



2. An open season from January first of each year, terminating on a date, to be determined by the Tuna Commission's Director of Investigations, on which it is deemed the annual catch limit will be reached. This will be based on the aggregate weight of yellowfin tuna landings reported since the opening of the season and the estimated additional quantities expected to be taken by the vessels of all nations in the regulatory area;

3. Permission for fishermen to land not more than 15 percent by weight of yellowfin among its other tuna catch on each fishing trip after the yellowfin tuna fishing season is closed;

4. Annual registration and clearance for each fishing trip, in conformity with the regulations, of all vessels wishing to operate in the yellowfin tuna fishery in the regulatory area; and,

5. Provisions for requiring an accurate log of pertinent fishing operations, for reporting by radio once a week during voyages, and for reporting the delivery or sale of a catch of tuna.

Exempted are authorized research fishing vessels, common carrier vessels, those less than 10 gross tons, and those engaged in sport fishing.

These proposed regulations will apply only to persons and vessels subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, and will become operative when all other nations fishing in the regulatory area for species covered under the Convention also comply with the recommendations made by the Tuna Commission in May 1962 for yellowfin tuna conservation. The Government of Costa Rica has invited representatives of all such nations to meet at San Jose, Costa Rica, on November 7 and 8, 1962, to set the date when these measures can be put into effect.

Since some of the countries are not parties to the Convention, the conservation objectives depend on international cooperative efforts to implement the Commission's recommendations, Acting Secretary Carr said. To encourage effective cooperation, the regulations also provide for restriction of all imports of yellowfin tuna taken from the regulatory area from any country which does not comply with conservation measures recommended by the Tuna Commission. In the case of continued abuses, the offending country could be banned from selling in the United States any species of tuna under investigation by the Commission and taken from the regulatory area.

Interested persons are invited to participate in the rule-making process by submitting written data, views, or arguments, to the Area Director, California Area, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 101 Seaside Avenue, Terminal Island, California, within 30 days from the date of publication of the proposed regulations in the Federal Register.

Acting Secretary Carr also announced that a public hearing will be held beginning at 9:30 a.m. November 19, 1962, at the United Portugese Club, 2818 Addison Street, San Diego 6, Calif., where views may be presented orally before final regulations are adopted.

Copies of the Notice of Proposed Rule Making may be obtained from the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., and from the California Area Director at Terminal Island, California.

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