

NMFS Scientific Publications and How to Obtain Them

- The National Marine Fisheries Service Scientific Publications Staff issues three periodicals and five series of publications that appear irregularly.

- The periodicals are *Fishery Bulletin*, *Marine Fisheries Abstracts*, and *Marine Fisheries Review*.

Fishery Bulletin is now in its 71st volume, making it one of the older American scientific publications. After years of appearing irregularly, it became a quarterly in January, 1972. Scientific Editor is Reuben Lasker, physiologist, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Center, La Jolla. Managing Editor is Kiyoshi G. Fukano. The average number contains about 20 scientific papers and is about 250 pages long. *Fishery Bulletin* is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Price: \$8.00 a year (\$2.00 more for foreign mailing); single issue, \$2.25.

Marine Fisheries Abstracts, a monthly, contains abstracts and digests from published articles relevant to all aspects of marine fisheries. Over 700 scientific journals are regularly monitored for material. About 1600 abstracts are printed a year. Editor is Frank T. Piskur, Associate Editor, Samuel Waterman. It is available from the Superintendent of Documents. Price: \$6.50 a year (\$1.75 more for foreign mailing); single issue, \$0.65.

Marine Fisheries Review, a monthly, presents recent developments in the fisheries and fisheries research, with emphasis on the activities of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Editor is Thomas A. Manar. It is avail-

able from the Superintendent of Documents. Price, \$12.50 a year (\$3.25 additional for foreign mailing); single issue, \$1.25.

- The series issued irregularly are *NOAA Technical Report NMFS SSRF*, *NOAA Technical Report NMFS CIRC*, *NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS*, *Data Report*, and *Fishery Facts*.

NOAA Technical Report NMFS SSRF and *NOAA Technical Report NMFS CIRC* are continuations of two previously established series, the *Special Scientific Report—Fisheries* (since 1949, almost 700 numbers have been issued) and the *Circular* (since 1941, almost 400 numbers have been issued). The publications are sold by the Superintendent of Documents. Of varying length, they are individually priced. Their publication is noted in *Marine Fisheries Review* and in *Business Service Checklist*, which is issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce, a weekly publication costing \$5.50 a year and available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, FCAT Br., Rm. 6880, Washington DC 20230.

NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS consists of reports of primarily local interest. They are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22151. Their publication is noted in *Marine Fisheries Review*, NTIS's *Government Reports Announcement* and *Government Reports Index*. Prices vary according to length.

Data Report is a series that contains oceanographic and biological data. The reports appear in two forms: as microfiche and in hard-copy (full-size). Both are available from NTIS. They are individually priced. Their appearance is noted in *Marine Fisheries Review* and the two NTIS publications mentioned above.

Fishery Facts, a new series, appears irregularly. Each number deals with a single fishery or a single aspect of a fishery. The publications are available from the Superintendent of Documents. Prices vary according to length. Their publication is noted in *Marine Fisheries Review* and *Business Service Checklist*.

- Lists and indexes of these publications have been issued (or shortly will be) covering the years from 1920 to 1972. *Fishery Bulletin* contains an article, title, and subject index in the last (October) number each year. The December number of *Marine Fisheries Review* will carry a similar index. The other series are listed and indexed in: *Fishery Publication Index, 1920-54*, Circular 36, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1955, and *Fishery Publication Index, 1955-64*, Circular 296, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1969, and—for the years 1965 through 1972—in a series of *NOAA Technical Report NMFS CIRC*'s issued by the NMFS Scientific Publications Staff, Seattle, Wash.

- Back copies of NMFS scientific publications are often difficult to obtain, for editions are small and often go rapidly out of print. The Technical Information Division, Environmental Science Information Center, NOAA, Washington, DC 20235 is the official distributor of such publications and requests for back copies should be addressed there.

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