

TABLE 9
LIVE BAIT USED BY SPORT FISHERMEN

	<i>Tons</i>	
	<i>1939</i> <i>(26 Boats)</i>	<i>1940</i> <i>(30 Boats)</i>
Sardines -----	573.4	335.9
Anchovies -----	1503.2	2006.0
Smelt -----	3.0	5.7
Kingfish -----	9.4	6.5
Queenfish -----	37.6	35.0
Total -----	2126.6	2389.1

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In the table are shown the tons of live bait recorded in 1939 and 1940. It has not yet been possible to obtain complete records from all the boats. However, the figures in this table represent about 80 per cent of the live bait taken for sport fishing. As mentioned previously almost all the live bait taken is either sardines or anchovies. For the 1939 and 1940 seasons, the table indicates that the catch of anchovies far exceeded that of sardines, in spite of the fact that sardines are usually preferred when both species are available. Collection of records over a series of years will give a measure of the relative abundance of anchovies and sardines and of the changes in this ratio which take place from year to year.

The table also shows that the total catch for 1940 was greater than for 1939. This was the result of a greater demand for bait and a larger number of boats operating. It does not indicate a greater abundance of bait, for the average total catch per boat was 3 per cent more in 1939 than in 1940. It is interesting to note that the larger total catch in 1940 resulted from an increase in the tonnage of anchovies whereas the catch of sardines decreased. The general opinion among the bait men was that in 1940 unusually large numbers of anchovies were present which offset any scarcity of other species, especially sardines.—*J. Alfred Aplin.*