

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Public Law 94-265 as amended (Magnuson-Stevens Act), provides for the conservation and management of fishery resources within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). It also provides for fishery management authority over continental shelf resources and anadromous species beyond the EEZ, except when they are found within a foreign nation's territorial sea or fishery conservation zone (or equivalent), to the extent that such sea or zone is recognized by the United States.

The EEZ extends from the seaward boundary of each of the coastal States (generally 3 nautical miles from shore for all but two States) to 200 nautical miles from shore. The seaward boundaries of Texas, Puerto Rico, and the Gulf coast of Florida are 3 marine leagues (9 nautical miles). The EEZ encompasses approximately 3.36 million square nautical miles.

GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Secretary of Commerce, negotiates Governing International Fishery Agreements (GIFAs) with foreign nations requesting to fish within the EEZ. After a GIFA is signed, it is transmitted by the President to the Congress for ratification.

FOREIGN FISHING PERMITS

Title II of the Magnuson-Stevens Act governs foreign fishing in the EEZ. The process applied to foreign fishing has been described in prior issues of this publication. As U.S. fishing capacity grew, foreign participation in directed fisheries, as well as in foreign joint ventures in which U.S. vessels delivered U.S. harvested fish to permitted foreign vessels in the EEZ diminished until, in 1991, foreign vessels no longer were permitted to conduct directed fishing in the EEZ. This marked the achievement of one of the objectives of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, that is, the development of the U.S. fishing industry to take what were in 1976 underutilized species, and the displacement of directed foreign fishing effort in the EEZ.

As a result of the above, there has been very little total allowable level of foreign fishing (TALFF) issued since

1991. NMFS continues to maintain certain regulations pertaining to foreign fishing should there be a situation in the future in which allowing limited foreign fishing in an underutilized fishery would be of advantage to the U.S. fishing industry.

FMPs and PMPs

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, eight Regional Fishery Management Councils are charged with preparing Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for the fisheries needing management within their areas of authority. After the Councils prepare FMPs that cover domestic and foreign fishing efforts, the FMPs are submitted to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for approval and implementation. The Department, through NMFS agents and the U.S. Coast Guard, is responsible for enforcing the law and regulations.

The Secretary is empowered to prepare FMPs in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico for highly migratory species. Where no FMP exists, Preliminary Fishery Management Plans (PMPs), which only cover foreign fishing efforts, are prepared by the Secretary for each fishery for which a foreign nation requests a permit. The Secretary is also empowered to produce an FMP for any fishery that a Council has not duly produced. In this latter case, the Secretary's FMP covers domestic and foreign fishing.

The Atlantic swordfish, Atlantic sharks, and Atlantic billfish fisheries are currently being managed by the Secretary under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and the Western Atlantic bluefin tuna fishery is managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act.

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS (FMPs)

Under section 304 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, all Council-prepared FMPs must be reviewed for approval by the Secretary. After FMPs have been approved under section 304 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, they are implemented by Federal regulations, under section 305 of the Act. As of December 31, 2002, there are 43 FMPs in place. Of these, two are Secretarial FMPs for Atlantic highly migratory species. The 41 FMPs the Councils prepared are listed below. The FMPs are amended by the Councils and the amendments are submitted for

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approval under the same Secretarial review process as new FMPs. Most of the FMPs listed have been amended since initial implementation

Northeast Multispecies

Atlantic Herring

Monkfish

Atlantic Bluefish

Atlantic Coast Red Drum

Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish

Deep-sea Red Crab (new)

Mid-Atlantic Tilefish

Atlantic Salmon

Atlantic Sea Scallops

Atlantic Surf Clams and Ocean Quahogs

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea

Bass

Spiny Dogfish

Gulf and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster

Caribbean Reef Fish

Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish

Gulf of Mexico Corals

South Atlantic Corals

South Atlantic Golden Crab

Caribbean Coral Reef Resources

Gulf of Mexico Shrimp

Gulf of Mexico Stone Crab

Gulf of Mexico Red Drum

Coastal Migratory Pelagics

Caribbean Queen Conch

Caribbean Spiny Lobster

South Atlantic Snapper/Grouper

South Atlantic Shrimp

Pacific Coastal Pelagic Species

King and Tanner Crab

Commercial and Recreational Salmon

High Seas Salmon

Pacific Coast Groundfish

Gulf of Alaska Groundfish

Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands

Groundfish

Alaska Scallops

Western Pacific Crustaceans

Western Pacific Precious Corals

Western Pacific Bottomfish and Seamount

Groundfish

Western Pacific Pelagics

Western Pacific Coral Reef Ecosystems (new)

In 2002, NMFS published 959 documents in the Federal Register that affected domestic fishing issues and either proposed or implemented fishery management actions (i.e., FMP and amendments). The documents published included hearing, meeting, correction, and proposed and final rule documents.

