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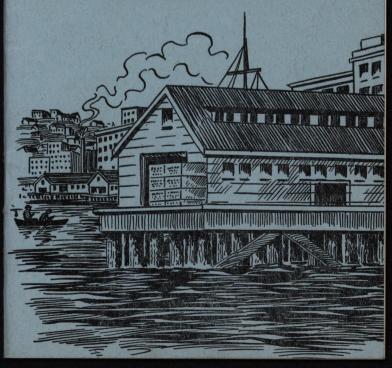
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FOREWORD

In the past few years the Commercial Fishing Industry has become one of the state's biggest industries. Now, over 70,000 people of this state are employed in some phase of catching and processing fish and sea foods in our waters and in Alaska.

The value of this year's catch (including our participation in the Alaska Fisheries) is estimated at 330 million dollars. This figure approaches the annual volume of our lumber and forest industries and the annual volume of our farms and orchards.

The Commercial Fishing Industry, much like our farming, dairy and fruit industries, is made up of thousands of small businesses, boat owners and processors, all independent operators and individuals who have equal rights to the Northwest's annual harvest of fish and sea foods.

It is important to the welfare of the state and to you who make up our fishing industry that its opportunities remain available to all—entirely free of the special favoritism and monopolistic privileges that have in the past depleted many of our great resources and usurped the opportunities for their development.

It is important, too, that catch limits, regulations and propagation measures be provided and enforced so that all may be assured high levels of abundant and profitable yield.

For your protection the state requires all those engaged in catching, processing, wholesaling and retailing our sea foods to secure licenses and permits and imposes privilege taxes on the various species.

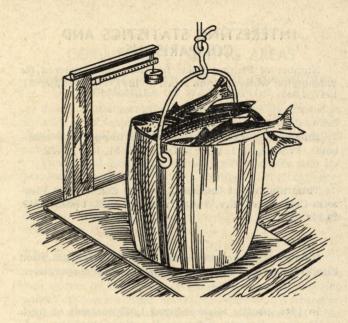
It is the duty of the State Treasurer to collect these privilege taxes and to issue and collect for the licenses and permits required.

You will find this pamphlet helpful in determining the licenses and permits needed for the boat, the crew and each type of gear used—licenses and taxes for processing, wholesaling and retailing seafoods—licenses for commercial oyster, clam and crab taking and other phases of the state's commercial fishing industry. It will also help you understand the procedures and duties of the Fisheries Collector's Office of the State Treasury. For your convenience the State Treasurer maintains a special office in room 1318, Smith Tower Building, Seattle, to handle, exclusively, applications and issuance of licenses and permits and to collect the privilege taxes pertaining to the fishing industry.

Here you find all the necessary forms and a well informed, courteous staff to answer your inquiries and assist you in your problems.

State Treasurer.

Note: This pamphlet is not intended to be an annotation of the Food and Shell Fish Laws of Washington, but merely a helpful guide and handbook of the duties and procedures of this office pertaining to licenses, registrations and other related taxes. Annotated Laws relating to Food and Shell Fish may be had by writing to the Department of Fisheries.



TOTAL LANDINGS OF FISH, SHELLFISH AND LIVERS, 1946

In Pounds

FISH	FISH—Continued					
Albacore	2,122,539	Sole	10,086,052			
Anchovy	37,660	Sturgeon	141,335			
Black Cod	3,334,110	True Cod	4,359,525			
Candlefish	1,761	Turbot	10,470			
Flounder	697,376					
Halibut	14,064,209		128,459,800			
Herring	454,540	SHELLFISH				
Ling Cod	5,441,998	Clams:				
Perch	140,560	Hardshell .	1,772,784			
Pilchard	12,290,035	Razor	2,048,704			
Ratfish	1,778,039	Crab	8,102,685			
Rockfish	12,448,060	Octopus	107,357			
Salmon:		Scallops	58,901			
Chinook	12,475,082	Shrimp	130,351			
Chum	15,243,490	Squid	461			
Pink	1,265					
Silver	5,674,723		12,221,243			
Sockeye	21,986,603	LIVERS				
Steelhead .	359,780	Black Cod	120,868			
Scrapfish	603,169	Hake	13,081			
Shad	787,651	Halibut	188,129			
Shark:		Ling Cod	121,700			
Dogfish	645,925	Miscellaneous	104,051			
Soupfin	38,487	Shark:				
Skate	43,313	Dogfish	2,655,180			
Smelt:		Soupfin	93,463			
Eulachon .	2,725,439					
Silver	466,604		3,296,472			

INTERESTING STATISTICS AND COMPARISONS

Number of Fishing Boats licensed and registered for Washington waters: From April 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947, 2,845.

