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Coordinator of Fisheries Harold L. Ickes today had some good news for housewives. They will be able to supply their families with more canned salmon this year than last.

Final reports of the season's operations in the great Bristol Bay salmon packing area of Alaska show a total of 1,293,389 cases—the biggest pack since 1933. Last year operations were curtailed because of war activity in the North Pacific and a lack of shipping. The 1942 pack was only 467,192 cases.

Bristol Bay lies north of the Alaska peninsula. It is the world's chief producer of red salmon although other species of salmon are canned there in small amounts.

Reports from other salmon producing areas of Alaska are also encouraging and the total pack for the Territory is expected to be substantially higher than last year.

Civilians will get only a portion of the salmon pack this year, as was the case last season. Fifty-five percent of the pack is set aside for government purchase. Since canned salmon is a highly nutritious food and is easily transported and stored it has proved valuable for Army use abroad and for lend-lease requirements.

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