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REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCILS

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OPTIMUM YIELD (OY) AND OTHER SPECIFICATIONS, INCLUDING AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR JOINT VENTURE PROCESSING: NORTH ATLANTIC, BY SPECIES, 2002 (1)

| Item | Loligo squid | Illex squid | Atlantic mackerel | Butterfish | Atlantic herring |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|
| ----- Metric tons, round weight ----- | | | | | |
| Maximum OY | (2) 26,000 | (2) 24,000 | (3) | (2) 16,000 | (4) 250,000 |
| ABC | 17,000 | 24,000 | 347,000 | 7,200 | 300,000 |
| Initial OY | (5) 16,898 | 24,000 | (6) 85,000 | 5,900 | 250,000 |
| DAH | (5) 16,898 | 24,000 | (7) 85,000 | 5,900 | 250,000 |
| DAP | (5) 16,898 | 24,000 | 50,000 | 5,900 | 226,000 |
| JVP | 0 | 0 | (8) 20,000 | 0 | 20,000 |
| Other | NA | NA | NA | NA | (9) 4,000 |
| TALFF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

(1) OY=Optimum Yield; ABC=Allowable Biological Catch; DAH=Domestic Annual Harvest; DAP=Domestic Annual Processing; JVP=Joint Venture Processing; and TALFF=Total Allowable Level of Foreign Fishing.

(2) Maximum OY based on the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic mackerel, squid and butterfish.

(3) Not applicable based on the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic mackerel, squid and butterfish.

(4) Maximum OY based on the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring.

(5) Excludes 102 metric tons for research set aside (RSA).

(6) Initial OY can increase during the year, but the total cannot exceed 347,000 metric tons.

(7) Includes 15,000 metric tons of Atlantic mackerel recreational allocation.

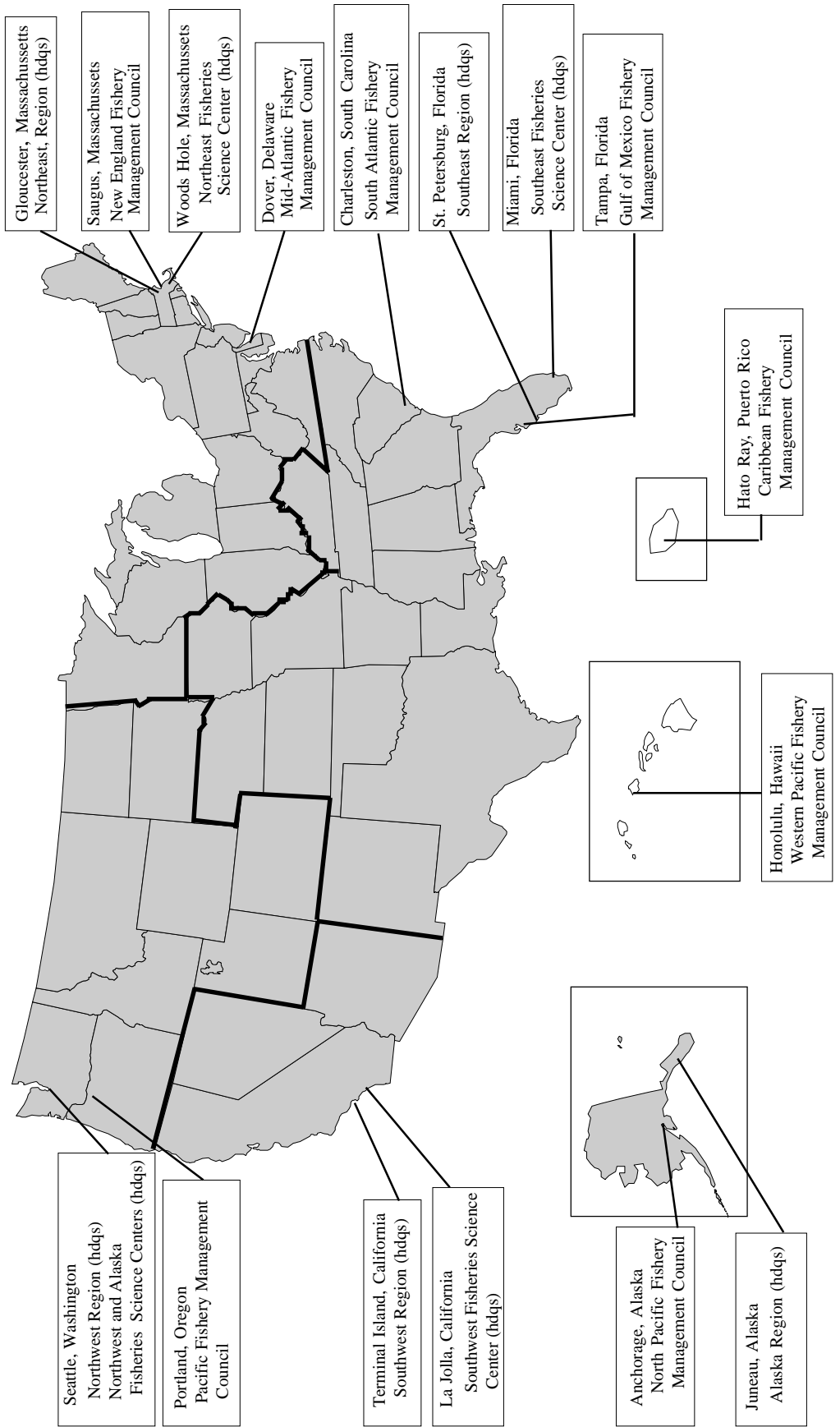
(8) JVP may be increased up to 30,000 metric tons at discretion of Regional Administrator.

