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Landings of tuna at California ports during the first half of 1945 were nearly 20 per cent higher than for the same period in 1944, the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries reported today.

Tuna landings totaled 63,467,456 pounds for the first six months of 1945. In the like period of 1944 landings were 52,948,535.

Landings in June of 21,804,917 pounds were almost twice as large as landings in June 1944.

The tuna pack for the first half of the year totaled 1,367,066 standard cases. By varieties the pack was as follows: albacore, 1,448 cases; bonito, 1,921; bluefin, 132,096; striped, 82,253; yellowfin, 748,112; yellowtail, 979; flakes, 398,239; tonno style, 2,018.

Mackerel landings were down for the period from 7,867,925 pounds for the first half of 1944, to 5,952,075. The pack as of the end of June had reached 61,050 standard cases.

The larger pack of tuna is good news for housewives since most tuna now goes to civilians. While the armed services purchase tuna, particularly for use at hospitals where the delicately flavored fish is popular, it is the only major type of canned fish of which no arbitrary amount is set aside for government purchase.

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