Number of Personal licenses issued to boat crew members: From April 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947, 6,782.

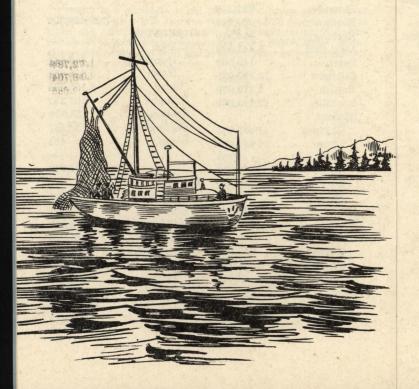
Total number of licenses issued by Commercial Fisheries Collection Office, State Treasury: 1946, 14,245; 1947, 23,244.

Ninety-eight per cent of all Washington caught Food Fish are marketed through fishermen-owned cooperatives.

In 1946, Seattle alone shipped 1,061 carloads of fresh and frozen salmon to eastern and southern markets.

Washington canneries packed and canned more than 350 thousand cases of salmon.

Alaska's 1946 pack amounted to 6,000,000 cases—most of it passing through Washington ports for distribution throughout the world.



COMMERCIAL FISHING AREAS

GEOGRAPHICAL DIVISION OF THE COMMERCIAL FISHERIES OF WASHINGTON

Four commercial fishing areas have been designated in the state with variations in catch limits, seasons and other regulations conforming to local conditions and propagation habits.

The annual Boat License and Registration fee, and the personal licenses issued to each member of the crew permit fishing in any or all of these areas. No additional permit is needed to move from one area to the other. However, there are variations in gear regulations which are covered in following pages.

The Puget Sound District

The Puget Sound District includes Puget Sound, all the tide waters of the Strait of Juan De Fuca, all the tide waters of Georgia Strait, all the tide waters of Washington Sound, all the tide waters of Puget Sound and all other tide waters emptying into Puget Sound and all the bays, inlets and estuaries of Puget Sound.

The Columbia River District

The Columbia River District consists of all waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries within the confines of this state.

Columbia River Mouth Defined: (Sec. 5663A, Rem. Rev. Stat.) For the purpose and computation and determination of any statute, rule or regulation with respect to the fishing industry in the State of Washington or upon the Columbia River, the mouth of the Columbia River is hereby established and declared to be as follows:

Beginning at the present outshore end of the north jetty of the Columbia River to the knuckle of the south jetty on such river, which knuckle is approximately four miles westerly from the government dock at Fort Stevens. The said line will pass approximately six-eighths of a mile westerly from Buoy No. 10 as shown on the geodetic survey No. 6151, dated January 5, 1917.

The Grays Harbor District

The Grays Harbor District consists of all the waters of Grays Harbor and its tributaries, and the Pacific Ocean within three miles of the shore line north of the south entrance of Grays Harbor and south of Cape Flattery, and all rivers and streams emptying therein.

The Willapa Harbor District

The Willapa Harbor District consists of the waters of Willapa Harbor and its tributaries, the Pacific Ocean within three miles of the shore line between the south entrance of Grays Harbor and North Head, and all rivers and streams emptying therein.

LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES

Boat Licenses and Registration

Section 51-c, Chapter 74, Laws of 1947

(1) There shall be a commercial fishing vessel license fee by every person, firm or corporation, owning or operating any commercial vessel which delivers or lands fish or shellfish within the State of Washington: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall apply to vessels operated by any person, firm or corporation having an oyster or clam farmer's license and used exclusively for such purpose.

