

The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries says California leads all States in value of total fish landed, followed by Alaska, Massachusetts, Florida, and Texas. These five States normally account for more than 50 percent of the total value of the U. S. catch.

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Second Printing of "Waterfowl Tomorrow"

Washington, D. C. A reprinting of 15,000 copies of "Waterfowl Tomorrow" has been ordered by the Superintendent of Documents. An initial supply of 10,000 has been sold. Three thousand copies of the Department of the Interior publication also were sent to the Queen's Printer in Canada for resale.

Reviews of "Waterfowl Tomorrow" have been most favorable throughout the United States and Canada. The book was prepared under auspices of the Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service. It sells for \$4 per copy, and is available only from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

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Oyster Catch Declines Again

Washington, D. C. The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries reports that the 1963 oyster catch reached a new low--55.6 million pounds. The Gulf area established a record high catch for that area of 23 million pounds, 63 percent greater than the 1950-62 average. However, the Chesapeake catch of 18 million pounds was only a little over one-half the average for the past 25 years.

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Tuna Becomes More Important on Atlantic Coast

Washington, D. C. The Department of the Interior says commercial tuna fishing came of age in New England waters in 1962 when purse seiners took over 7 million pounds. Landings on the Atlantic coast in 1963 nearly doubled the 1962 figure, and accounted for 4 percent of the total United States tuna catch.

Rare Waterfowl Sighted in Maryland

Cambridge, Md. A barnacle goose, a European salt-water species, seldom seen in this country was observed recently at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, operated by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. The maritime goose was with a large flock of Canada geese and was spotted by Theodore Hake, a member of the Audubon Society from York, Pa., and Wallace Stewart of the refuge staff. The barnacle goose is native to Europe, and is sighted only as an occasional "straggler" in North America.

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