

FOREWORD

The statistics presented here provide information on the amount and value of commercial food fish landings in the State of Oregon. This information is frequently requested by various government, industry, or private user groups for resource management, marketing, land use planning, or other needs. We have not attempted to explain management objectives, harvest methods, or trends in the commercial fisheries.

The joint efforts of many persons were required to record, process, and review this material. The origin and flow of landing data starts with the commercial fishing industry: specifically the recording of landing information by wholesale fish and bait dealers as well as limited fish sellers. Many Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel assisted in the processing of the recorded data. Data processing specialists prepared landing records for data entry and monitored the timeliness and accuracy of the records, computer programmers developed and maintained the processing programs, data entry personnel entered the record information on the computer data base, and Department management and port biologists helped review the accuracy of the reported information.

Through the years the knowledge, expertise, and highly conscientious efforts of the Department staff have played a large part in insuring that the Oregon commercial fisheries data base is one of the most accurate and timely data bases (with respect to preliminary information) on the Pacific coast. The efforts of all are greatly appreciated.