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There is no possibility of getting extra gasoline rations for sport fishermen, Harold L. Ickes, Coordinator of Fisheries, reported today, but he said that "We still think it's a good idea for them to fish when they can and where they can without extra gasoline".

Gasoline for fishing trips won't be available, the Coordinator said, no matter how productive of food sport fishing might be. He advised trying hooks near home.

Although it will be difficult for many fishermen to get to their favorite spots this year, those who can do so ought to be well rewarded, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, added. Normally, he added, millions of Americans fish for sport some time during the year. Now, a good many of them are in the armed services, working extra long hours at defense work, or can't get transportation. With this lessened competition, he said, such catches as there are may be larger than normal.