

possible the harvesting and utilization of the many species of sole that dwell on the ocean floor.

2.10.2. Starry Flounder

Landings of starry flounder, *Platichthys stellatus*, since 1935 have averaged better than one-half million pounds. Small amounts in addition are landed and recorded as sole. At the retail level it is sold as fillet of sole. Before 1938 San Francisco produced nearly all the flounder of the State. Following this year the landings were more equally distributed between the north and central parts of the State, with Eureka and San

TABLE 10
REGIONAL LANDINGS
Flounder

Year	Eureka	San Francisco	Monterey	All other	Total pounds
1938.....	275,743	251,683	15,092	294	542,812
1939.....	242,197	478,092	16,295	2,727	739,311
1940.....	197,290	582,027	24,476	296	804,089
1941.....	281,421	302,632	16,058	1,466	601,577
1942.....	265,750	89,101	15,168	106	370,125
1943.....	311,135	160,003	14,279	19,982*	505,399
1944.....	197,334	130,767	34,775	3,644	366,520
1945.....	115,943	189,784	32,234	1,352	339,313
1946.....	247,526	210,887	49,391	1,644	509,448
1947.....	255,015	205,150	64,654	2,253	527,072

* 1943 Santa Barbara Region 18,043 pounds.

Sand Dab

Year	Eureka	San Francisco	Monterey	All other	Total pounds
1938.....	229,205	358,466	45,469	6,188	639,328
1939.....	219,305	512,689	84,025	5,185	821,204
1940.....	307,276	420,038	42,842	8,922	779,078
1941.....	170,694	228,200	36,361	7,229	442,484
1942.....	162,671	112,555	67,309	11,005	353,540
1943.....	280,395	143,862	75,023	6,058	505,338
1944.....	202,366	275,552	66,496	6,855	551,269
1945.....	145,104	325,038	111,577	6,637	588,356
1946.....	374,237	252,660	37,987	14,178	679,072
1947.....	364,293	261,357	51,003	24,750	701,403

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Francisco each averaging 47 percent of the landings and Monterey 5 percent. The yearly poundages for these ports have fluctuated widely, however. Very little flounder is landed elsewhere in California.

of the smaller flatfish the starry flounder is one of the more important in the catches of the sportsmen. Many an angler's day has been saved by a catch of flounder. In the bays of the central and northern portion of the State, it affords incidental sport to a large number of anglers whose efforts may be directed toward other species. It is taken from all the harbors and piers in Northern California as well as from boats.

In 1947 this species made up almost 2 percent of the trawler caught fish. It is more abundant in comparatively shallow water, and it is captured there with other bottom fish. A relatively minor amount of effort is expended directly for catching this species.