

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.

CONDITION

Most fish and shellfish are landed in a round condition, however, some species, such as barracuda, shark, salmon, sablefish, and white sea bass, 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 2002, are only for those landings where price was listed.

CORRECTION

Please note that Tables 9 – 14 have “Waters North of State” and “Waters South of State” sections again, where applicable. These sections were missing from the Final California Commercial Landings for 1999, and the Final California Commercial Landings for 2000. During these two years, the data that should have been reported as taken from waters north and south of the state was reported as taken from California waters.