(9) Represents 4,000 metric tons specified for transfers to Canadian herring carriers.

NA--Not available.

Source:--NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, F/SF; and NMFS, Northeast Region, F/NER.

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STATISTICAL REPORTS

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- 003-020-00177-7 Fisheries of the United States, 2001...\$20.00
- 003-020-00174-2 Fisheries of the United States, 2000...\$18.00
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Fisheries Statistics - <http://www.st.nmfs.gov/st1/> — Descriptions of commercial and recreational fisheries statistics data collection and economic programs. Access to commercial monthly landings data bases, Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) data, cold storage, Market News Reports, processed products data, trade data base, vessel documentation data, and electronic copies of “Fisheries of the United States.”

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hmspg.html> — HMS and Billfish Fishery Management Plans, implementing regulations and related documents. The Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report for HMS: SAFE2000. Information on Atlantic tunas permits and link to online permit shop. Lists of members of the Advisory Panels, upcoming meetings and other HMS news

Habitat Conservation - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/> — Describes NOAA programs to conserve, protect, and restore habitats for living marine resources. Information on essential fish habitat, the NOAA Restoration Center and its Community-based Restoration Program, Damage Assessment and Restoration Program (DARP), and Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act program (CWPPRA), and the NOAA Chesapeake Bay Office.

Inspection Program - <http://seafood.nmfs.noaa.gov> — Provides information on the voluntary National Seafood Inspection Program, including the services offered in the US and foreign countries to harvesters, processors, distributors, importers/exporters, buyers, and retailers; list of approved fish establishments and products; fees and charges; policies for advertising services; and official inspection marks and certificates.

Protected Resources - http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/prot_res.html — Contains recovery efforts for species considered endangered or threatened; depleted species of marine mammals; and a comprehensive list of other Internet resources pertaining to protection programs and other issues. Information on Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Office of Constituent Services - <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs> — Provides constituents and the general public access to NOAA Fisheries. OCS includes: Public Outreach/Education, Recreational Fisheries, Trade, Commercial, and Financial Services, as well as the S-K Grant Program. <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/skhome.html>

Northeast Region - <http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/doc/nero.html> — Describes the mission and responsibilities of the Regional Office Staffs and Divisions. Provides information on northeast fisheries regulations, quota reports for specific species, multi-species preliminary statistics reports; scallop and multi-species days-at-sea activity reports; federal aid for MARFIN and SK grant programs; vessel permit system data; and links to other NOAA sites.

