAP	1,770	20,932	10,292	1,764	120	34, 878	5	60	30	5	-	
4	REEF-LK	1,867	21,509	10,430	1,764	120	35,690	5	61	29	5	-	
5	POL	1,965	21,647	10,475	1,764	120	35,971	6	60	29	5	-	
5	NEP	2,053	22,203	10, 509	1,764	120	36,649	6	60	29	5	-	
17-28 Aug.		2,539	22, 468	10, 533	1,764	122	¹ 37, 789	7	60	28	5	-	

Appendix table 6. --Cumulative age classification of male seals killed on St. Paul Island, 1 July to 5 August and 17-28 August 1964

¹ Includes 363 unclassified males.

		Nur	nber		Perc	ent in	each			Estima	ted number	killed	
Date	Rookery	Males	Tooth		age cl	ass of	sampl	nplefrom each age class					
		killed	sample	Z	3	4	5	6	2	3	4	5	6
July													
1	NOR	38 9	73	-	53	40	7	-	-	206	156	27	-
6	NOR	104	28	-	64	29	7	-	-	67	30	7	-
6	ZAP	370	74	-	35	57	8	-	-	130	211	29	-
8	NOR	313	61	2	67	26	5	-	6	Z 1 0	81	16	-
8	EAST	355	72	7	65	25	3	-	2.5	Z 3 1	89	10	-
10	ZAP	271	54	2	37	55	6	~	6	100	149	16	-
10	NOR	142	41	-	71	29		~	-	101	41	-	-
13	EAST	332	67	5	64	28	3	-	17	212	93	10	-
13	NOR	319	62	5	61	32	2	-	16	195	102	6	-
15	NOR	223	44	2	68	30	-	-	4	152	67	-	-
15	ZAP	370	37	5	46	41	8	-	18	170	152	30	-
17	NOR	420	43	7	63	30	-	-	29	265	126	-	-
17	EAST	382	39	10	64	26	-	-	38	Z 4 5	99	-	-
20	NOR	258	51	-	73	Z 3	Z	2	-	189	59	5	5
20	ZAP	293	57	2	53	33	1 Z	-	6	155	97	35	-
22	NOR	617	62	5	68	Z 1	6	-	31	420	129	37	-
22	EAST	559	56	Z	59	34	5	-	11	330	190	28	-
24	NOR	73	21	-	72	14	14	-	-	53	10	10	-
24	STAR	272	56	5	54	30	11	-	13	147	82	30	-
24	ZAP	188	38	5	40	40	13	2	9	75	75	25	4
27	NOR	487	49	8	80	10	Z	-	39	390	49	9	-
27	EAST	438	43	5	77	11	7	-	22	337	48	31	-
29	STAR	199	45	4	76	9	9	2	8	151	18	18	4
29	ZAP	377	40	3	55	25	17	-	11	208	94	64	-
29	NOR	43	11	-	64	9	27	-	-	28	4	11	-
31	NOR	809	73	15	77	8	**	-	121	623	65	-	-
31	EAST	283	31	6	72	16	6	-	17	204	45	17	-
August													
3	STAR	131	43	9	82	7	Z	-	12	107	9	3	-
3	NOR	476	47	23	64	13	-	-	109	305	62	-	-
3	ZAP	213	38	24	53	21	2	-	51	113	45	4	-
7	ZAP	216	24	4	75	21	-	-	9	162	45	-	-
7	NOR	361	81	10	78	10	2	-	36	282	36	7	-
7	EAST	79	26	11	77	8	4	-	9	61	6	3	-
Total		10, 362	1,587						673	6,624	2,564	488	13
August													
14	STAR	129	35	40	49	8	3	-	52	63	10	4	-
17	ZAP	239	,68	59	40	1	-	-	141	96	2	-	-
19	NOR	123	¹ 21	43	48	-	-	-	53	59	-	-	-
21	EAST	76	56	63	37	~	-	-	48	Z8	-	-	~
21	STAR	44	13	38	54	8	-	-	17	24	3	-	-
24	ZAP	125	220	70	25	-	-	-	88	31	-	-	-
26	NOR	40	,12	75	25	-	-	-	30	10	-	-	-
26	STAR	53	- 16	69	25	-	-	-	37	13	-	-	-
Total		3829	241						466	324	15	4	-
Season to	otal	³ 11, 191	1,828						1,139	6,948	2,579	492	13

Appendix table 7. --Age classification of male seals killed on St. George Island, 1 July to 7 August and 14-26 August 1964

¹ Includes 2 yearlings.

² Includes 1 yearling.

³ Includes 20 yearlings.

