

FISHERY BYPRODUCTS

Oil and Meal

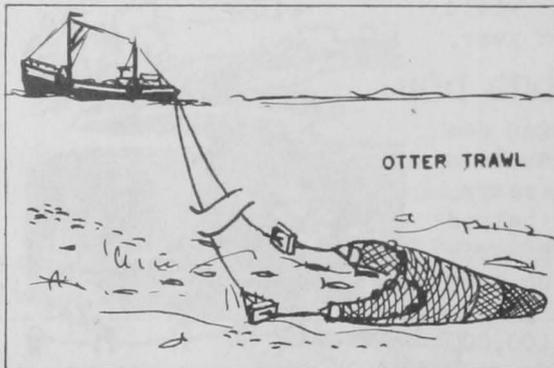
PRODUCTION: The United States production of fish oils during July totaled 3,464,662 gallons, an increase of 42 percent compared with the production during July 1945. This brought the total for the first 7 months of 1946 to 6,112,337 gallons compared with 5,361,811 gallons during the corresponding period of 1945, according to the Service's Current Fishery Statistics No. 290.

An output of 29,146 tons of meal was reported for July from items which normally account for about 94 percent of the total production. This was 26 percent above July 1945. The 7-month total--70,384 tons--was 2 percent below these months in 1945.



GROUND FISH

Groundfish is the term applied to many kinds of fishes that live on or near the bottom. They are the object of a special fishery, are caught mostly with otter trawls and with line trawls and sink gill nets. Taken together, they are the most important marine resource of New England, and the third most productive and valuable in the United States. The principal groundfishes are haddock, rosefish, flounder, cod, whiting, pollock, and hake. The fishery yields a catch of 500 to 600 million pounds annually, worth about 25 million dollars to fishermen.



This country is but one of a number of nations drawing from the North Atlantic groundfish resource. Fishermen of Canada, Newfoundland, France, Portugal, and Spain, collectively, take even more than the United States catch.