

Memorandum

To : Distribution

Date: August 20, 2002

From : Department of Fish and Game - Marine Region, Southern Operations

Subject: California Commercial Landings for 2001

Attached are the Final California Commercial Landings for 2001, and the Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel reported catches for 2001.

The commercial landing tables are composed of 2 sets. Tables 7-21 in the 1st section are considered external tables and can be released to the public. Tables 16-21 in the 2nd section (behind the color separation) are considered **INTERNAL TABLES**. They cannot be released as public information because they contain confidential data.

Section 8022 (Fish and Game Code) says, in part, that "Insofar as possible, the information contained in the [Department] records shall be compiled or published as summaries, so as not to disclose the individual record or business of any person." Accordingly, for ports where one dealer conducts 80% or more of the total business for the port, the tables must be edited before releasing the information to the public. As an example, releasing "Fields Landing" port values in Table 16 would disclose Eureka Fisheries' business. This information should be presented in such a way as to prevent disclosure of a particular business's activity, or not released at all.

If you have any comments regarding these tables, please contact Ms. Joann Eres at, (562) 342-7135, or FAX (562) 342-7137, or e-mail Jeres@dfg.ca.gov.

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