			Estimated	l number kil	lled			Percent killed from					
Date	Rookery		from ea	ch age clas	s		Total		each	age cl	ass		
		2	3	4	5	6	Kill	۷	3		5	0	
l Julv	NOR	_	206	156	27	-	389	-	53	40	7	_	
6	NOR	-	273	186	34	-	493	-	55	38	7	-	
6	ZAP	-	403	397	63	-	863	-	47	46	7	-	
8	NOR	6	613	478	79	-	1, 176	-	52	41	7	-	
8	EAST	31	844	567	89	-	1,531	Z	55	37	6	-	
10	ZAP	37	944	716	105	-	1,802	2	52	40	6	-	
10	NOR	37	1,045	757	105	-	1,944	2	54	39	5	-	
13	EAST	54	1,257	850	115	-	2,276	Z	55	38	5	~	
13	NOR	70	1,452	952	121	-	2,595	2	56	37	5	-	
15	NOR	74	1,604	1,019	121	-	2,818	3	57	36	4	-	
15	ZAP	92	1,774	1,171	151	-	3,188	3	56	37	4	-	
17	NOR	121	2,039	1,297	151	-	3,608	3	57	36	4	-	
17	EAST	159	2,284	1,396	151	-	3,990	4	57	35	4	-	
20	NOR	159	2,473	1,455	156	5	4,248	4	58	34	4	-	
20	ZAP	165	2,628	1,552	191	5	4,541	4	58	34	4	-	
22	NOR	196	3,048	1,681	228	5	5,158	4	59	33	4	-	
22	EAST	207	3,378	1,871	256	5	5,717	4	59	33	4	-	
24	NOR	207	3,431	1,881	266	5	5,790	4	59	32	5	-	
24	STAR	220	3, 578	1,963	296	5	6,062	4	59	32	5	-	
24	ZAP	229	3,653	2,038	321	9	6,250	4	58	33	5	-	
27	NOR	268	4,043	2,087	330	9	6,737	4	60	31	5	-	
27	EAST	290	4,380	2,135	361	9	7,175	4	61	30	5	-	
29	STAR	298	4,531	2,153	379	13	7,374	4	62	29	5	-	
29	ZAP	309	4,739	2,247	443	13	7,751	4	61	29	6	-	
29	NOR	309	4,767	2,251	454	13	7,794	4	61	29	6	-	
31	NOR	430	5,390	2,316	454	13	8,603	5	63	27	5	~	
31	EAST	447	5,594	2,361	471	13	8,886	5	63	27	5	-	
3 Aug.	STAR	459	5,701	2,370	474	13	9,017	5	63	27	5	-	
3	NOR	568	6,006	2,432	474	13	9,493	6	63	26	5	-	
3	ZAP	619	6,119	2,477	478	13	9,706	6	63	26	5	-	
7	ZAP	628	6,281	2,522	478	13	9,922	6	63	26	5	-	
7	NOR	664	6,563	2,558	485	13	10,283	6	64	25	5	-	
7	EAST	673	6,624	2,564	488	13	10,362	6	64	2 5	5	-	
14	STAR	725	6,687	2,574	492	13	10,491	7	64	24	5	-	
17	ZAP	866	6,783	2,576	492	13	10,730	8	63	24	5	-	
19	NOR	919	6,842	2,576	492	13	1 10, 853	8	63	24	5	-	
21	EAST	967	6,870	2,576	492	13	10,929	9	63	24	4	-	
21	STAR	984	6,894	2,579	492	13	10,973	9	63	24	4	-	
24	ZAP	1,072	6,925	2,579	492	13	211,098	10	62	23	5	-	
26	NOR	1,102	6,935	2,579	492	13	11, 138	10	62	23	5	-	
26	STAR	1,139	6,948	2,579	492	13	11, 191	10	62	23	5	-	

Appendix table 8. --Cumulative age classification of male seals killed on St. George Island, 1 July to 7 August and 14-26 August 1964

¹ Includes 11 yearlings.

2 Includes 17 yearlings.

³ Includes 20 yearlings.

Appendix table 9. --Bull counts, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1911-41 and 1943-64