(2) Each annual application for a commercial fishing vessel license shall contain the name and address of the owner of the vessel, the name and address of the operator of the vessel, the name and number of the vessel, a description of the vessel and fishing gear to be carried thereon, and such other information as may be required by the department of fisheries.

* (3) At the time of the issuance of such license the Director of Licenses shall furnish each applicant with a certificate of registration and two metal license plates with the registration number stamped thereon. Such registration shall be known as the "State of Washington License and Registration Number" and shall not be transferable. The registration certificate shall be carried aboard the vessel at all times and the metal license plates shall be affixed and carried in plain sight on each side of the vessel well forward.

(4) Registrants shall report immediately any change of name, ownership or operator of the vessel. Defaced, mutilated or lost license plates shall be replaced immediately and a fee of two dollars (\$2) shall be charged for such new plates.

Personal Licenses

Section 51-a, Chapter 74, Laws of 1947

Section 51-a. There shall be a personal commercial fishing license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be obtained by every person who takes or assists in taking any fish or shellfish from the waters or beaches of the State of Washington for commercial purposes, or who operates or assists in operating any boat or gear for the taking of fish or shellfish from the waters or beaches of the State of Washington for commercial purposes, or who brings or assists in bringing any fish or shellfish into the State of Washington for commercial purposes after having taken such fish or shellfish in the waters of the Pacific Ocean. The personal license shall be carried on the person whenever such person is engaged in the taking, landing, or selling of any fish or shellfish: Provided, however, This section shall not apply to those persons engaged solely as employees of any person, firm or corporation holding a valid oyster or clam farm license.

Gear Licenses

Chapter 74, Laws of 1947

HAND LINE OR JIGGER

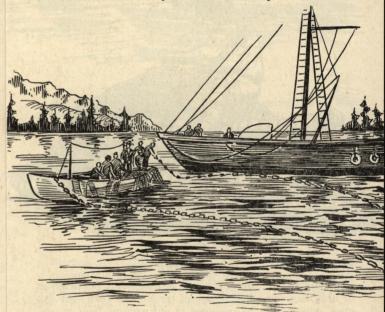
Section 51-d. There shall be a hand line or jigger license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing or commercial purposes: *Provided*, That not more than three hooks shall be attached to any one hand line or jigger used for commercial fishing.

TROLL LINE

Section 51-e. There shall be a troll line license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

SET LINE

Section 51-f. There shall be a set line license fee of ten dollars (\$10) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes: *Provided*, That not more than five hundred hooks may be attached to any one set line.



GILL NET

Puget Sound, Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor

Section 51-g. There shall be a gill net license fee of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm, or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes in the Puget Sound, Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor districts: Provided, That any person using any such net which exceeds seven hundred and fifty feet in length, shall pay an additional license fee of one cent (1¢) for each foot by which such length is exceeded.

^{* (}License plates referred to in section 3, are issued by the Department of Fisheries after fees have been paid to the Collector of Fisheries.)

GILL NET

Columbia River

Section 51-h. There shall be a gill net license fee of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes in the Columbia River.

SET NET

Section 51-i. There shall be a set net license fee of ten dollars (\$10) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

DIP BAG NET

Section 51-j. There shall be a dip bag net license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

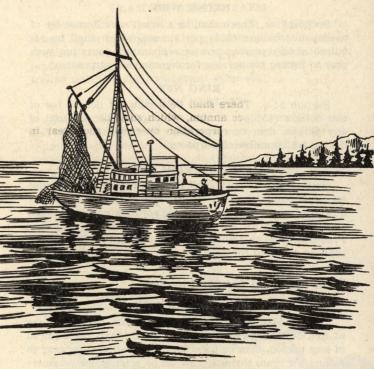


DRAG SEINE

Section 51-k. There shall be a drag seine, beach seine, or drag bag seine license fee of ten dollars (\$10) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes: *Provided*, That any person fishing with any such device which exceeds three hundred feet in length, shall pay an additional fee of three cents (3¢) for each foot by which such length is exceeded.

LAMPARA

Section 51-1. There shall be a lampara, or roundhaul net license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.



