

# PROCESSED FISHERY PRODUCTS

## FRESH AND FROZEN

**FISH FILLETS AND STEAKS.** In 1998 the U.S. production of raw (uncooked) fish fillets and steaks, including blocks, was 438.7 million pounds--29.0 million pounds more than the 409.7 million pounds in 1997. These fillets and steaks were valued at \$1.0 billion. Alaska pollock fillets and blocks led all species with 161.4 million pounds--37 percent of the total. Production of groundfish fillets and steaks (see Glossary Section-Groundfish) was 269.0 million pounds.

**FISH STICKS AND PORTIONS.** The combined production of fish sticks and portions was 243.4 million pounds valued at \$287.9 million compared with the 1997 production of 264.7 million pounds valued at \$349.6 million.

The total production of fish sticks amounted to 67.2 million pounds valued at \$61.7 million. The total production of fish portions amounted to 176.1 million pounds valued at \$226.2 million.

**BREADED SHRIMP.** The production of breaded shrimp in 1998 was 109.5 million pounds valued at \$333.2 million, compared with the 1997 production of 117.5 million pounds valued at \$334.9 million.

**FROZEN FISHERY TRADE.** In 1998, stocks of frozen fishery products in cold storage were at a low of 364.2 million pounds on May 31 and a high of 437.2 million pounds on November 30. Cold storage holdings of shrimp products were at a high of 57.5 million pounds on October 31 and a low of 39.7 million pounds on March 31. Holdings of saltwater fillets and steaks reached a high of 94.2 million pounds on November 30 and were at a low of 64.3 million pounds on February 28. Holdings of blocks and slabs were at a high of 66.7 million pounds on December 31 and a low of 28.6 million pounds on March 31. Surimi reached a high of 45.1 million pounds on June 30 and was at a low of 19.9 million pounds on January 31. Analog Products reached a high of 7.3 million pounds on September 30 and a low of 4.1 million pounds on December 31.

## CANNED PRODUCTS

**CANNED FISHERY PRODUCTS.** The pack of canned fishery products in the 50 states, American Samoa, and Puerto Rico was 1.5 billion pounds valued at \$1.8 billion--a decrease of 34.1 million pounds, but an increase of \$172.5 million compared with the 1997 pack. The 1998 pack included 986.6 million pounds valued at \$1.4 billion for human consumption and 544.3 million pounds valued at \$349.8 million for bait and animal food.

**CANNED SALMON.** The 1998 U.S. pack of salmon was 162.5 million pounds valued at \$273.5 million, compared with 162.1 million pounds valued at \$252.8 million packed in 1997.

**CANNED SARDINES.** The pack of Maine sardines (small herring) was 11.8 million pounds valued at \$19.5 million, a decrease of 4.1 million pounds and \$9.5 million compared with 1997. There were 3.7 million pounds of herring valued at \$6.6 million packed in 1998 — a decrease of 2.2 million pounds and \$4.6 million than the 1997 pack.

**CANNED TUNA.** The U.S. pack of tuna was 680.9 million pounds valued at \$983.0 million--an increase of 53.8 million pounds in quantity and \$64.3 million in value compared with the 1997 pack. The pack of albacore tuna was 196.8 million pounds comprising 30 percent of the tuna pack in 1998. Lightmeat tuna (bigeye, bluefin, skipjack, and yellowfin) comprised the remainder with a pack of 484.1 million pounds.

**CANNED CLAMS.** The 1998 U.S. pack of clams (whole, minced, chowder, juice, and specialties) was 113.4 million pounds valued at \$104.9 million. The pack of whole and minced clams was 36.6 million pounds and accounted for 32 percent of the total clam pack. Clam chowder and clam juice was 67.1 million pounds and made up the majority of the pack.

**OTHER CANNED ITEMS.** The pack of pet food was 544.3 million pounds valued at \$349.8 million--a decrease of 68.0 million pounds compared with the 1997 pack.

## INDUSTRIAL FISHERY PRODUCTS

**INDUSTRIAL FISHERY PRODUCTS.** The value of the domestic production of industrial fishery products was \$229.4 million--a decrease of \$118.0 million compared with the 1997 value of \$347.4 million.

**FISH MEAL.** The domestic production of fish and shellfish meal was 592.6 million pounds valued at \$112.9 million--a decrease of 132.1 million pounds, and \$61.1 million compared with 1997. Fish meal production was 573.9 million pounds valued at \$111.7 million--a decrease of 132.7 million pounds and \$61.0 million from the 1997 production. Shellfish meal production was 18.7 million pounds--an increase of 546,000 pounds from the 1997 level.

**FISH OILS.** The domestic production of fish oils was 223.1 million pounds valued at \$55.7 million--a decrease of 60.2 million pounds, but an increase of \$413,000 in value compared with 1997 production.

**OTHER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.** Oyster shell products, together with agar-agar, animal feeds, crab and clam shells processed for food serving, fish pellets, Irish moss extracts, kelp products, dry and liquid fertilizers, pearl essence, and mussel shell buttons were valued at \$60.8 million, compared with \$118.1 million in 1997--a decrease of \$57.3 million.