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ANNUAL MEETING -JUNE 1969Harp seal hunting of the USSR,Newfoundland Area

The experimental hunting of the harp seal in the Newfoundland Area was conducted by the Soviet vessels only in 1961 and 1963. Seals were killed in neutral waters of the "Front" Area on ice flows lying east of the Strait of Belle Isle and southern Labrador, i.e. in the seal breeding area, from 10 March to 30 April.

Information on vessel number, their tonnage, horse power, crew and size of harp seal catch are shown below.

Years	Ships number	Total tonnage /tons/	Horse power	Crew	Total	Size of harp seal catch	
						Including	
						Pups	Seals from one year old and older
1961	I	12000	8000	100 /approx/	11400	8500	2900
1963	I	12000	8000	100	17500	10600	6900

Data on seal distribution on the ice flows, on seal age composition, terms both for breeding and for moulting of the pups born, on the biology of spawning etc. were collected by the scientific workers of VNIRO and PINRO during the experimental sealing expeditions. The results of investigations on different aspects of seal biology were already published.