PURSE SEINE

Section 51-m. There shall be a purse seine license fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

BEAM TRAWL

Section 51-n. There shall be a beam trawl license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

OTTER TRAWL

Section 51-o. There shall be an otter trawl license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

REEF NET

Section 51-p. There shall be a reef net license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

FYKE NET

Section 51-q. There shall be a fyke net license fee of ten dollars (\$10) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

BRUSH WEIR

Section 51-r. There shall be a brush weir license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for herring for commercial purposes.

RING NET

Section 51-s. There shall be a ring net license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for commercial purposes.

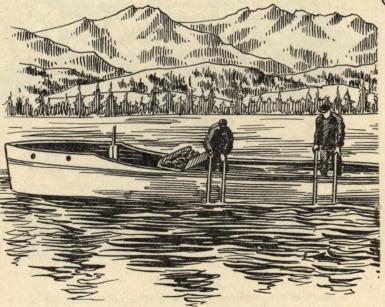
BOTTOM FISH POT

Section 51-t. There shall be a bottom fish pot license fee of ten dollars (\$10) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for bottom fish for commercial purposes: Provided, That an additional fee of ten cents (10¢) per pot shall be required for each pot over one hundred.

Shell Fish and Oyster Licenses

SHELLFISH POT

Section 51-u. There shall be a shellfish pot license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation operating such gear in fishing for crab, shrimp, crawfish or octopus for commercial purposes: Provided, That an additional fee of ten cents (10ϕ) per pot shall be required for each pot over one hundred.



CLAM OR OYSTER FARM

Section 51-v. There shall be a clam or oyster farm license fee of ten dollars (\$10) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the production of clams or oysters on privately owned or controlled tidelands for commercial purposes.

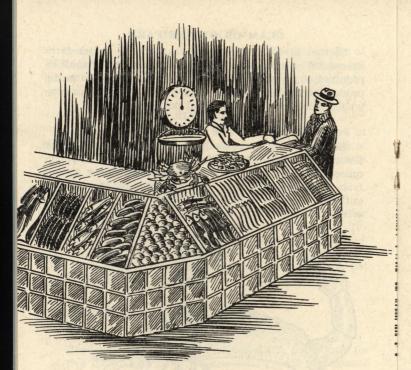
OYSTER RESERVE

Section 51-w. There shall be an oyster reserve license fee of ten dollars (\$10) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation taking oysters from state reserves and/or state tidelands for any purpose authorized by law or regulations of the Director of Fisheries.



Processors and Dealers Licenses and Permits WHOLESALER

Section 51-x. There shall be a wholesale fish or shell-fish dealer's license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of selling fish or shell-fish at wholesale or in freezing, salting, smoking, kippering, preserving in ice or otherwise dealing in or curing any food or shellfish for commercial purposes whether or not be is the taker or catcher of such fish or shellfish.



RETAILER

Section 51-y. There shall be a retail fish or shellfish dealer's license fee of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation who sells fresh, frozen or cured fish or shellfish directly to the consumer whether or not he is the taker or catcher of such fish or shellfish.

FISH CANNERY

Section 51-z. There shall be a food fish canning license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in canning food fish, for commercial purposes, in hermetically sealed containers which are processed by exposure to heat for pasteurization or sterilization.

SHELLFISH CANNERY

Section 51-aa. There shall be a shellfish canning license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in canning shellfish, for commercial purposes, in hermetically sealed containers which are processed by exposure to heat for pasteurization or sterilization.

BY PRODUCTS PROCESSING

Section 51-bb. There shall be a fish by-products license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation engaged for commercial purposes in the manufacturing or preparation of fertilizer, oil, meal, caviar, fish bait or other by-products from fish or shellfish.

FISH BROKER

Section 51-cc. There shall be a fish broker's license fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per annum, which shall be required of every person, firm or corporation handling food fish, or shellfish, whether fresh, frozen, canned or otherwise processed, for others or with others with whom he has an interest, divisible or indivisible for a fixed compensation or on commission, or who negotiates, bargains and contracts with others relative to any of such fish and with the custody of which he may not have any concern.

