TABLE 9

Value of Commercial Fish Landings and Shipments Into California During 1951

Species	Value	Species	Value
Yellowfin tuna	\$26,834,039 16,941,631 7,679,890 7,247,470 2,475,628 2,016,402 1,621,546 1,254,433	Pacific mackerel Rockfish Bluefin tuna Spiny lobster Yellowtail All others	932,148 654,851 604,352 561,703 445,269 3,551,453

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of the cleaning and the resulting weight loss. In such cases no adjustment is made in the tables for cleaning losses. The poundage shown is the aggregate of all weights given on the individual fish receipts.

An exception to this rule is made for catfish. This species is invariably delivered cleaned, and as the cleaning loss is 50 percent, the total poundage on the fish receipts is multiplied by two in the tables.

In the case of mollusks these are often purchased by number rather than by weight. Hence, appropriate average conversion factors have been developed by sampling to convert to round weight, or weight in the shell. The factors now in use are as follows:

Crab, market 2 pounds each
Abalone, red 50 pounds per dozen
Abalone, pink 35 pounds per dozen
Abalone, green 35 pounds per dozen

Clams, Mexican Pismo 8 pounds round weight per 1 pound cleaned weight

Clams, Washington 7 pounds per dozen Oyster, Eastern 30 pounds per hundred

Oyster, Pacific 50 pounds per hundred, or 8 pounds per cleaned gallon

One item covering a shipment of Japanese clams is given in cleaned weight because no conversion factor was available.

Many of the tables include fresh water species and species taken in inland waters. The poundages so taken are credited to the adjacent coastal region. Thus, mullet from the Salton Sea is in all tables credited to the San Diego region, while carp from Clear Lake is included in the totals for the Sacramento region. In these two instances the fish receipt record is supplemented by statistics supplied by the inland fisheries branch of the department, under whose jurisdiction much of the fishing is conducted.

Tables 7 to 31 inclusive pertain to the commercial fisheries. Inasmuch as there is a large poundage of fish taken by recreational fishermen, an estimate of this sport catch is shown in Table 32, and the amount of live bait used to obtain this catch is shown in Table 33. The addition of these two tables gives a closer approximation to the total yield of the species. Unfortunately, the estimated sport catch is recorded in numbers of fish rather than in weight of fish. Experience has shown that in the sport fishery only the number of fish taken can be obtained with sufficient accuracy. The amount of bait used is compiled from the daily bait records made out by those boats supplying the party fishing boats. These figures do not include the quantities of bait used by the regular commercial fleet.