Map 2. Geographic distribution and sampling frequency of cruises conducted by Recruitment Processes Program 1972-1979 and 1980-1989. Area sampled is divided into 625 km² cells; 1970s data overlaid by 1980s data. For 1980s data, yellow cells were each sampled 1-10 times, orange cells were each sampled 11-50 times, and red cells were each sampled 51-158 times. Graph at right shows monthly distribution and number of tows in the Bering Sea, Gulf of Alaska, and off the U.S. west coast, and the three regions combined for the 1980s.