FISH BUYER

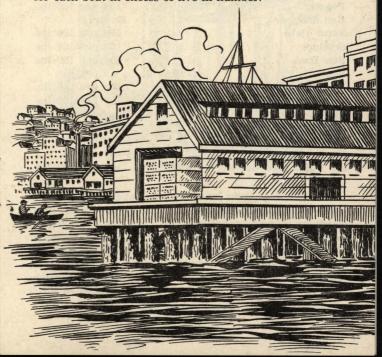
Section 51-dd. There shall be fish buyer's license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of each wholesaler, canner, by-products manufacturer or broker for each buyer engaged as the representative of such wholesaler, canner, by-products manufacturer or broker.

BRANCH PLANT

Section 51-ff. There shall be a branch plant operator's license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of each retailer, wholesaler, canner, by-products manufacturer or boathouse operator having more than one place of business. Such person, firm or corporation shall designate one place of business as headquarters and shall obtain one such license for each other place of business.

BOAT HOUSE OPERATORS

Section 51-ee. There shall be a boathouse operator's license fee of five dollars (\$5) per annum, which shall be required of any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of renting boats to individuals for the purpose of taking food fish or shellfish for personal use: *Provided*, That an additional fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be required for each boat in excess of five in number.



POUNDAGE AND PRIVILEGE TAXES

Section 52, Laws of 1945 (Sec. 5704-A, Rem. Rev. Stat.)

Note: The privilege fees herein provided for, shall be collected but once and shall be collected from the licensee first handling the fish or shellfish either as a packer, canner, curer, freezer, broker, wholesaler or retailer and in order that this end be accomplished, the Director of Fisheries and the State Treasurer are hereby authorized to determine finally any dispute arising out of the operation and enforcement of this section.

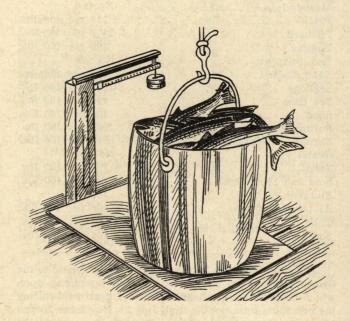
COLUMBIA RIVER DISTRICT

Chinook Salmon	
Chum or Dog Salmon	
Pink Salmon	
Silver Salmon	. ½¢ per lb.
Blueback Salmon	. ½¢ per lb.
Steelhead Salmon	. ½¢ per lb.
Anchovy	
Candlefish	. 10¢ per 100 lbs.
Carp	
Clams and Mussels (other kinds)	
Clams—Razor	. 10¢ per 100 lbs.
Cod:	
Black	. No tax
Ling	. No tax
Other	. No tax
Rock	. 10¢ per 100 lbs.
Crabs	. 5¢ per doz.
Devilfish	. 10¢ per 100 lbs.
Dog Fish	. No tax
Halibut	. No tax
Herring	
Mackerel	. No tax
Perch	
Pilchard	
Poggies	
Red Snapper	
Sand Dabs	
Scallops	
Sea Bass	
Shad	
Shrimp (other)	
Shrimp (spot)	
Skates	
Smelt	. 20¢ per 100 lbs.
Sole and Flounders	
Sturgeon	
All other food fish	. 10¢ per 100 lbs.

The privilege taxes herein required shall be paid to the State Treasurer on all fish or shellfish purchased upon which no previous privilege taxes have been paid during the preceding four months from July 31, November 30 and March 31 of each year, and the fee shall be accompanied by a report showing the total number of pounds of all varieties of fish and shellfish purchased stated separately upon blanks furnished at request by the Director of Fish-

eries. The failure of any person operating under a retail license to pay the privilege taxes or file the report herein required within thirty days after the dates so specified shall be denied the renewal of said license or the issuance of any other license which may be issued by the Director of Licenses to suspend or revoke the license granted to said person for operating as a retail dealer, and said person shall be denied the renewal of said license or the issuance of any other license which may be issued by the Director of Licenses for the purchasing or buying of fish and shellfish in the waters of the State of Washington. Every retail dealer operating in Columbia River district is entirely responsible for the payment of the privilege taxes herein prescribed on all fish or shellfish which he may purchase (Laws of 1937) upon which no previous privilege taxes have been paid.