	St. Paul	Island	St. George	e Island	Both islands				
Year	Harem	Idle	Harem	Idle	Harem	Idle			
1911	1.090	258	266	71	1.356	329			
1912	1.077	93	281	20	1, 358	113			
1913	1, 142	77	261	28	1,403	105			
1914	1, 316	159	243	13	1,559	172			
1915	1, 789	546	362	127	2,151	673			
1916	2,948	2,278	552	354	3, 500	2.632			
1917	4, 166	2,341	684	365	4,850	2,706			
1918	4,610	2,245	734	199	5,344	2,444			
1919	4, 573	2,158	585	81	5, 158	2,239			
1920	3, 542	1,078	524	83	4,066	1, 161			
1921	3,443	711	466	36	3,909	747			
1922	3, 184	493	378	15	3, 562	508			
1923	3,051	303	361	9	3, 412	312			
1924	3, 127	375	389	15	3,516	390			
1925	3, 103	283	423	28	3, 526	311			
1926	3, 478	368	556	55	4,034	423			
1927	3, 916	846	727	126	4,643	972			
1928	5,059	1,208	991	241	6,050	1.449			
1929	5, 998	1, 339	1, 189	294	7,187	1,633			
1930	6,823	1.555	1, 489	344	8, 312	1,899			
1931	7,557	1.519	1,676	369	9,233	1,888			
1932	8,268	1,940	1,820	409	10,088	2,349			
1933	8, 334	1, 933	1,879	408	10,213	2,341			
1934	8,841	1.860	1, 929	422	10,770	2,282			
1935	9,444	2,082	2, 103	453	11, 547	2,535			
1936	10,055	2,253	-	_	-	-			
1937	10,689	2,516	2,411	515	13,100	3,031			
1938	10,720	1.787	-	_	-	-			
1939	9, 122	2,616	1,858	357	10,980	2,973			
1940	9,662	3, 968	1, 988	571	11,650	4,539			
1941	10,089	5,059	1,942	396	12,031	5,455			
1943	10, 948	3, 523	2,107	330	13,055	3,853			
1944	11,080	2,539	2,294	450	13, 374	2,989			
1945	10,750	4,055	2,434	750	13, 184	4,805			
1946	10, 566	3,605	2,430	611	12,996	4,216			
1947	10, 160	3, 331	1,808	479	11,968	3,810			
1948	10,386	3,400	1,814	563	12,200	3,963			
1949	9,554	2,976	1,746	552	11, 300	3,528			
1950	9,442	3,152	1,959	574	11,401	3,726			
1951	9,434	3,581	1,825	549	11,259	4,130			
1952	9,318	4,717	1,983	605	11, 301	5,322			
1953	9,848	5,912	2,285	826	12,133	6,738			
1954	9,906	6,847	2,228	1,311	12,134	8,158			
1955	9,034	8,650	2,130	1,902	11, 164	10,552			
1956	9, 384	9,016	-	-	-	-			
1957	9, 562	10,060	2,423	2,693	11, 985	12,753			
1958	9,970	9,510	2,619	3,030	12,589	12,540			
1959	10,003	11,485	2,527	2,699	12,530	14, 184			
1960	10,247	10,407	2,552	2,630	12,799	13,037			
1961	11, 163	11,791	2,843	2,489	14,006	14,280			
1962	10, 332	9,109	2,342	2,650	12,674	11,759			
1963	9,212	7,650	2,071	1,890	11,283	9,540			
1964	9,085	7,095	1, 989	1,489	11,074	8,584			

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 $\frac{1}{M}$ HG = hauling ground; R = rookery; M = mixed.

 $^2/$ Plus 1, 283 females taken during 1 July to 5 August portion of the male kill.

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. 17	NEP	2.1	185	227	196	175	41	185	1,030	7	81	22	19	17	4	18
18	NEP	50	449	491	563	395	114	435	2,497	2	18	20	23	16	4	21
19	GOR	86	662	752	871	561	150	601	3, 683	~	18	17	24	15	4	16
20	LZ	103	827	010	1,028	648	193	784	4,553	2	18	22	23	14	4	17
20	TOL	111	894	1,053	1,079	699	193	821	4,820	7	61	22	22	14	4	17
21	POL	115	953	1, 115	1,208	743	200	854	5, 188	2	18	22	23	14	4	17
21	POL	115	953	1, 125	1, 226	771	228	606	5, 327	2	18	17	23	15	4	17
21	NEP	120	973	1, 168	1,251	814	238	929	5, 493	2	18	21	23	15	4	17
24	NEP	126	1, 101	1, 333	1,403	905	256	826	6, 102	7	18	22	23	15	4	16
24	NEP	140	1, 132	i, 387	1,485	956	265	1,021	6, 386	2	18	77	23	15	4	16
24	GOR	148	1, 193	l. 458	1, 536	982	265	1,059	6, 641	~1	18	22	23	15	4	16
25	ΓZ	183	1, 397	1, 591	1,655	1,045	293	1,178	7, 342	2	61	22	23	14	4	16
25	KIT	183	I. 434	1, 628	1, 682	1,087	2 98	1, 199	7, 511	2	19	22	22	15	4	16
25	POL	186	1,456	1, 637	1,685	1,094	301	1, 211	7,570	2	19	22	22	15	4	16
25	POL	190	1, 465	1,646	1,710	1, 128	305	1,211	7,655	2	61	22	27	15	4	16
26	NEP	197	1,603	1,810	1, 907	1, 193	325	1,276	8, 311	2	61	22	23	15	4	15
26	LZ	232	1, 691	1, 872	1, 960	1, 222	325	1, 302	8,604	2	20	22	23	14	4	15
27	ZAP	247	2,050	2,231	2, 319	1, 387	399	1,467	10, 100	2	20	22	23	14	4	15
28	ZAP	266	2, 239	2, 387	2,462	1,446	432	1, 519	$\frac{1}{2}$ /10, 751	3	21	22	23	13	4	14

