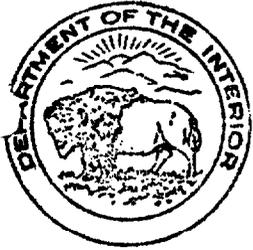


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FISH MARKETING CONDITIONS FORECAST IN OUTLOOK REPORT

A fairly steady market for most edible fishery commodities, with less active markets for by-products is forecast for the remainder of 1951 in the quarterly outlook report released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Branch of Commercial Fisheries.

Special attention is called in the report to unusually large supplies of whiting and ocean perch fillets currently in cold storage warehouses. Shrimp stocks are also abnormally big, though less than a year earlier.

In lower supply than a year ago, are cod fillets, halibut, and frozen salmon stocks. Because of these supply conditions and other factors, the whiting market is expected to be dull, ocean perch market slow, while shrimp markets will be fairly steady. Strong markets are forecast for croakers, mackerel, sablefish or black cod, and canned salmon. Firm markets are indicated for swordfish, canned herring, clams, canned crabs, and oysters.

For a large number of fishery commodities, among them haddock, sardines, and scallops, a steady or fairly steady market will prevail. However, an unsettled market will probably occur for salt herring, canned tuna, and canned mackerel, with slow and dull markets for rockfishes, whiting, and canned shrimp.

Among by-products, markets for fish meal show unsettled signs, while fish oils and fish liver oils will remain in poor demand.

The outlook report cites specific business conditions and marketing situations in the fishing industry as well as more general phases. Examples of subjects discussed are—general economic conditions, food industry conditions and prices, and international trade in fishery products. Greatest part of the publication, which has 23 pages combined with more than 30 chart illustrations, deals with marketing aspects of individual fishery products arranged by principal types.

Prepared by economist Ralph Russell of the Branch of Commercial Fisheries, the forecast is eleventh in the quarterly outlook report series.

Copies of the Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, October-December 1951, Fishery Leaflet 336j, are obtainable from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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