

to the coastal shelf and outlying banks and islands, whereas the skipjack is not infrequently taken at considerable distances from any shore or bank.

The catch is made by a variety of gear, principally hook and line with live bait, purse seines and trolling gear. The relative importance of

**TABLE 3**  
**YELLOWFIN TUNA AND SKIPJACK <sup>1</sup>**

Year	Tuna bait boats		Purse seiners		Miscellaneous		Yearly totals	
	Number of boats	Pounds	Number of boats	Pounds	Number of boats	Pounds	Number of boats	Pounds
1931.....	75	39,085,863	59	5,973,905	198	8,026,473	332	53,086,241
1932.....	75	48,291,370	45	9,506,121	105	762,496	225	58,559,987
1933.....	67	62,687,004	34	5,000,846	19	69,976	120	67,757,826
1934.....	63	74,121,171	8	1,112,641	32	509,542	103	75,743,354
1935.....	64	83,545,379	18	2,043,762	306	3,902,161	388	89,491,302
1936.....	73	90,080,102	90	7,135,099	384	8,143,476	547	105,358,677
1937.....	90	121,312,977	62	14,436,886	219	2,876,471	371	138,626,334
1938.....	91	97,190,919	34	3,598,349	58	152,507	183	100,941,775
1939.....	95	113,245,938	76	23,167,657	276	4,125,053	447	140,538,648
1940.....	98	137,629,522	91	27,668,411	255	5,111,823	444	170,409,756
1941.....	96	89,608,036	59	7,353,639	194	5,288,264	349	102,249,939
1942.....	79	67,950,198	31	6,826,915	380	5,105,485	490	79,882,598
1943.....	67	66,980,853	45	10,282,643	179	891,616	291	78,155,112
1944.....	78	76,583,903	41	15,853,612	92	892,692	211	93,330,207
1945.....	103	95,264,097	55	23,142,673	312	2,114,006	470	120,520,776
1946.....	136	129,317,442	87	36,489,661	399	2,527,566	622	168,334,669
1947.....	151	164,973,039	118	34,600,922	213	6,667,815	482	206,241,776 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The catch of yellowfin tuna and skipjack, combined, made by the California fleet of boats, broken down into: (1) tuna bait boats, those that fished throughout the year or a greater part of it; (2) regular purse-seiners, and (3) miscellaneous smaller boats which fished only at the northern range of the tuna, with any type of gear, nets, or live bait.

<sup>2</sup> 1947 total includes 3,322,224 pounds of yellowfin tuna and skipjack landed at Astoria, Oregon, but caught by vessels delivering to California plants.

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**YELLOWFIN TUNA AND SKIPJACK**

**TABLE 4**

Year	Tuna bait boats		Purse seiners		Miscellaneous	
	Average length	Percent of catch	Average length	Percent of catch	Average length	Percent of catch
1931.....	94.8 ft.	73.63	66.4 ft.	11.25	41.9 ft.	15.12
1932.....	94.3	82.47	69.4	16.23	42.4	1.30
1933.....	94.6	92.52	70.9	7.38	39.6	0.10
1934.....	95.7	97.86	76.5	1.47	41.2	0.67
1935.....	97.8	93.36	71.0	2.28	34.1	4.36
1936.....	93.7	85.50	66.3	6.77	35.8	7.73
1937.....	91.1	87.51	71.8	10.41	38.3	2.08
1938.....	93.3	96.28	74.2	3.57	36.8	0.15
1939.....	92.7	80.58	72.8	16.48	36.5	2.94
1940.....	92.0	80.76	73.4	16.24	37.4	3.00
1941.....	93.4	87.64	76.4	7.19	40.0	5.17
1942.....	88.4	85.06	74.1	8.55	35.1	6.39
1943.....	78.5	85.70	73.1	13.16	39.9	1.14
1944.....	76.5	82.06	73.0	16.99	42.8	0.96
1945.....	80.6	79.04	75.1	19.20	39.4	1.75
1946.....	89.5	76.82	75.3	21.68	37.8	1.50
1947.....	96.5	79.99	76.9	16.78	44.0	3.23
Average percent.....	-----	85.10	-----	11.51	-----	3.39

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