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DFA ACTIONS CUT WORK STOPPAGE IN FISHING INDUSTRY

Production stoppages within the fishery industry due to material shortages were virtually nonexistent during fiscal year 1952 because of actions taken by the Defense Fisheries Administration in fulfilling its claimant agency functions, Administrator Albert M. Day stated in the DFA annual report which was released today.

In discharging its responsibility for assuring an adequate supply of fish and fishery products for the Nation during fiscal year 1952, Mr. Day said that DFA centered its efforts upon anticipating the industry's emergency material, manpower, and production needs in order to correct the causes of potential problems before actual work stoppages occurred.

Administrator Day itemized a number of the most important actions taken by DFA during fiscal year 1952 as follows: 82 cases of spot assistance for obtaining materials, supplies or equipment; 8 actions on formal requests for certificates of necessity; 4 actions on formal requests for Government loans; 22 actions on requests for information on criteria regarding Government loans; 63 actions on requests for aid in deferment of draft registrants; 43 actions on requests from OPS for data and analyses to be used in connection with price ceilings; 39 cases of assistance in wage and labor disputes; and 24 studies of proposed military restricted areas in localities of interest to the fisheries.

During the year DFA held membership on 14 commodity and equipment requirements committees of the National Production Authority at meetings of which the fishery industry's viewpoints were presented and its essential requirements for materials and equipment were justified.

Several reorganizations of DFA took place during the year, each of which resulted in economies of operation.

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