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MARKETING OUTLOOK FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS TOLD

A good market for edible fishery products is predicted for the first quarter of 1954 in a report titled Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, January-March 1954, issued today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

Firm or steady markets for most canned fishery products, a steady market for smoked fishery products, and mixed markets for fresh and frozen items are forecast.

A strong market is seen for swordfish, lake trout, spiny lobster, and croaker.

An active market for canned salmon is predicted.

Firm or fairly firm markets are forecast for haddock, halibut, pollock, red snapper, sablefish, fresh salmon, whitefish, lobsters, fresh oysters, canned mackerel, canned sardines, and canned shrimp.

A steady market is seen for bluefish, cod, flounder, sole, ocean perch, sea bass, sea trout, fresh clams, canned anchovies, canned tuna, canned oysters, salt herring, and mild-cured salmon.

Fairly steady markets are predicted for butterfish, mackerel, scup, smelt, whiting, buffalo fish, carp, catfish, lake herring, sheepshead, yellow pike, fresh shrimp, canned herring, fresh crab meat, and canned crab meat.

An unsettled market is anticipated for mullet, with a dull market for scallops and a weak market for rockfishes.

The importation of frozen fish will be at a lower rate than during the first quarter of 1953, according to the report. Imports of shellfish and canned fish, on the other hand, will be at a slightly higher level.

Exports of edible fishery products are expected to continue at a low level, although an active export market for fish oils is anticipated.

The over-all stocks of frozen fish, canned fish, and byproducts will decline, according to the report, since production in the fisheries is at a seasonal low.

Copies of the report, designated as Fishery Leaflet 336s, are available without charge from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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