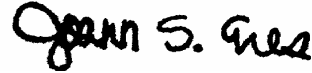


Memorandum

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From: Joann Eres – Marine Region, Resource Assessment



Subject: Final California Commercial Landings for 2008

Attached are the Final California Commercial Landings and the Final Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel reported catches for 2008.

The California Commercial Landings are composed of two sets of tables. 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, "Humboldt Bay" 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.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me at (562) 342-7135 or by email at Jeres@dfg.ca.gov if you have any questions.

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