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REPORT SUMMARIZES 1954 FISHERY ACTIVITIES

Of the 4,700,000,000 pounds of fish and shellfish caught by domestic fishermen last year, 1,971,000,000 pounds (round weight) were used in the manufacture of byproducts, to top all other uses, according to a report titled Fisheries of the United States and Alaska, 1954, issued recently by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Fish meal and fish oil were the chief byproducts. In addition to the fish used entirely for byproduct manufacture, 653,000,000 pounds of fish waste went into the production of meal and oil.

Fish and shellfish used for canning came to 1,121,000,000 round pounds, according to the report.

Items marketed fresh came to 695,000,000 pounds, followed by: fish used for filleting, 547,000,000 pounds; frozen fish and shellfish (other than fillets), 281,000,000 pounds; and fish and shellfish used for curing, 85,000,000 pounds.

A flow chart in the 30-page report brings the above uses into focus, along with the marketed weights for the different types of products.

The chief subjects covered in the report are: catch; craft, employment, and shore establishments; manufactured fishery products; per capita consumption; value of industry and capital investments; price indexes; military purchases; foreign trade; supplies of certain fishery products; and world fisheries.

Copies of the report, designated as Fishery Leaflet 393, may be obtained without charge from the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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