



### Most of U. S. Fish Catch is Taken in Five-Month Period

Washington, D.C.: The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries says that about two-thirds of the total United States catch of fish is taken during the period from May to September.

Bureau statistics show July is the peak month for taking foodfish and June the top month for catching industrial fish such as menhaden, which is used for fishmeal, oil, and fertilizer, as well as other industrial purposes.

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### Rare Mexican Ducks Released on Refuge in New Mexico

San Antonio, N. Mex.: Twenty-three Mexican ducks reared by foster mothers at the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico have been wing-clipped and released into the wild on that refuge, says the Department of the Interior. This is part of a Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife program to restore the Mexican duck, one of the rarest birds in the United States.

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### Prolonged Drought is Hard on Fish, Too

Gloucester, Mass.: The Department of the Interior reports that another effect of the prolonged drought in the Northeastern United States is the movement of salt water much farther upstream in many estuaries.

Donald L. McKernan, Director of Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, said the upstream movement of ocean water is a hazard to the production of fish and shellfish which are spawned in the normally less salty water of the estuaries.

Director McKernan said the reduction in fresh water entering the estuaries from tributary streams also causes greater accumulation of domestic and industrial pollution.

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### Wandering Barnacle Goose Spotted on Alaskan Refuge

Cold Bay, Alaska: A single barnacle goose, a European species, was recently sighted with a flock of black brant on the Izembek National Wildlife Range in Alaska. Biologists of the Department of the Interior's

Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife were unable to account for the bird's presence so far from its native range. Unless the bird escaped from captivity, it had to cross one ocean and either North America or Asia to reach the refuge in Alaska.

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#### More Than 100 Countries Import Fishery Products From United States

Washington, D.C.: The Department of the Interior's Bureau of Commercial Fisheries reports a record high export of fishery products in 1964. Value of all fishery products exported was \$64 million, a 13 percent increase over 1963. In 1964, canned salmon replaced fish oil as the principal fishery product exported.

Bureau Director Donald L. McKernan said fishery products produced in the United States are marketed in more than 100 countries, with Great Britain, Canada, and Japan the market for more than half the exports.

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#### National Wildlife Refuge Receipts Increase

Washington, D.C.: Receipts from resource management programs on National Wildlife Refuges managed by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife totaled \$2,967,667 during 1964. This is an increase of 12 percent over the previous year's revenue. John S. Gottschalk, Bureau Director, said that improved management of timberlands and grazing areas accounted for 48 percent of the receipts, oil and gas leases accounted for 44 percent, and various other programs accounted for 8 percent.

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