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The market for edible fishery products will be moderately active during the first three months of 1951, with prices in general fairly firm to stronger, according to the quarterly outlook report released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States Department of the Interior.

The report forecasts a high rate of business activity, with a heavy consumer demand upon a plentiful food supply. Markets for fishery byproducts are expected to be good, except those for fish-liver oils. Exports of fishery products are likely to continue at a low level while importations will probably be heavy. This quarter is the season of lowest production in the fisheries, but cold storage stocks are large.

Among products which are expected to be in ample supply are shrimp, haddock fillets, halibut, cod fillets, and swordfish, as well as canned tuna, sardines, and canned mackerel. Among commodities which are in somewhat short supply are whiting, rosefish (ocean perch) fillets, and sablefish or black cod.

The forecast was prepared by Ralph Russell, economist of the FWS Branch of Commercial Fisheries, and is the eighth in the series. It is based on data collected from a wide variety of sources—representing facts and opinions from authorities in the fishery industry and Government agencies. This report is written in shorter and more succinct form than the previous issues. It is organized so that the material on individual species and products is arranged according to the classifications of salt-water fish, shellfish, fresh-water fish, and byproducts.

Copies of the quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, January-March 1951, Fishery Leaflet 336g, can be obtained from the Division of Information, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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