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United States fishermen last year received more for their catch of fish, shellfish, and crustaceans than ever before in the long history of their industry. Although there were fewer fishermen at work because of the war and production was below the peacetime normal, the fishermen received an estimated \$180,000,000, according to a report to Coordinator of Fisheries Harold L. Ickes.

In 1939 the production of U.S. and Alaska fisheries amounted to 4,443,328,000 pounds for which the fishermen received \$96,532,000. In 1941, when production reached 5,000,000,000 - a record for U. S. fisheries - the fishermen got \$134,000,000 in return. Last year production was about 4,000,000,000 pounds.