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STEADY MARKETS SEEN FOR FISHERY PRODUCTS

Markets for fishery products during this year's second quarter are expected to be generally steady with some weakness due to local oversupply, Director John L. Farley of the Fish and Wildlife Service revealed today.

Details on these markets, and on supply and demand, are found in a report titled Commercial Fisheries Outlook, April-June 1955, recently issued by the Service.

The market for salmon--fresh and frozen--is expected to be steady, according to the report. Supply will be light, and demand good. A firm market is seen for canned salmon, with light supply and good demand.

The market for canned sardines is expected to be steady, with supply moderate and demand good.

A firm market is seen for canned shrimp, with a light-to-moderate supply and a good demand. Fresh and frozen shrimp are expected to have fairly steady markets, moderate supplies, and good demands.

Steady markets are seen for the three leading groundfish species: cod, haddock, and ocean perch. Cod and haddock are expected to show liberal supplies, while the supply of ocean perch will be moderate-to-liberal, according to the report. Good demands are seen for cod and ocean perch, while haddock will have a moderate-to-improving demand.

Fish sticks, the popular new breaded item, will have a fairly steady market, a liberal supply, and a good demand.

A firm market is seen for swordfish, with supply moderate-to-liberal and demand good.

The market for canned tuna is expected to be unsettled, with liberal supply and a moderate demand.

Firm markets are seen for fresh crabs, fresh crabmeat, northern lobsters, spiny lobsters, and scallops. Fresh crabs and fresh crabmeat will have light-to-moderate supplies and good demands. The supply of northern lobsters will be moderate-to-liberal, with demand good. Spiny lobsters will show a moderate supply and a good demand. Moderate-to-liberal supply is seen for scallops, and a good demand.

Steady markets are seen for fresh-shucked and canned oysters and for fresh clams. Supply for fresh-shucked oysters will be very light and demand will be light. Both supply and demand for canned oysters will be moderate. Fresh clams will show a moderate supply and a good demand.

Fish meal and fish oil are expected to show firm markets throughout the quarter. For both, according to the report, supply will be moderate and demand good. A steady market is seen for fish solubles, with supply and demand both moderate.

Copies of the report, designated as Fishery Leaflet 336x, may be obtained without charge from the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.

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