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#### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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A new office for the dissemination of daily market information on supplies and shipments of fish and fishery products will be opened about August 1 in San Pedro, California, Charles E. Jackson, Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, announced today.

The office will issue daily bulletins and monthly summaries on landings, cold storage holdings, processing, and shipments of fish to aid the industry in distributing and marketing its products more efficiently.

The Fish and Wildlife Service now operates similar Market News Offices in Boston, New York, Jacksonville, New Orleans, Chicago, and Seattle, Mr. Jackson said, but up to now has had no coverage for the large fisheries of the southern Pacific coast, although more than a fourth of the total United States fishery production is landed at California ports.

The three principal fisheries of the area--pilchard or Pacific sardine, tuna, and mackerel--support large canning and byproducts industries, and the bulletins of the San Pedro office will report the production of canned fish, meal, and oil in addition to covering the landings of fish. The office will also report receipts of fish livers for the production of vitamin A, and will publish data on imports of fish and vitamin A livers into the local area from Mexico.

While early reports will deal chiefly with the major fisheries, it is expected that coverage will be extended later to the smaller fisheries for miscellaneous market species.

Harry Hinkle will be in immediate charge of the market news office, under the general supervision of C. B. Tendick, who also supervises the collection of general statistics for the Fish and Wildlife Service in the California area.

The Market News Office will be located in the Post Office building, San Pedro. Persons who wish to receive the bulletins should address a request to that office.

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