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POSSIBILITY OF FIFTH RECORD BREAKING TUNA PACK SEEN

If the present rate of fishing is maintained, this year's tuna pack may break the record -- as did the tuna packs for the past four years -- the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior reported today.

For the first eight months of the fishing season the California tuna pack was 100,000 cases above that of last year's pack at the same time. The tuna pack of the Pacific Northwest, however, is below last year's. That deficit may be made up, in part, by the importation of tuna from Latin America and Japan -- which is canned in Oregon.

The \$112,612,296 tuna pack for 1948 was 7,037,758 cases. This was nearly 1,100,000 cases above the total pack for 1947. The average for the four years from 1935 to 1939 -- a prewar period -- was about 3,000,000 cases.

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