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Those fishermen, whose incomes will be lowered by virtue of OPA's action in cutting fresh fish prices back to 1942 levels, were asked today to continue fishing to the limit of their abilities by Harold L. Ickes, Coordinator of Fisheries.

"We understand that nobody likes to take a cut in income," Coordinator Ickes said, "but even with reduced prices fishermen still will be comparatively much better off than in many recent years."

"The country needs all of the fish it can get to feed the armed services, civilians, and to send to allied nations as well," he said. "Any let-up in production now when the industry is entering its busiest season might cost the country millions of pounds of protein food we must have to win the war."

Not all fishermen's incomes will be affected by the price reductions but in some sections, such as New England, the fishermen work on the share system rather than for established piece or pound prices or for a regular wage. Where the share system is followed the fishermen, of course, receive a portion of the returns from the catch, the amount depending on the type of work performed, the size of the catch, and the price at which it is sold.

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