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Appendix table 12. -- Age classification of female seals killed on St. George Island, 14-26 August 1964

 $\underline{1/}$ Plus 567 females taken during 1 July to 7 August portion of male kill.

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14	STAR	6	57	74	66	43	6	28	286	m	20	26	23	15	ŝ	10
17	ZAP	6	181	153	260	93	34	53	783	-	23	20	33	12	4	~
61	NOR	16	414	32.0	442	166	49	104	1,511	-1	28	21	29	11	m	~
21	STAR	19	527	387	509	198	49	112	1,801	-	29	22	2.8	11	m	9
21	EAST	34	658	538	645	232	54	127	2, 288	-	29	24	2.8	10	2	9
24	ZAP	69	866	739	861	317	69	142	3, 059	2	29	24	2.8	10	2	5
26	NOR	76	986	844	948	342	73	153	3, 422	2	29	25	2.8	10	2	4
26	STAR	80	1, 115	938	1,081	376	86	175	$\frac{1}{2}$ /3, 851	~	29	24	28	10	2	5

 $\underline{1}/$ Plus 567 females taken during 1 July to 7 August portion of male kill.

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ZAP-1	155	23	10	14	12	29	243	7	11	3	1	22	265
TOL	36	63	4	17	6	24	150	7	4	1	1	13	163
L-K	23	2	49	7	5	16	102	-	3	1	-	4	106
REEF	39	12	22	154	9	38	274	10	20	ь	1	37	311
POL	7	3	10	13	53	55	141	-	11	5	1	17	158
NEP	27	2	13	12	15	321	390	6	17	5	-	28	418
NOR	8	1	9	10	9	16	53	8	112	17	1	138	191
EAST	2	1	5	4	5	12	29	5	1.1	39	3	58	87
STAR	2	-	-	3	4	6	15	3	21	11	14	49	64
ZAP-2	3	2	3	6	3	14	31	35	15	7	1	58	89
Tags lost	141	36	50	109	48	225	609	16	43	31	6	96	705
Total	443	145	175	349	169	756	2,037	97	268	126	29	520	2,557
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TOL	16	36	-	8	1	5	66	5	2	2	-	9	75
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Total	26	11	12	34	19	41	143	10	16	6	4	36	179
						K-se	ries - age	6					
ZAP-1	3	1	_	_	_	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
TOL	-	3-	_	-	_	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
REEF	1	1	-	2	1	1	6	~	-	-	-	-	6
POL	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-		-	-	-	2
NEP	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
NOR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1
Tags lost	3	-	-	2	-	1	6	-	1	-	-	1	7
Total	7	5	-	4	1	8	2.5	-	2	-	-	2	27

				Island	Rookery
Date	Tag	Age	Sex	of	of
	number			tagging	recovery
		Years			
. /		<u>St.</u>	Paul Island		
16 July	K-16911	2	ď	Bering	POL
27 11	K-15690	2	ď	11	NEP
I Aug.	K-15698	2	ď	11	NEP
4 "	M-16169	2	O"	Medny	REEF
27 11	M-14147	2	ď	11	ZAP
l July	K-11427	3	ੱ	Bering	NEP
7 ''	K-14000	3	ď	11	NEP
14 "	K-13854	3	0"	1.8	ZAP
17 ''	E-19848	3	ď	Medny	NEP
27 ''	E- 2984	3	ď	11	NEP
27 ''	E-20554	3	ď	11	NEP
30 ''	E-17248	3	ď	(1	LK
5 ''	C-25210	4	್	11	ZAP
6 ''	C-62040	4	್	11	POL
12 **	C-44870	4	್	11	NEP
18 "	C-63690	4	ರ್	E.E.	ZAP-REEF
19 "	E-15130	4	್	Bering	ZAP
22 "	C-43310	4	്	Medny	NEP
23 "	C-55790	4	್	11	TOL
23 !!	C-67110	4	್	11	TOL
27 ''	E- 2060	4	ರ್	Bering	NEP
27 11	E-15142	4	ď	11	NEP
1 Aug.	C-87190	4	ď	Medny	NEP
3 11	E-15171	4	ď	Bering	7 A P
17 ''	C=51780	4	്	Medrar	NFP
17 !!	C-98980	4	ੱ ਹ	H	NEP
17 July	C = 18031	5	ੱ ਨਾ	11	NEP
20 "	C-14479	5	đ	Boring	IVEI
22 11	C-16211	5	ں م	Dering	NED
27 11	B- 4357	6	d	Bowing	NED
IQ Ang	M. 13487	2	0	Madma	DEFE
10 H	E 17100	2	¥ O	Medny	REEF
26 11	C 54750	5	¥		REEF
20	0-54750	4	¥		ZAP
		St. G	eorge Island	d	
22 July	M-15956	2	ೆ	Medny	NOR
17 Aug.	M-14590	2	ೆ	11	ZAP
17 July	E-18754	3	್	11	EAST
27 "	K-14896	3	್	Bering	NOR
29 ''	K-14192	3	್	11	STAR
31 "	E-22987	3	್	Medny	NOR
20 "	C-65890	4	್	tt -	ZAP
27 ''	E- 4709	4	ೆ	Bering	EAST
29 11	C-60560	4	್	Medny	ZAP
29 11	C-61790	4	ď	11	STAR
7 Aug.	C-60240	4	್	11	NOR
17 "	C-61390	4	Ŷ	11	ZAP
19 "	E-20645	3	_	tr	NOR

