STATISTICAL AREAS

California is divided into nine areas for the purpose of reporting fisheries statistics. Each statistical area is named for a major port within its boundaries.

SPECIES DEFINITION

The common and scientific names of species reported here are those designated by the Department (Gates and Frey, 1974). Some species are reported only collectively when for economics or other reasons, their separation is not practical.

Starting with the Final California Commercial Landings for 2003, the format of how common names are presented was standardized for consistency. For example: sea urchins were previously shown as "Urchin, red" but starting in 2003 the format was changed to "Sea urchin, red."

CONDITION

Most fish and shellfish are landed in a round condition, however, some species, such as barracuda, shark, salmon, sablefish, and white seabass, may be eviscerated or dressed before being brought ashore. Some species, such as swordfish, are also beheaded at sea. The condition of fish landed in the State, cannot always be determined, so the tables represent summarized weights as reported to the Department *without regard to condition.*

VALUE

Value is computed from prices paid to fishermen. Area value figures are ascertained by summing the value of all individual landings in that area. Values expressed in the Final California Commercial Landings for 2019, are only for those landings where a price was listed.

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