

TABLE 2
Total Annual Landings of Rockfish Along the Pacific Coast of North America Exclusive of Mexico
 (Figures in thousands of pounds)

Year	California	Washington and Oregon	British Columbia and Alaska	Total Coast
1936.....	4,604	644	350	5,598
1937.....	4,291	625	199	5,115
1938.....	3,637	733	696	5,066
1939.....	3,333	722	297	4,352
1940.....	3,571	1,287	348	5,206
1941.....	3,406	2,428	575	6,409
1942.....	1,423	3,559	683	5,665
1943.....	2,762	12,307	2,462	17,531
1944.....	6,422	20,792	3,928	31,142
1945.....	13,286	42,607	4,554	60,447
1946.....	11,161	23,315	3,494	37,970
1947.....	8,499	13,318	830	22,647
1948.....	6,541	15,414	1,245	23,200
1949.....	6,068	17,704	1,573	25,345
1950.....	8,116	18,304	678	27,098
1951.....	10,992	16,013	946	27,951
1952.....	10,720	20,220	921	31,861
1953.....	12,228	12,047	457	24,732
1954.....	12,640	19,513	519	32,672
1955.....	12,682	13,141	494	26,317
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Success of the Oregon and Washington fishery has been due to the development of a market for a rockfish called Pacific ocean perch, *Sebastes alutus*. Steady utilization of this species began in 1945 and has, in recent years, comprised about 40 percent (6 to 7 million pounds) of the annual Pacific Northwest rockfish catch. Pacific ocean perch are not found in quantity off California. In 1955 only 60,000 pounds were landed, principally in the Eureka region. This amounted to about one-half of one percent of the total statewide rockfish catch.

This increase in the Northwest followed a sensational rise in the catch of a similar fish, *Sebastes marinus*, that abounds in the north Atlantic ocean. This species was called redfish or rosefish until 1951 when the "trade" was permitted to market it as ocean perch, a more acceptable name. The annual landings of this rockfish were of minor importance until the mid-thirties when a market for frozen fillets was developed. Concomitant with a decline in the haddock catch, ocean perch landings increased rapidly from about 118,000 pounds in 1930, to 17,000,000 in 1935, and then to a peak of 178,000,000 in 1946. This increase was obtained by expanding the fishing area from the Gulf of Maine to the productive Nova Scotia grounds.

1.2.2. Sport

The rockfish sport catch has increased phenomenally during the past few years. This increase is startling when compared to the total sport catch of all other kinds of fish reported by nearly 600 party boat operators. Many are taken from shore, skiffs, piers, and private boats, and by skindivers. These landings are not recorded.

Before World War II the rockfish sport catch was relatively stable. Since the war, however, the catch has soared to an undreamed of 60 percent of the total sport catch of all fish.