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EFFORT AND CATCH STATISTICS FOR NORWEGIAN SEALING IN FRONT AREA, NEWFOUNDLAND, IN 1973

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No. of ships	10
No. of days (mean)	56
Gross tonnage (mean)	404
Net tonnage (mean)	161
Engine HP (mean)	1 625
Crew (mean)	18

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Harp seals

Pups whitecoats	37	699
beaters	6	979
Sum pups	44	678
Older seals	13	612
Sum harp seals	58	290

Hooded seals
Pups
4 405
Older seals
1 850
Sum hooded seals
0ther species
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Total
64 545

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In these statistics the total numbers (sums) of harp and hooded seals are based on counts by Government officials for control of quotas. These totals have been divided between categories (whitecoats, beaters, pups and older seals) according to their distribution in catch statements given by captains when clearing customs upon their return to Norway.

Clearing statements for harp seals vary between 97 animals below and 50 animals above control counts. The deviations add up to a total of 75 animals or 0.1 per cent more harp seals in the statements than in the control counts.

For hooded seals the clearing statements vary between 63 animals below and 24 animals above control counts. In total the deviations add up to 54 hooded seals or 0.9 per cent less than the control counts.