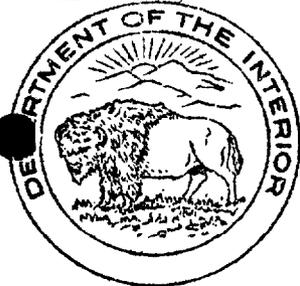


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Continuation of the large catches of tuna which have made the present season the best since 1940 in this important west coast fishery was reported today by the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries.

Landings of 17,917,000 pounds of tuna last month brought the season's total to 70,866,000 pounds to the end of July. The pack of canned tuna for the same period totaled 1,522,920 cases, compared with only 1,047,294 cases during the first seven months of 1943.

The good July catch was due in part to large runs of tuna which appeared off the Mexican coast, enabling many boats to make short trips of three weeks or less out of the southern California ports.

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