Note: Chapter 222, Laws of 1937, provides that a privilege tax must be paid on all fish purchased, said privilege tax to be paid by the first wholesaler, canner, freezer, broker, or retail dealer purchasing same. All retail dealers buying their fish from licensed wholesale dealers, etc., are exempted from paying the above tax. Only fish purchased from the fishermen or from a dealer outside the State of Washington are subject to tax when handled by a retail dealer.



PUGET SOUND, WILLAPA HARBOR AND GRAYS HARBOR DISTRICTS

Chinook Salmon	56	eacl	1		
Chum or Dog Salmon					
Pink Salmon					
Silver Salmon	11/20				
Sockeye Salmon	2¢			i ba	
Anchovy		per		lhc	
Candlefish	PE 25 11 12	per			
Carp	ACVESTOR OF	per			
Clams—Razor	Contract Contract	per			
Clams and Mussels (other kinds)	The second second	per			
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Black	No t	0.37			
Ling					
Other					
Rock		per	100	lhe	
Crabs		per			
Devilfish		per			
Dog Fish Livers		per			
Soupfin Livers	The state of the s	-			
Halibut					
Herring					
Mackerel					
Perch	70.00	per	100	1he	
Pilchard	21/2¢	100 mg 1973 mg	2000		
Poggies	The Assessment of the State of	per			
Red Snapper	No t	-	100	105.	
Sand Dabs		per	100	lhe	
Scallops		per			
Sea Bass		per			
Shad		per			
Shrimp (other)		per			
Shrimp (spot)	COLORED TO SERVICE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON	per			
Skates	No t	200 100	100	100.	
Smelt		per	100	lhs	
Sole and Flounders					
Sturgeon					
All other food fish	Marie Control of the	per		lhs	
Tuna		per			
Squid		per			
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Licenses to suspend or revoke the license granted to said person for operating as a retail dealer, and said person shall be denied the renewal of said license or the issuance of any other license which may be issued by the Director of Licenses for the purchasing or buying of fish and shell-fish in the waters of the State of Washington. Every retail dealer operating in Puget Sound, Grays Harbor and Willapa Harbor districts is entirely responsible for the payment of the privilege taxes herein prescribed on all fish or shellfish which he may purchase (Laws of 1937) upon which no previous privilege taxes have been paid.

Fish Imported to the State

Poundage or privilege taxes must be paid on all imports of fish and shellfoods into the state except those processed or salted outside the state boundaries before importation.

CONVERSION TABLE

Used in converting pounds to fish and fish to pounds in computing taxes.

Inside Fish

CONVERSION WEIGHTS

CONTRACTOR TELL	MARKE			
Fish	Puget Sound Pounds	Columbia River Pounds	Grays Harbor Pounds	Willapa Harbor Pounds
Chinook	22	23	23	23
Dog-chum	10	13	11	11
Humpback-pink	5	4	4	4
Silver	10	10	10	10
Sockeye	7	5	6	6
Steelhead	9	10	10	10
Sturgeon	28	40	30	38
Shad	L. Care	31/2	30	38

Outside Fish

CONVERSION WEIGHTS AND CALENDAR

Silvers

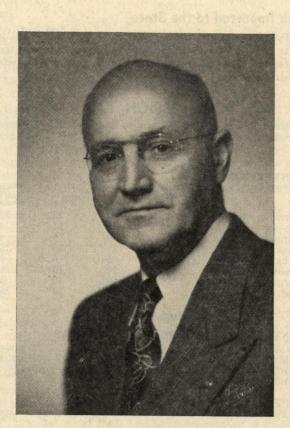
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The conversion weight for all troll caught silvers (weight to be dressed, head on) shall be as follows:

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Jan. 1	l to	May	31,	inc					4	pounds
June 1	l to	June	30,	inc					5	pounds
July 1	1 to	July	31,	inc					6	pounds
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Chums	S-V	veight	OU	tside	sam	e as	insi	de ch	art.	

CASE PACK TAX

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Pinks	6¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans
Chums	5¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans
All others	20¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans
Shrimp	45¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans
Razor Clams	10¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans
All other clams	7¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans
Scallops	40¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans
Crabs	15¢	per	48/1 lb.	cans



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FOR YOUR RECORD

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Personal License No
Gear License No
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