Appendix table 15.--Soviet tags recovered from the kill, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1964

Appendix table 16. --Record of fur seal pups tagged, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1941, 1945, 1947-49, and 1951-64

		St. Paul	St. George		
Year	Series	Island	Island	Location of tag	Checkmarks
1941	USA 1-10000; USA 1-1000 and USA 5001-6000	10,000 1,000 1,000		Front flipper of right front and hind flippers; ?? left front and hind flippers	Branded, nape of neck Double tagged, branded nape of neck
1945	10001-11000 (no letter preiix)	973		Left front flipper	None
1947	A 1-20000	19, 183		Left front flipper	l/4" hole between 1st and 2nd digits left hind flipper
1948	B 1-19673	19,532		Left front flipper	None
1949	CS 1-20000	19,963		Left hind flipper	None
1951	D 1-1000	1,000		Right hind flipper	<pre>1/2 left ear on 100 tagged pups removed</pre>
1952	E 1-20000	19,979		Right front flipper	Tip of 1st digit on right hind flipper sliced off
1953	F 1-10000 G 7001-7400	9, 990 398		Left front flipper	Tip of left front flipper sliced off
1954	G 1-7000 G 7401-10400	7,000 3,000		Right front flipper	"V" notch near tip right front flipper
1955	H 1-10000 10001-50000 (no letter prefix)	49, 870		Left front flipper	Tip of 1st digit on left hind flipper sliced off
1956	1 1-10000 I 10001-50000	39,900	9,894	Right front flipper	Tip of right front flipper sliced off
1957	J 1-10000 J 10001-50000	39, 870	9,972	Left front flipper	"V" notch near tip left front flipper
1958	K 1-10000 K 10001-50000	39 923	9,994	Right front flipper	"V" notch near tip right front flipper
	K 10001-15000	5,000		Right and left front flippers	Double tagging plus checkmark
1959	L 1-10000 L 10001-50000	39, 901	9,980	Left front flipper	Tip of left front flipper sliced off
1960	M 1-12000 M 12001-60000	47,989	11,992	Right front flipper	Tip of right front flipper sliced off
1961	N 1-10000 N 10001-50000	39, 933	9,988	Left front flipper	"V" notch near tip left front flipper
1962	O 1-10000 O 10001-50000	39, 928	9,980	Right front flipper	"V" notch near tip right front flipper
1963	P 1-5000 P 5001-25000	19, 978	4,993	Left front flipper	Tip of left front flipper sliced off
1964	Q 1-5000 Q 5001-25000	19,998	4,993	Right front flipper	Tip of right front flipper sliced off

