

# RECENT FISHERY PUBLICATIONS

Listed below are informational publications which recently have been processed by the Division of Commercial Fisheries. FL publications are available, free of charge, from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill. Other listed publications may be obtained, also free of charge, from the Division of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

Number	Title
CFS-242	- Fish Meal and Oil, November 1945
CFS-249	- Vitamin A Report, November 1945
CFS-251	- Fish Meal and Oil, December 1945
CFS-252	- Frozen Fish, February 1946
CFS-257	- Frozen Fish, March 1946
FL-177	- Progress Report on Tests in Commercial Fisheries of Cordages Made from Various Fibers
FL-178	- Partial List of Fishing Boat Builders
FL-181	- Fish Can Be Stored in Refrigerated Lockers with Other Foods
MDL-1 (Revised)	- Partial List of Producers and Distributors of Frozen Packaged Fishery Products
MDL-5 (Revised)	- Georgia Frozen Food Locker Plants
MDL-13 (Revised)	- New York State Frozen Food Locker Association

Designations for fishery publications are interpreted as follows:

CFS - Current fishery statistics of the United States and Alaska.

SL - Statistical lists, consisting of lists of dealers of fishery products and manufacturers of byproducts.

FL - Fishery leaflets.

MDL - Market development lists of frozen food locker plants and locker associations.



## THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SOFT CRAB INDUSTRY

During June, a visitor to New York's Fulton Market, Philadelphia's Dock Street Market, or Baltimore's Public Market will observe hundreds of boxes of soft-shell crabs being sold daily, because, while the soft crab season extends from April to November, it is usually during this month, climaxing about the Fourth of July, that soft-shell crabs are most popular as a seafood and command the highest prices. The soft crab that the visitor sees sold in these and other seafood markets is the blue crab, Callinectes sapidus, which, while known from Cape Cod to Texas, is especially important in the Chesapeake Bay area on the Atlantic Coast, where a large industry is conducted in the catching and marketing of this delicious crustacean.



Fishery Leaflet 184, issued by the Fish and Wildlife Service, discusses the history and development of the blue crab industry in the Chesapeake Bay area. It also describes the preferred methods and types of gear used in crab fishing. This leaflet is available, free of charge, from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Illinois.