



COMMERCIAL FISHERIES REVIEW



A review of developments and news of the fishery industries
prepared in the BRANCH OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

A. W. Anderson, Editor
J. Pileggi and J. J. O'Brien, Assistant Editors
F. F. Johnson, Associate Editor

Mailed free to members of the fishery and allied industries. Address correspondence and requests to the: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

Publication of material from sources outside the Service is not an endorsement. The Service is not responsible for the accuracy of facts, views, or opinions contained in material from outside sources.

Although the contents of this publication have not been copyrighted and may be reprinted freely, reference to the source will be appreciated.

The printing of this publication has been approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, November 5, 1952.

CONTENTS

COVER: A typical West Coast halibut schooner. A large United States and Canadian fleet of these vessels sailed for the North Pacific halibut fishing grounds in mid-May. A treaty between the United States and Canada provides for the preservation of the halibut fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea. The International Pacific Halibut Commission, the regulatory agency established by the treaty, regulates the areas to be fished, establishes quotas for certain areas, and establishes nursery areas where fishing is prohibited. The Commission appears to be successfully achieving its purpose--the gradual rebuilding of the halibut supply to a higher level of productivity. The type of gear used to fish for halibut is depicted on page 60 of this issue.

Freezing and Cold Storage of Pacific Northwest Fish and Shellfish, Part III - Storage Characteristics of Six Species of Oily Fish, by M. Heerdt, Jr. and M. E. Stansby	Page 1
--	-----------

	Page		Page
RESEARCH IN SERVICE LABORATORIES	6	TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS (Contd.):	
TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS:	8	Pacific Salmon Investigations:	
Additions to the Fleet of U. S. Fishing Vessels . .	8	Columbia River 1953 Sockeye Salmon Run	
California:		Largest in History	18
Sardine Catch at All-Time Low in 1953/54 . . .	8	Pink Salmon Increase in California Waters . . .	18
Tuna Tagged by Clipper <u>Saratoga</u> (Cruise C-1-54)	9	Shrimp Production for South Atlantic and Gulf States, 1953	18
Long-Line Albacore Tuna Fishing in Eastern North Pacific Disappointing (<u>N. B. Scofield</u> , Cruise 54-S-1 and 2)	9	South Atlantic Fisheries Trends, 1953:	
Abalone Investigations in Channel Islands by <u>Yellowfin</u> (Cruise 54-Y-3)	10	North Carolina	19
Cans--Shipments for Fishery Products, January-February 1954	11	South Carolina	20
Federal Purchases of Fishery Products	11	Georgia	21
Fishery Products Marketing Prospects, April-June 1954	12	Wholesale Prices, April 1954	22
Florida:		U. S. Foreign Trade in Edible Fishery Products . .	23
Fisheries Trends, 1953	13	FOREIGN:	24
Gear Research and Development:		International:	
Underwater Listening Tests for Shrimp	14	Foreign Trade:	
Gulf Exploratory Fishery Program:		Canadian-United States Economic Committee	
Red Shrimp Grounds Discovered in Gulf by <u>Oregon</u> (Cruise 22)	14	Advocates Extended Trade	24
North Atlantic Fishery Investigations:		Developments in International Law of Interest to Fishery Industries	25
Increase Predicted in 1954 Haddock Catch on Georges Bank	15	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization:	
North Pacific Exploratory Fishery Program:		Fisheries Technical Aid, 1953	35
Otter-Trawling Tests in Prince William Sound by <u>John N. Cobb</u> Show Poor Results (Cruise 18)	16	Whaling:	
Pacific Oceanic Fisheries Investigations:		Antarctic Season Catch, 1953/54	37
Tuna and Live Bait Plentiful Near Marquesas Islands-- <u>Charles H. Gilbert</u> (Cruise 15)	16	Pacific Science Association:	
		Eighth Pacific Science Congress Held in the Philippines	39
		Trade Agreements:	
		Italo-Soviet Agreement Protocol for 1953/54	
		Includes some Fishery Products	39
		Greek-Norwegian Agreement Includes Fish . .	39