Rookery	1941	19481/	19491/	1950	1951	1952 <u>1</u> /	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
št. Paul Island Morjovi Vostochni	933 7708	20600	2600 12966	3000 13120	3592 18450		3764 19503 2	8049 25233	5571 14 4 73	10278 20498	4253 12732	2290 7247	4560 7105	6825 11333	5259 10173	4881 8565	2348 5057	1830 3404
Little Polovína Polovína Clíffe Polovína	292 2356		6271 0031	1740 3800 5660	2208 5580 6402	2954 3200	2211 5451 5036	3852 6413 6459	2782 5964 4660	4443 8637 7463	1695 4425 5432	975 1826 2184	1597 2586 3311	2427 3462 5268	2415 4576 2499	2121 2957 1880	923 2160 1237	631 1097 783
Ardiguen Gorbatch Reef	42 896 2269			170 2810 9520	242 3559 11007		189 3679 13661	282 4900 12959	387 4789 15145	364 6291 14399	249 3801 11301	102 1655 5550	141 2100 6052	331 3168 9664	411 3550 10047	225 1373 7897	141 2431 5688	102 1549 3000
Kitovi Lukanin	404		800 635	1160 770	1517 712		1695 1086	1669 1129	2610 1129	2892 1718	1588 870	608 324	882 631	2006 1037	2215 1294	2081 660	881 546	462 402
Tolstoi	1623			4230	6033		6154	7552	6489	6189	5659	2823	3691	5237	4761	3004	3274	2614
Little Zapadnı Zapadni Reef Zapadni	372 171 1284		575	2120 660 4660	2804 353 8204		2446 1116 12221	4979 2278 10424	3555 1383 6607	4611 1674 8650	2325 917 6415	1312 246 4045	1691 608 5009	4148 1472 6450	3047 1291 6329	2399 598 6627	2580 718 4614	1101 425 4172
Counted total Estimated oversight 5% Total	18350 918 19268			53420 2671 56091	70663 3533 74196		78212 0 3911 82123 10	96178 4809 00987	75544 3777 79321 1	98707 4935 03642	61662 3083 64745	31187 1559 32746	39964 1998 41962	62828 2946 65774	57867 2893 60760	45268 2263 47531	32598 1630 34228	21572 1079 22651
st. George Island North Zapadni East Staraya Artil							3197 1272 846 3353	3776 1453 1524 2903		6357 2742 2203 3806	3942 1569 1064 2729	1626 962 616 1552	2653 1633 664 1987	3489 1902 1112 2000	3883 2019 1347 2514	2242 1740 504 1435	2525 704 502 1041	792 446 272 767
Counted total Estimated oversight 5% Total							8668 433 9101	9656 483 10139		15108 755 15863	9304 465 9769	4756 238 4994	6937 347 7284	8503 425 8928	9763 488 10251	5921 296 6217	4772 239 5011	2277 114 2391

Appendix table 17. -- Dead-pup counts, by rookery, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1941 and 1948-64

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1/ Partial counts

No counts made in years 1942 through 1947.

