

Memorandum

To : Distribution

Date: September 16, 2004

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

Subject: **California Commercial Landings for 2003**

Attached are the Final California Commercial Landings for 2003, and the Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel reported catches for 2003.

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 there are less than three dealers conducting business, the tables must be edited before releasing the information to the public. As an example, "Fields Landing" port values in Table 16 are not released since less than three dealers conducted business in this port. 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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