

3. COMMERCIAL FISHING FLEET

Commercial fishing boats are registered with the California Division of Fish and Game by the license season which is from April 1st through the following March 31st. During the seasons 1945–1946 and 1946–1947 there was an increase in numbers of boats of all sizes but the most rapid increase took place among boats over 85 feet in length. These represent vessels constructed for fishing on the high seas and capable of carrying large loads. In the smaller size categories occur several types of former military craft. In the group under 40 feet are many converted 36-foot navy landing craft. In the 1945–1946 season one army amphibian was registered for commercial fishing and in 1946–1947 there were five of these DUKWs operating.

Season	Under 40 feet	40 feet and over	Total
1939–40	2,253	857	3,110
1940–41	2,510	944	3,454
1941–42	2,331	871	3,202
1942–43	2,264	701	2,965
1943–44	2,929	797	3,726
1944–45	2,852	930	3,782
1945–46	3,103	1,042	4,145
1946–47	3,558	1,299	4,857

TABLE 25
COMMERCIAL FISHING FLEET—1945-1946

Region of home port	Number of boats, grouped by length					Total number of boats for each region
	Up to 24 feet	25 to 39 feet	40 to 64 feet	65 to 84 feet	85 feet and over	
Eureka.....	43	244	71	7	-----	365
Sacramento.....	122	192	5	-----	-----	319
San Francisco.....	91	505	92	24	3	715
Monterey.....	89	199	25	61	4	378
Santa Barbara.....	37	87	30	1	-----	155
Los Angeles.....	298	879	287	107	32	1,603
San Diego.....	69	229	103	42	54	497
Alaska, Oregon and Washington	-----	19	44	44	6	113
Total number of boats.....	749	2,354	657	286	99	4,145

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