Tag	Woisht	Tag	Weight	Tag	Woight	Tag	Woight	Tag	Waisht
number	Kg.	number	Kg.	number	Kg.	number	Kg.	number	Ke.
					<u></u>		81		
				REEF -	males				
9028	6.4	9481	5.4	9883	6.6	10858	10.6	11169	7.8
9030	8.0	9513	8.4	9891	3.2	10889	8.6	11174	7.0
9048	8.0	9557	6.4	9913	8.0	10892	7.2	11180	6.2
9058	8.0	9587	8.8	9931	6.6	10984	10.0	11181	8.0
9098	7.0	9667	7.8	9943	6.0	11001	9.8	11186	6.2
9119	6.0	9672	6.6	10143	4.2	11002	4.8	11231	1.4
9120	10.0	9707	4.4	10163	9.8	11006	5.4	11246	9.6
9197	4.6	9708	12.0	10103	9.4	11011	3.0	11204	0.0
9292	8,4	9804	0.4	10228	6.9	11015	0.0	11331	4.4
9310	5.6	9017	10.6	10202	10.3	11092	7.6	11365	8.6
9300	5.0	9024	10.4	10200	0.2	110.92	5 4	11378	7 4
9401	10.0	9826	11.2	10540	5.4	11158	4.4	11388	4.4
9456	7 4	9834	6.8	10741	10.2	11166	7.4	11400	7.8
9478	3.8	9879	4.4	10753	5.0				
/110	51.0								
				REEF - fe	emales				
not reco	rded 6.6	9313	7.6	9675	5.6	9939	6.8	11079	8.5
not reco	rded 6.0	9339	6.4	9703	6.4	9987	3.6	11178	4.6
9012	6.8	9375	3.5	9705	5.2	10128	8.4	11200	6.Z
9029	2.8	9382	7.6	9717	6.6	10393	8.8	11243	11.2
9040	6.0	9413	6.2	9813	6.2	10448	9.2	11256	4.2
9064	5.2	9415	7,0	9815	5.8	10492	6.4	11268	7.6
9072	7.0	9423	10.4	9841	4.6	10754	6.Z	11281	5.6
9079	6.2	9429	5.6	9872	6.6	10763	8.0	11286	7.0
9081	6.2	9444	7.2	9884	6.6	10881	5.6	11311	9.6
9206	7,0	9450	5.4	9899	5.8	11048	5.4	11324	5.2
9211	8.2	9462	6.4	9903	6.4	11049	9.8	11347	6.8
9231	6.8	9532	10.4	9924	6.8	11052	6.2	11380	6.2
9244	7.0	9533	8.0	9928	8.4	11060	3.6	11396	4.2
9272	5.0	9596	7.8	9934	4.4	11061	7.2	11397	3.2
9284	8.6	9664	6.4	9935	5.8	11062	6.4	not recorde	d 6.4
9308	6.0			2 4 D 4 D 11					
	<i>(</i>) •	7201	5 4	ZAPADNI -	males	7776	6.7	8013	6.8
7322	8.4	7392	5.4	1009	9.4	7741	9.6	8017	7 7
7333	10.4	7394	5, 4	7598	5.4	7744	0,0 8 6	8010	5.8
1221	1.0	7,370	7.0	7004	7.0	7745	5.8	8026	7.6
7339	1.6	7400	7.0	7605	1.U 8 8	7755	8.8	8027	7 2
7 3 4 1	(). 4	7415	(, U	7620	6.0	7756	9.0	8045	6.6
7342	5.4	1466	7,0	1044	8.2	7772	7.6	8046	8.6
7 2 5 3	1.0	7462	7. 1 6. 4	7640	8.0	7777	12.0	8055	9.8
7366	10.6	7468	8.2	7645	6.2	7779	8.8	8057	6.8
7369	0.8	7480	6.4	7659	9.4	7792	6.2	8062	8.4
7 17 4	10.2	7493	6.2	7677	7.8	7820	8,8	8066	4.4
7 176	5.6	7509	9.4	7703	8.2	7831	7.0	8084	8.6
7378	7.0	75/7	7.2	7723	7.6	7872	5.4	8131	7.2
7390	4.6	7547	9.0	7732	5.6	7908	11.6	8135	6.2
7391	8.4	7573	5.4	7735	8,6	7999	6.6	8145	7.0
				ZAPADNI -	females				
7301	5.2	7426	4.4	7606	4.4	7763	7.2	7956	6.4
7302	7.2	7431	6.0	7611	4.8	7771	8.6	7987	5.8
7307	4,8	7438	4.8	7625	7.2	7784	7.2	7992	5.2
7325	5.4	7444	7.8	7631	5.2	7793	5.8	8015	5.8
7326	5.4	7464	4.4	7634	7.6	7804	5.6	8022	5.6
7327	8,4	7475	5.8	7652	5.6	7818	4.6	8029	8.4
7330	4.4	7486	3.8	7670	9.6	7824	5,8	8038	4.4
7344	9.6	7488	7.6	7711	5.6	7855	6.6	8056	6.8
7347	5.0	7497	6.2	7716	6.2	7878	6.4	8059	5.4
7348	6.8	7 52 1	5.4	7717	5.4	7882	6.0	8077	6.6
7357	4.8	7526	4.1	7729	5.0	7885	5.6	8108	1.8
7361	4.6	7556	7.2	7740	4.0	7890	7.6	8128	0.0
7382	9.4	7557	10.6	7747	7.8	7904	8.4	8134	1.4
7399	5,8	7560	6.8	7750	7.8	7931	6.6	8146	5.4
7418	5.0	7563	8.4	7758	9.0	7940	5.0	0963	0.4

Appendix table 18. -- Tag numbers (Q-series) and weights of live male and female fur seal pups, by rookery, St. Paul Island, 29-30 August 1964

