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1ST OF QUARTERLY FISHERY OUTLOOK
REPORTS PREDICTS "LESS ACTIVE MARKET"

A "less active market" for fresh and frozen fishery products, and a slight decline in prices, is forecast in the Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, April-June 1949, Fishery Leaflet 336, published today by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The drop in prices of fishery products "will not be sharp, and will be most marked early in the quarter," according to the leaflet. "Thereafter, despite increasing catches, prices should recover somewhat."

The leaflet is the first of a series of quarterly market outlook reports to be compiled by economist Ralph Russell, of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries. Service data on fishing industry activities, material from other Government agencies, opinions of trade members, and information from varied domestic and foreign periodicals are summarized in the marketing outlook report.

In forecasting a less active fishery market for April-June, Mr. Russell listed these contributing factors: the ending of the Lenten season, heavier landings of fish, the high level of frozen fillet importations, and changes in the volume of cold storage holdings of frozen fish and shellfish.

He also predicted that export markets for practically all fishery products "will remain stagnant," and that the byproducts markets will show "a mixed character, with demand for fish oils weak and supply liberal, while markets for fish meal will be more active."

The marketing outlook report also discusses the general business situation, conditions in the food industry, recent trends in the fishing industry, and specific fishery marketing situations.

Copies of the Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, April-June 1949, Fishery Leaflet 336, and future outlook reports, can be obtained from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C., free of charge.

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