Northeast Fisheries Science Center - <http://www.nefsc.nmfs.gov> — Provides current and historical northeast fisheries information and data about research facilities, vessels, programs, publications, management, laws and regulations, and answers to frequently asked questions on fish and fisheries research. Features in-depth information on northeast stock status and realtime, at-sea, display of research vessel activities, measurements, and observations.

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Southeast Region - <http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/> — Provides information on regional Federal activities including: fisheries regulations, news releases and fisheries bulletins, fisheries regulations, vessel and dealer permits, fishery management plan implementation/quotas, marine mammals and endangered species management and protection, habitat protection and restoration activities, and federal aid programs for grants and cooperative agreements.

Southeast Fisheries Science Center - <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/> — Describes the Center's programs, mission, laboratories, geographic scope, organization, research vessels, and upper-level scientific and management staff. Includes publications, news releases, newsletters (tuna and billfish), and information on the types of research being conducted on Pacific and Antarctic fishes, marine mammals, sea turtles, habitats, and marine ecosystems.

Alaska Region - <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov> — Provides information on in-season state of groundfish catch, current news releases and information bulletins, and current fisheries outlook and effort reports. Information on the Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program, At-Sea Scales Program, fisheries regulations and the manual for Groundfish Recordkeeping and Reporting. Information on the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program, marine mammals, habitat conservation, and links to other fisheries web sites.

Alaska Fisheries Science Center - <http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/> — Describes the mission of the Center and the organization and purpose of its laboratories, divisions, and programs dedicated to Federal fisheries and marine mammal research in the coastal oceans off Alaska and the West Coast of the United States. Provides stock assessments, databases, AFSC Quarterly Report, cruise reports and schedules, other online documents, publication lists, image gallery of marine mammals, fishes, and crabs, and educational materials.

Northwest Region - <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov> — Provides information on the region's activities, mission and responsibilities. It includes news releases, announcements, documents and Federal Register notices about fisheries management plans, public hearings, programs, regulations, Endangered Species Act listings and proposals, habitat conservation, and regional hydro power activities.

Northwest Fisheries Science Center - <http://nwfsc.nmfs.noaa.gov> — Describes Center research, including status and recovery of endangered salmon and new hatchery-rearing techniques; rapid-response analyzes of chemical pollution and harmful algae blooms in fishery grounds nationwide; assessing the west coast groundfish fishery; and developing new bycatch utilization technologies. News topics, current publications, library resources, and the Center's state-of-the-art water-recycling fish culture facility are also featured.

Southwest Region - <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov> — Describes the mission and responsibilities of the regional office. Announcements of Federal Register notices on seasons, trip limits, and quotas. Provides information on fisheries statistics, trade data, canned tuna updates and status of tuna import quotas, and catch reports for various California fisheries. Japanese market reports are available on sablefish, shrimp, landings and wholesale prices, etc., and links to other pertinent sites of interest to fishery and seafood industries.

Southwest Fisheries Science Center - <http://swfsc.nmfs.noaa.gov> — Describes the Center's programs, mission, laboratories, geographic scope, organization, research vessels, and upper-level scientific and management staff. Includes publications, news releases, billfish newsletter, and information on the types of research being conducted on Pacific and Antarctic fishes, marine mammals, sea turtles, habitats, and marine ecosystems.

NOAA Public Affairs - <http://www.noaaneews.noaa.gov> — All NOAA and NMFS related Press Releases and links to other NOAA material available to the public. If you would like these releases through electronic mail rather than FAX, send e-mail to jslaff@hq.noaa.gov.

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ANADROMOUS SPECIES. These are species of fish that mature in the ocean, and then ascend streams to spawn in freshwater. In the Magnuson Act, these species include, but are not limited to, Atlantic and Pacific salmon, steelhead trout, and striped bass. See 42 FR 60682, Nov. 28, 1977.

ANALOG PRODUCTS. These include imitation and simulated crab, lobster, shrimp, scallops, and other fish and shellfish products fabricated from processed fish meat (such as surimi).

AQUACULTURE. The farming of aquatic organisms in marine, brackish or fresh water. Farming implies private or corporate ownership of the organism and enhancement of production by stocking, feeding, providing protection from predators, or other management measures. Aquaculture production is reported as the weight and value of cultured organisms at their point of final sale.

BATTER-COATED FISH PRODUCTS. Sticks and portions or other forms of fish or shellfish coated with a batter containing a leavening agent and mixture of cereal products, flavoring, and other ingredients, and partially cooked in hot oil a short time to expand and set the batter.

