

3. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

During the license year, April 1, 1941, through March 31, 1942, 9,344 fishermen obtained commercial fishing licenses. Approximately one-half (49%) of these men were born in this country and most of the foreign born had become citizens or had taken out their first naturalization papers. Fourteen per cent of the fishermen were aliens, of which more than one-half were foreign-born Japanese who could not become citizens of this Country. As our figures represent the license year, the record for the 1941-1942 season includes both the alien and citizen Japanese who were fishing commercially before December 7, 1941. Fishing by aliens was halted during the last four months of the 1941-1942 license year.

In the following license year, 1942-1943, many new men entered our fisheries to partially offset the number of fishermen who joined the armed services and the aliens who were not permitted to continue fishing. Approximately 700 Japanese and 300 Italians were denied fishing privileges but the total number of fishermen decreased only 300. There was an increase of more than 800 in the total native born fishermen during this second license period.

TABLE 12
NATIVITY OF LICENSED FISHERMEN
LICENSE YEAR 1941-1942

	<i>Number of Fishermen</i>
United States -----	4,534
Italy -----	1,511
Jugoslavia -----	958
Japan -----	699
Norway -----	579
Portugal -----	375
Great Britain -----	109
Sweden -----	89
Finland -----	58
Spain -----	57
Greece -----	51
Denmark -----	50
Russia -----	44
Germany -----	42
Mexico -----	41
All others -----	147
 Total licensed fishermen -----	 9,344

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