Tag		Tag		Tag		Tag		Tag	
number	Weight	number	Weight	number	Weight	number	Weight	number	Weight
	Kg.		Kg.		Kg.		Kg.		Kg.
				POLOVI	NA - males				
13229	7.6	13909	8.Z	14136	8.6	14601	7.2	14719	8.Z
13391	8.8	13924	13.2	14140	7.8	14616	8.4	14722	8.6
13801	11.4	13925	6.6	14142	8.2	14620	7.8	14736	5.8
13804	5.0	13929	9.8	14171	6.6	14626	5.4	14737	7.5
13818	6.8	13931	6.4	14190	7.4	14632	9.Z	14738	7.8
13829	9.0	13937	8.6	14249	8.8	14641	11.8	14740	9.0
13843	8.0	13940	11.6	14264	6.6	14644	9.0	14745	8.4
13847	12.8	13974	10.6	14408	8.4	14661	3.2	14747	10.6
13856	7.6	13979	8.0	14416	6.2	14664	10.2	14756	7.0
13859	9.4	14030	5.6	14420	5,8	14671	7.8	14771	10.0
13880	10.4	14034	6.2	14422	7.1	14676	11.4	14779	10.2
13007	8.4	14072	5.2	14480	13.6	14686	8.8	14784	10.0
13895	8.0	14082	9.4	14483	12.4	14694	10.2	14789	5 4
13896	8.2	14109	10.6	14585	10.2	14711	10.4	14791	10.6
13898	8.2	,							
12013	11.2	12033	6 0	POLOVIN	A - lemales	14634	6. 4	14704	7 1
13813	11.2	13922	0.8	14207	6.2	14624	D + 4 E - 4	14704	1.2
13817	6.4	13934	7.6	14245	4.4	14637	9.0	14727	9.4
13821	7.6	13073	6.8	14263	7.8	14659	10.0	14729	5 2
13823	7.0	13973	6.0	14265	6.4	14661	6.4	14733	4.2
13844	7.6	14027	4 8	14296	7 2	14662	8.0	14741	7.2
13866	9.4	14040	6.2	14376	7.6	14667	8,6	14749	9.2
13868	7.2	14057	3.6	14391	6.8	14675	7.0	14759	6.6
13873	8.0	14065	8.2	14461	7.2	14676	6.2	14772	7.4
13877	6.2	14074	6.4	14501	6.0	14677	7.8	14777	4.6
13890	6.8	14098	7.6	14547	9.6	14685	6.6	14785	6.2
13893	7.4	14113	6.0	14580	6.2	14689	8.0	14794	8.8
13914	8.2	14115	5,2	14603	7.6	14699	7.4	14798	8.0
13915	10.2	14144	6.8	14618	9.4	14700	7.8	14816	9.8
13918	7.4	14158	7.0						
				NORTHEAST	POINT - male				
16535	8.0	16930	4.0	18087	10 4	18287	9.4	18702	7.0
16561	5.2	16934	9.0	18090	8.2	18296	7.4	18708	9.6
16619	9.2	16957	8.4	18093	9.4	18300	7.8	18722	7.0
16643	6.6	16994	11.2	18115	10.4	18311	6.8	18725	9.2
16647	5.6	17060	9,8	18123	8.8	18323	7.2	18758	10.4
16659	9.0	17295	12.4	18149	8.2	18340	8.6	18784	5.6
16678	4.4	17507	9.0	18150	8.4	18343	8,8	18800	7.8
16680	10.0	17531	6.4	18159	7.8	18359	10.2	18810	6.2
16684	9.8	17565	8.Z	18206	7.6	18466	8.2	18821	9.0
16693	9.2	17715	8.6	18208	8.8	18525	7.2	18837	8.6
16705	7.6	18004	10.4	18210	10.0	18587	9.2	18853	8.Z
16732	7.6	18006	9.8	18244	9.2	18597	8.8	18871	8.0
16849	9.8	18044	9.6	18270	10.8	18640	8.6	18887	12.2
16917	6.6	18048	7.6	18273	p2.6	18651	8.6	18897	7.0
16919	6,8	18077	9.8	18274	6.8	18670	0.2	10711	11.0
				NORTHEAST	POINT - femal	es			- (
16514	8.0	16868	7.8	17938	7.8	18365	8.0	18742	7.6
16524	6.0	16871	9.0	17958	9.4	18401	5.6	18746	4.4
16530	6.4	16932	6.4	18009	6.4	18403	7.8	18/6/	6.4 7.4
16568	7.0	16936	9.4	18042	6.8	18918	7.0	10/00	(. O
16587	7.8	16962	5.4	18114	5.6	18617	10.0	18770	7 /
10045	0.0	16971	0.4	18134	5.4	18523	7 4	18864	4.6
16663	4.0	16980	4;4	18130	4.2	18545	5.8	18866	9.0
16655	0.0	16992	6.0	10103	9.0	18666	5.4	18874	6.0
16700	8.4	10995	0.0	18210	7.0	18676	7.6	18880	9.0
16751	5.4	17250	0.2	18241	7.4	18678	6.8	18891	5.6
16820	8.2	17250	8.4	18303	8.4	18710	7.0	18898	6.4
16829	7.4	17505	7.2	18333	8.6	18717	7.2	18914	9. Z
16844	7.0	17637	8.2	18334	8.0	18724	9.2	18919	7.0
16852	5.6	17658	7.2	18335	8.6	18738	8.6	18944	6.4

Appendix table 18. -- Tag numbers (Q-series) and weights of live male and female fur seal pups, by rookery, St. Paul Island, 29-30 August 1964--Continued



Appendix figure 1. -- Tag and checkmark locations, fur seal pup tagging, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1947-64.



Appendix figure 1.--Tag and checkmark locations, fur seal pup tagging, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1947-64.--Continued



Appendix figure 1. -- Tag and checkmark locations, fur seal pup tagging, Pribilof Islands, Alaska, 1947-64. -- Continued



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