BOAT, OTHER. Commercial fishing craft not powered by a motor, e.g., rowboat or sailboat, having a capacity of less than 5 net tons. See motorboat.

BREADED FISH PRODUCTS. Sticks and portions or other forms of fish or shellfish coated with a non-leavened mixture containing cereal products, flavorings, and other ingredients. Breaded products are sold raw or partially cooked.

BREADED SHRIMP. Peeled shrimp coated with breading. The product may be identified as fantail (butterfly) and round, with or without tail fins and last shell segment; also known as portions, sticks, steaks, etc., when prepared from a composite unit of two or more shrimp pieces whole shrimp or a combination of both without fins or shells.

BUTTERFLY FILLET. Two skin-on fillets of a fish joined together by the belly skin. See fillets.

CANNED FISHERY PRODUCTS. Fish, shellfish, or other aquatic animals packed in cans, or other containers, which are hermetically sealed and heat-sterilized. Canned fishery products may include milk, vegetables, or other products. Most, but not all, canned fishery prod-

ucts can be stored at room temperature for an indefinite time without spoiling.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN. An individual who derives income from catching and selling living resources taken from inland or marine waters.

CONSUMPTION OF EDIBLE FISHERY PRODUCTS. Estimated amount of commercially landed fish, shellfish, and other aquatic animals consumed by the civilian population of the United States. Estimates are on an edible-weight basis and have been adjusted for beginning and ending inventories of edible fishery products. Consumption includes U.S. production of fishery products from both domestically caught and imported fish, shellfish, other edible aquatic plants, animals, and imported products and excludes exports and purchases by the U.S. Armed Forces.

CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERY RESOURCES. These are living organisms of any sedentary species that at the harvestable stage are either (a) immobile on or under the seabed, (b) unable to move except in constant physical contact with the seabed or subsoil of the continental shelf. The Magnuson Act now lists them as certain abalones, surf clam and ocean quahog, queen conch, Atlantic deep-sea red crab, dungeness crab, stone crab, king crabs, snow (tanner) crabs, American lobster, certain corals, and sponges.

CURED FISHERY PRODUCTS. Products preserved by drying, pickling, salting, or smoking; not including canned, frozen, irradiated, or pasteurized products. Dried products are cured by sun or air-drying; pickled or salted products are those products preserved by applying salt, or by pickling (immersing in brine or in a vinegar or other preservative solution); smoked products are cured with smoke or a combination of smoking and drying or salting.

DEFLATED VALUE. The deflated values referred to in this document are calculated with the Gross Domestic Products Implicit Price Deflator. The base year for this index is 1987.

EDIBLE WEIGHT. The weight of a seafood item exclusive of bones, offal, etc.

EEZ. See U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone.

EL NINO. This anomalous ocean warming of the eastern Equatorial Pacific occurs at time intervals varying from 2-10 years. El Nino conditions result in an accu-

mulation of warm water off South America which reduced the upwelling of nutrient-rich water necessary to support fisheries production. These conditions extended northward to the U.S. Pacific Coast. In addition to affecting the food available for fish, El Nino appears to alter the normal ranges, distributions, and migrations of fish populations.

EUROPEAN UNION. Austria, Belgium and Luxembourg, Denmark, Federal Republic of Germany, Finland, Greece, France, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and United Kingdom.

EXPORT VALUE. The value reported is generally equivalent to f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price, including inland freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation. The value excludes the cost of loading, freight, insurance, and other charges or transportation cost beyond the port of exportation.

EXPORT WEIGHT. The weight of individual products as exported, i.e., fillets, steaks, whole, breaded, etc. Includes both domestic and foreign re-exports data.

EXVESSEL PRICE. Price received by the harvester for fish, shellfish, and other aquatic plants and animals.

FISH BLOCKS. Regular fish blocks are frozen blocks or slabs of fillets or pieces of fillets cut or sliced from fish. Minced fish blocks are frozen blocks or slabs of minced flesh produced by a meat and bone separating machine.

FISH FILLETS. The sides of fish that are either skinned or have the skin on, cut lengthwise from the backbone. Most types of fillets are boneless or virtually boneless; some may be labeled as “boneless fillets.”

FISH MEAL. A high-protein animal feed supplement made by cooking, pressing, drying, and grinding fish or shellfish.

