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MARKETING OUTLOOK FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS TOLD

A fairly firm market for edible fishery products is predicted for the fourth quarter of 1953 according to an announcement today by John L. Farley, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

Steady or firm markets for most canned products are forecast in the "Quarterly Outlook for Marketing Fishery Products, October-December 1953".

Strong markets for swordfish, sablefish (or black cod), and croaker are predicted. Mackerel, fresh or frozen salmon, and whiting should have firm or fairly firm markets. The markets for halibut, butterfish, bluefish, scup (or porgy), sea trout, red snapper, and mullet are expected to be steady or fairly steady. Haddock, flounder, and sole markets are expected to be unsettled.

Canned product markets, according to the report, will be: active for salmon, firm for sardine and shrimp, steady for mackerel and oysters, fairly steady for tuna, and unsettled for herring and crab meat.

Shellfish markets will be: active for shrimp; firm for lobsters, spiny lobsters, and oysters; steady for clams and crabs; and unsettled for scallops.

The markets for fish meal, fish oils, and fish-liver oils are expected to be steady, dull, and weak, respectively.

Fresh-water fish markets will vary as follows: active for lake trout, fairly firm for whitefish and yellow pike, fairly steady for chubs, and unsettled for lake herring.

Of the cured fishery products, salt herring and mild-cured salmon are expected to have fairly steady markets.

Export markets are expected to decline somewhat in volume as compared with this period last year. Imports will be heavy but at a lower rate than in the corresponding period of 1952.

A seasonal decline in production of canned fishery products and fishery by-products is predicted. Stocks of frozen fish and cold storage shellfish are expected to increase during most of the quarter but holdings will be below those of the same period last year.

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