

## 2. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

The commercial fishing license season in California is from April 1st of one year through March 31st of the following calendar year. There has been a slow and fairly consistent increase in the number of commercial fishermen over the past 10 seasons, which was very little affected by the war years. All Japanese fishermen and aliens of other nationalities were excluded for a few years but their places were taken by other fishermen and by 1946-1947 the total number of men licensed for commercial fishing reached an all-time high of 12,312. In 1945-1946, 46 United States born Japanese had returned to the industry and in 1946-1947 there were 172. In former years when there were larger groups of Orientals fishing a separate record of the American born Chinese was given in the citizenship classification. There were only 10 American born Chinese in 1945-1946 and 16 in 1946-1947. Citizens of the Philippine Islands appear as a separate group in the nativity records for the first time in 1945-1946. Prior to gaining their independence the Filipinos had been included with the United States group since it was the practice to credit dependents of the various nations to the motherland. The numbers of United States born and naturalized citizens are increasing and the number of aliens and fishermen with first naturalization papers only, are on the decline.

1937-1938	7,665
1938-1939	7,793
1939-1940	8,724
1940-1941	9,047
1941-1942	9,344
1942-1943	9,043
1943-1944	11,804
1944-1945	10,871
1945-1946	11,747
1946-1947	12,312

TABLE 19  
NATIVITY OF LICENSED FISHERMEN  
License Year 1945-1946

	<i>Number of fishermen</i>
United States.....	7,695
Italy.....	1,411
Jugoslavia.....	809
Norway.....	454
Portugal.....	371
Great Britain.....	230
Sweden.....	101
Mexico.....	77
Spain.....	67
Denmark.....	62
Finland.....	60
Germany.....	57
Russia.....	53
Greece.....	49
Philippine Islands.....	42
Austria.....	40
All others.....	169
Total licensed fishermen.....	11,747

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