FISH OIL. An oil extracted from body (body oil) or liver (liver oil) of fish and marine mammals; mostly a byproduct of fish meal production.

FISH PORTION. A piece of fish flesh that is generally of uniform size with thickness of 3/8 of an inch or more and differs from a fish stick in being wider or of a different shape. A fish portion is generally cut from a fish block.

FISH SOLUBLES. A water-soluble protein byproduct of fish meal production. Fish solubles are generally

condensed to 50 percent solids and marketed as “condensed fish solubles.”

FISH STEAK. A cross-section slice cut from a large dressed fish. A steak is usually about 3/4 of an inch thick.

FISH STICK. An elongated piece of breaded fish flesh weighing not less than 3/4 of an ounce and not more than 1-1/2 ounces with the largest dimension at least three times that of the next largest dimension. A fish stick is generally cut from a fish block.

FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FMP). A plan developed by a Regional Fishery Management Council, or the Secretary of Commerce under certain circumstances, to manage a fishery resource in the U.S. EEZ pursuant to the MFCMA (Magnuson Act).

FISHING CRAFT, COMMERCIAL. Boats and vessels engaged in capturing fish, shellfish, and other aquatic plants and animals for sale.

FULL-TIME COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN. An individual who receives more than 50 percent of his or her annual income from commercial fishing activities, including port activity, such as vessel repair and re-rigging.

GROUND FISH. Broadly, fish that are caught on or near the sea floor. The term includes a wide variety of bottom fishes, rockfishes, and flatfishes. However, NMFS sometimes uses the term in a narrower sense. In “Fisheries of the United States,” the term applies to the following species--Atlantic and Pacific: cod, hake, ocean perch, and pollock; cusk; and haddock.

IMPORT VALUE. Value of imports as appraised by the U.S. Customs Service according to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended. It may be based on foreign market value, constructed value, American selling price, etc. It generally represents a value in a foreign country, and therefore excludes U.S. import duties, freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in bringing the merchandise to the United States.

IMPORT WEIGHT. The weights of individual products as received, i.e., fillets, steaks, whole, headed, etc.

INDUSTRIAL FISHERY PRODUCTS. Items processed from fish, shellfish, or other aquatic plants and animals that are not consumed directly by humans. These items contain products from seaweeds, fish meal, fish oils, fish solubles, pearl essence, shark and other aquatic animal skins, and shells.

INTERNAL WATER PROCESSING (IWPs). An operation in which a foreign vessel is authorized by the governor of a state to receive and process fish in the internal waters of a state. The Magnuson Act refers to internal waters as all waters within the boundaries of a state except those seaward of the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured.

JOINT VENTURE. An operation authorized under the MFCMA (Magnuson Act) in which a foreign vessel is authorized to receive fish from U.S. fishermen in the U.S. EEZ. The fish received from the U.S. vessel are part of the U.S. harvest.

LANDINGS, COMMERCIAL. Quantities of fish, shellfish, and other aquatic plants and animals brought ashore and sold. Landings of fish may be in terms of round (live) weight or dressed weight. Landings of crustaceans are generally on a live-weight basis except for shrimp which may be on a heads-on or heads-off basis. Mollusks are generally landed with the shell on, but for some species only the meats are landed, such as sea scallops. Data for all mollusks are published on a meat-weight basis.

MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT, Public Law 94-265, as amended. The Magnuson-Stevens Act provides a national program for the conservation and management of fisheries to allow for an optimum yield (OY) on a continuing basis and to realize the full potential of the Nation's fishery resources. It established the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) (formerly the FCZ - Fishery Conservation Zone) and a means to control foreign and certain domestic fisheries through PMPs and FMPs. Within the U.S. EEZ, the United States has exclusive management authority over fish (meaning finfish, mollusks, crustaceans, and all other forms of marine animal and plant life other than marine mammals, birds, and highly migratory species of tuna). The Magnuson Act provides further exclusive management authority beyond the U.S. EEZ for all continental shelf fishery resources and all anadromous species throughout the migratory range of each such species, except during the time they are found within any foreign nation's territorial sea or fishery conservation zone (or the equivalent), to the extent that such a sea or zone is recognized by the United States.

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING. Fishing for pleasure, amusement, relaxation, or home consumption.

MARINE RECREATIONAL CATCH. Quantities of finfish, shellfish, and other living aquatic organisms caught, but not necessarily brought ashore, by marine recreational fisherman.