CONTENTS, CONTINUED

	Page		Page
FOREIGN (Contd.):		FOREIGN (Contd.):	
Australia:		New Zealand:	
Canned Salmon from Dollar Area Sources	40	Quality and Marketing Regulations Adopted for	
Barbados Island (British West Indies):		Spiny Lobster Tails	50
Status of the Fisheries	40	Import Licenses for Russian and Japanese Canned	
Ceylon:		Fish	51
Fish Plant	41	Norway:	
Canada:		Lofoten 1954 Cod Fisheries Lowest Since 1929 . .	51
Fraser River 1953 Sockeye Salmon Run Largest		Views on Failure of Lofoten Cod Fisheries	52
Since 1917	41	Combined Winter Herring Fishery, 1954	53
Colombia:		Winter Herring Fishermen Make Record Earnings	53
Fishery Trends, 1953	42	Spring Herring Season Successful	53
Cuba:		Fish Meal and Oil Production, 1953	53
New Fish Processing Terminal	42	Canned Fish Exports, 1953	53
Denmark:		Spain:	
Fish-Meal Exports Higher in 1953	42	New Fish Cannery	54
Government Loans for Fisheries	43	Vigo Fish Canning Trends, February 1954	54
Ecuador:		Surinam:	
U. S. Interests Organize Fishery Firm	43	Shrimp Fishery	54
Egypt:		Thailand:	
Fish and Shrimp Again Under Price Controls . . .	43	Bull-Trawling Tests	55
Iceland:		United Kingdom:	
Frozen Fillets to Russia	43	Electronic Fishing Method Described	57
Fish Production, 1953	44	Freezing-Fish-At-Sea Needed to Fully Utilize	
Fisheries Outlook for 1954 is Favorable	44	Distant-Water Fisheries	58
India:		Deep-Water Trawlers Continue Full-Time Fishing	59
Renegotiation of Canned Fish Tariff Rates in		Government Loans to Inshore Fishermen for Gear	59
GATT Requested	44	Venezuela:	
Indonesia:		New Fish Meal and Oil Plant	59
Motorized Fishing Vessels	45	FEDERAL ACTIONS:	61
Iran:		Department of Defense:	
Survey of the Fisheries	45	Corps of Engineers:	
Japan:		Proposed Schedule of License Fees Revised . . .	61
Frozen Tuna Exports, 1953	46	Federal Trade Commission:	
Freight Rates Increased on Frozen Tuna Shipped		Alaska Salmon Industry Consent Settlement	
from Japan to U. S.	46	Released	62
Crab Expedition to Bristol Bay	47	Office of Defense Mobilization:	
King Crab Fishing Commences off Kuriles	47	Transportation Expansion Goal Time Limits	
Salmon Expeditions May Increase in 1954	47	Extended	62
Canned Sardine Production, 1953	47	Tariff Commission:	
Republic of Korea:		Groundfish Fillet Escape Action goes to President	63
Canada Donates Second Cod Shipment to Korean		Eighty-Third Congress (Second Session), May 1954 .	63
Aid Program	48	FISHERY INDICATORS:	65
Mexico:		Chart 1 - Fishery Landings for Selected States . . .	65
More Severe Penalties for Territorial Waters		Chart 2 - Landings for Selected Fisheries	66
Violations May be Proposed	48	Chart 3 - Cold-Storage Holdings and Freezings of	
Abandoned Shrimp Ground Produces Again	49	Fishery Products	67
Guaymas Shrimp Fishery Trends	49	Chart 4 - Receipts and Cold-Storage Holdings of	
New West Coast Shrimp Season Announced	49	Fishery Products at Principal Distribution Centers	68
Spiny Lobster Fishing Season Changed	49	Chart 5 - Fish Meal and Oil Production - U. S. and	
Spiny Lobster Export Subsidies Extended	50	Alaska	68
Export Surtax Charges for Certain Fishery		Chart 6 - Canned Packs of Selected Fishery Prod-	
Products Amended	50	ucts	69
Netherlands:		Chart 7 - U. S. Fishery Products Imports	70
Antarctic 1953/54 Season Whale Oil Sold	50	RECENT FISHERY PUBLICATIONS:	71
		Fish and Wildlife Service Publications	71
		Miscellaneous Publications	72

