

pounds in 1944. A similar decline, though not as pronounced, occurred in Central California. Experienced fishermen feel that the severity of the decline in Southern California was due primarily to overfishing. An increased catch in the Central California region after 1943 was caused by the introduction of the balloon trawl. A similar increase did not occur to the south because trawl nets were prohibited in a large part of that area. Increased catches in Southern California during more recent years are due to the introduction of the otter trawl at Morro Bay.

TABLE 4
Rockfish Landings at California Ports—1956

Port	Total pounds	Port	Total pounds
Monterey.....	5,115,444	Avila.....	154,224
San Francisco.....	2,262,881	Long Beach.....	152,874
Morro Bay.....	2,264,308	Bodega Bay.....	90,187
Fields Landing.....	1,243,937	San Diego.....	71,314
Eureka.....	932,577	Santa Monica.....	49,473
Fort Bragg.....	896,246	Crescent City.....	46,040
Pt. Reyes.....	578,439	Balance of State.....	57,430
Santa Cruz.....	500,512		
San Pedro.....	370,337	Grand total.....	14,943,515
Santa Barbara.....	157,292		

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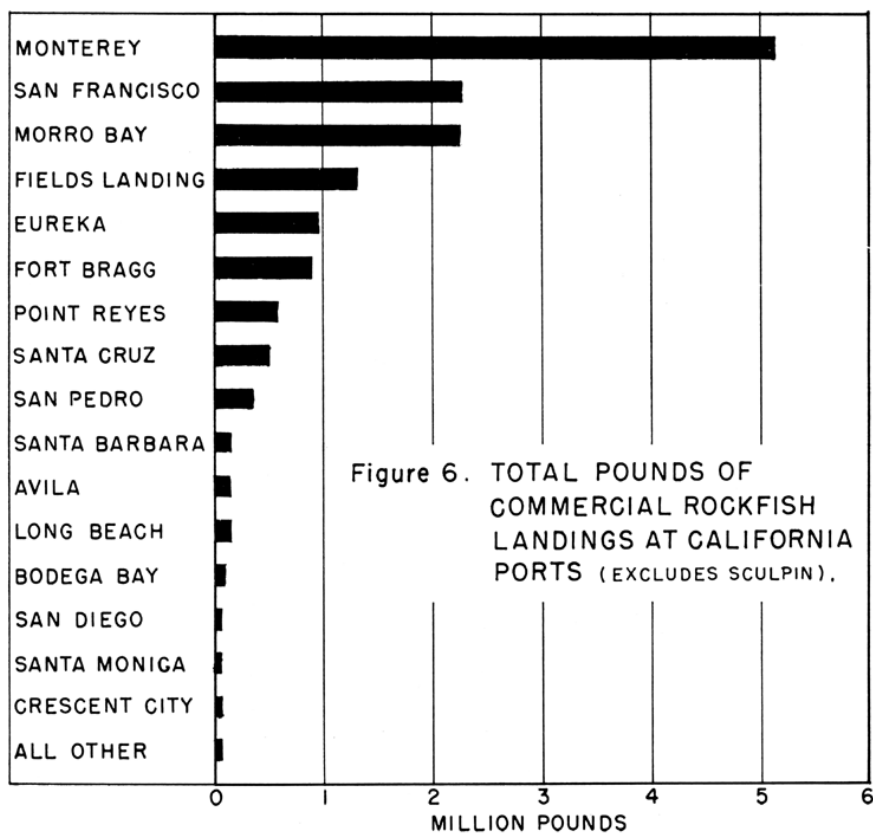


Figure 6. TOTAL POUNDS OF COMMERCIAL ROCKFISH LANDINGS AT CALIFORNIA PORTS (EXCLUDES SCULPIN)