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN. Those people who fish in marine waters primarily for recreational purposes. Their catch is primarily for home consumption, although occasionally a part or all of their catch may be sold and enter commercial channels. This definition is used in the NMFS Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey, and is not intended to represent a NMFS policy on the sale of angler-caught fish.

MAXIMUM SUSTAINABLE YIELD (MSY). MSY from a fishery is the largest annual catch or yield in terms of weight of fish caught by both commercial and recreational fishermen that can be taken continuously from a stock under existing environmental conditions. A determination of MSY, which should be an estimate based upon the best scientific information available, is a biological measure necessary in the development of optimum yield.

METRIC TONS. A measure of weight equal to 1,000 kilograms, 0.984 long tons, 1.1023 short tons, or 2,204.6 pounds.

MOTORBOAT. A motor-driven commercial fishing craft having a capacity of less than 5 net tons, or not officially documented by the Coast Guard. See "boat, other".

NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION (NAFO). This convention, entered into force January 1, 1979, replaces ICNAF. NAFO provides a forum for continued multilateral scientific research and investigation of fishery resources that occur beyond the limits of coastal nations' fishery jurisdiction in the northwest Atlantic, and will ensure consistency between NAFO management measures in this area and those adopted by the coastal nations within the limits of their fishery jurisdiction.

OPTIMUM YIELD (OY). In the MFCMA (Magnuson Act), OY with respect to the yield from a fishery, is the amount of fish that (1) will provide the greatest overall benefit to the United States, with particular reference to food production and recreational opportunities; and (2) is prescribed as such on the basis of maximum sustainable yield from such fishery, as modified by any relevant ecological, economic, or social factors.

PART-TIME COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN. An individual who receives less than 50 percent of his or her annual income from commercial fishing activities.

PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION. Consumption of edible fishery products in the United States divided by the total civilian population. In calculating annual per capita consumption, estimates of the civilian resident population of the United States on July 1 of each year are used. These estimates are taken from current population reports, series P-25, published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

PER CAPITA USE. The use of all fishery products, both edible and nonedible, in the United States divided by the total population of the United States.

PRELIMINARY FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN (PMP). The Secretary of Commerce prepares a PMP whenever a foreign nation with which the United States has made a Governing International Fishery Agreement (GIFA) submits an application to fish in a fishery not managed by an FMP. A PMP is replaced by an FMP as soon as the latter is implemented. A PMP applies only to foreign fishing.

RE-EXPORTS. Re-exports are commodities which have entered the U.S. as imports and are subsequently exported in substantially the same condition as when originally imported.

RETAIL PRICE. The price of fish and shellfish sold to the final consumer by food stores and other retail outlets.

ROUND (LIVE) WEIGHT. The weight of fish, shellfish, or other aquatic plants and animals as taken from the water; the complete or full weight as caught. The tables on world catch found in this publication include, in the case of mollusks, the weight of both the shells and the meats, whereas the tables on U.S. landings include only the weight of the meats.

SURIMI. Minced fish meat (usually Alaska pollock) which has been washed to remove fat and undesirable matters (such as blood, pigments, and odorous substances), and mixed with cryoprotectants, such as sugar and/or sorbitol, for a good frozen shelf life.

TOTAL ALLOWABLE LEVEL OF FOREIGN FISHING (TALFF). The TALFF, if any, with respect to any fishery subject to the exclusive fishery management authority of the United States, is that portion of the optimum yield of such fishery which will not be harvested by vessels of the United States, as determined by provisions of the MFCMA.

U.S. EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ). The MSFCMA (Magnuson-Stevens Act) defines this zone as contiguous to the territorial sea of the United States and extending seaward 200 nautical miles measured from the baseline from which the territorial sea is measured. This was formerly referred to as the FCZ (Fishery Conservation Zone).

U.S.-FLAG VESSEL LANDINGS. Includes landings by all U.S. fishing vessels regardless of where landed as opposed to landings at ports in the 50 United States. These include landings at foreign ports, U.S. territories, and foreign vessels in the U.S. FCZ under joint venture agreements. U.S. law prohibits vessels constructed or registered in foreign countries to land fish catches at U.S. ports.

U.S. TERRITORIAL SEA. A zone extending 3 nautical miles from shore for all states except Texas and the Gulf Coast of Florida where the seaward boundary is 3 marine leagues (9 nautical miles)

USE OF FISHERY PRODUCTS. Estimated disappearance of the total supply of fishery products, both edible and nonedible, on a round-weight basis without considering beginning or ending stocks, exports, military purchases, or shipments to U.S. territories.

VESSEL. A commercial fishing craft having a capacity of 5 net tons or more. These craft are either enrolled or documented by the U.S. Coast Guard and have an official number assigned by that agency.

WHOLESALE FISH AND SHELLFISH PRICES. Those prices received at principal fishery markets by primary wholesalers (processors, importers, and brokers) for customary quantities, free on board (f.o.b.) warehouse.

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NATIONAL FISHERY PRODUCTS INSPECTION PROGRAM. The U.S. Department of Commerce (USDC), National Marine Fisheries Service, a part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, conducts a voluntary seafood inspection program on a fee-for-service basis. A HACCP-based service is also available. Services provided by the program include vessel and plant sanitation, product inspection and grading, label reviews, product specification reviews, laboratory analyses, training, education and information. Inspection and certification services are available nationwide and in U.S. territories for all interested parties. Consultative services are provided in foreign countries. Inspection and certification services are also provided for imported and exported products. The USDC Seafood Inspection Division also provides HACCP training, plan development, implementation assistance, and verification service to industry (domestic and foreign) for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with FDA's HACCP rule (21 CFR Parts 123 and 1240) regarding "Procedures for the Safe and Sanitary Processing and Importing of Fish and Fishery Products" which was implemented December 18, 1997.

USERS OF INSPECTION SERVICES. The users of the voluntary seafood inspection service include vessel owners, processors, distributors, brokers, retailers, food service operators, exporters, importers, and those who have a financial interest in buying and selling seafood products. The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that USDC inspected products be purchased for its food feeding programs. The **USDC APPROVED LIST OF FISH ESTABLISHMENTS AND PRODUCTS**, published bi-annually, provides a listing of products and participants who contract with USDC.

USDC INSPECTION MARKS. These marks designate the level and the type of inspection performed by the federal inspector. The marks can be used in advertising and labeling under the guidelines provided by the Seafood Inspection Division and in accordance with federal and state regulations regarding advertising and labeling. Products bearing the USDC official marks have been certified as being safe, wholesome, and properly labeled.

"US GRADE A" MARK. The U.S. GRADE A mark signifies that a product has been processed under federal inspection in an approved facility and meets the established level of quality of an existing U.S. grade standard. The U.S. Grade A mark indicates that the product is of high quality, uniform in size, practically free from blemishes and defects, in excellent condition and possessing good flavor and odor.

"PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION" MARK. The PUF mark or statement signifies that the product has been inspected in an approved facility and was found to be safe, wholesome and properly labeled according to approved specifications or criteria. The language within the PUF mark has been amended to "Processed Under Federal Inspection" to reflect actual inspection procedures and the regulatory requirements for use of the mark.

"LOT INSPECTED" MARK. A new USDC Lot Inspected mark was created to replace the "Officially Sampled" and "Accepted Per Specifications" lot inspection marks used on retail labels. The latter marks were no longer allowed/accepted after September 30, 1997. The use of the new mark meets the needs of both industry and consumers by conveying that the products bearing the mark have been examined by the USDC Program.

"RETAIL" MARK. In response to requests made by industry, a new mark has been created for retail or food service establishments. Participants qualify for use of the "Retail Mark" by receiving the USDC HACCP-based service or being under contract for sanitation services and associated product evaluation. Usage of such a mark will give the retail industry the opportunity to advertise on their banners, logos, or menus that their facility has been recognized by USDC for proper sanitation and handling of fishery products.



USDC HACCP MARK. The USDC HACCP-based service is available to all interested parties on a fee-for-service basis. Label approval, record keeping and analytical testing are program requirements. An industry USDC-certified employee trained in HACCP principles is also required for each facility/site in the program. Compliance ratings determine frequency of official visits. Benefits to participants include increased controls through a more scientific approach, use of established marks, increased efficiency of federal inspection personnel, and enhanced consumer confidence. The USDC has made available a HACCP mark and a "banner" to distinguish products that have been produced under the HACCP-based program. The HACCP banner must be used as an attachment to existing inspection grade marks. Establishments meeting HACCP program requirements may use these marks in conjunction with promotional material, packaging, point-of-sale notices, and menus.

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