REVIEW

PROCESSED FISHERY PRODUCTS

FRESH AND FROZEN

FISH FILLETS AND STEAKS. In 1995 the U.S. production of raw (uncooked) fish fillets and steaks, including blocks, was 385.3 million pounds--39.7 million pounds less than the 425.0 million pounds in 1994. These fillets and steaks were valued at $840.9 million--$5.1 million more than 1994. Alaska pollock fillets and blocks led all species with 135.5 million pounds--35 percent of the total. Production of groundfish fillets and steaks (see Glossary Section-Groundfish) was 216.7 million pounds compared with 220.4 million pounds in 1994.

FISH STICKS AND PORTIONS. The combined production of fish sticks and portions was 325.4 million pounds valued at $429.7 million compared with the 1994 production of 255.1 million pounds valued at $319.8 million--an increase of 70.3 million pounds and $109.9 million.

The total production of fish sticks amounted to 75.0 million pounds valued at $74.6 million--an increase of 16.2 million pounds and $23.2 million compared with 1994. The total production of fish portions amounted to 250.4 million pounds valued at $355.1 million--an increase of 54.1 million pounds and $86.8 million compared with 1994.

BREADED SHRIMP. The production of breaded shrimp in 1995 was 100.4 million pounds valued at $298.7 million, compared with the 1994 production of 113.5 million pounds valued at $304.9 million.

CANNED FISHERY PRODUCTS

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CANNED SALMON. The 1995 U.S. pack of natural Pacific salmon was 243.6 million pounds valued at $419.2 million, compared with 206.8 million pounds valued at $329.0 million packed in 1994. Alaskan plants accounted for 96 percent in quantity and 95 percent in value of the salmon pack.

CANNED SARDINES. The pack of Maine sardines (small herring) was 13.6 million pounds valued at $23.7 million, a decrease of 2.0 million pounds and $3.9 million compared with 1994. There were 6.8 million pounds of herring valued at $12.0 million packed in 1995--524,000 pounds and $793,000 more than the 1994 pack.

CANNED TUNA. The U.S. pack of tuna was 666.6 million pounds valued at $938.5 million--an increase of 57.1 million pounds in quantity but a decrease of $24.7 million in value compared with the 1994 pack. The pack of albacore tuna was 164.4 million pounds--3.9 million pounds more than the 160.5 million pounds produced in 1994. Albacore tuna comprised 25 percent of the tuna pack in 1995. Lightmeat tuna (bigeye, bluefin, skipjack, and yellowfin) comprised the remainder with a pack of 502.2 million pounds--53.2 million pounds more than the 449.0 million pounds packed in 1994.

CANNED CLAMS. The 1995 U.S. pack of clams (whole, minced, chowder, juice, and specialties) was 129.2 million pounds valued at $109.8 million--an increase of 7.0 million pounds and $4.2 million more in value than the pack in 1994. The pack of whole and minced clams was 43.0 million pounds--7.6 million pounds more than the 1994 pack and accounted for 33 percent of the total clam pack. Clam chowder and clam juice was 74.7 million pounds and made up the majority of the remaining pack.

CANNED SHRIMP. The U.S. pack of natural shrimp was 912,000 pounds valued at $6.7 million--an increase of 449,000 pounds and $3.2 million in value compared with the 1994 pack.

OTHER CANNED ITEMS. The pack of pet food was 842.4 million pounds valued at $342.8 million--an increase of 60.1 million pounds compared with the 1994 pack.

INDUSTRIAL FISHERY PRODUCTS

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FISH MEAL. The domestic production of fish and shellfish meal was 667.2 million pounds valued at $122.2 million--a decrease of 140.6 million pounds and $12.4 million compared with 1994. Menhaden meal production was 450.5 million
pounds valued at $82.5 million--a decrease of 121.2 million pounds and $8.3 million compared with 1994. Menhaden accounted for 68 percent of the 1995 production of meal. Shellfish meal production was 16.4 million pounds--a decrease of 11 million pounds from the 1994 level. Tuna and mackerel meal production was 64.5 million pounds--a decrease of 4.3 million pounds from 1994. Production of unclassified meal (consisting mainly of Alaska pollock and unclassified fish) was 135.7 million pounds--a decrease of 14.0 million pounds compared with 1994.

**FISH SOLUBLES.** Domestic production of fish solubles was 89.5 million pounds, 57.1 million pounds less than the 1994 production.

**FISH OILS.** The domestic production of fish oils was 241.9 million pounds valued at $42.3 million--a decrease of 49.9 million pounds, but an increase of $5.1 million in value compared with 1994 production. The production of menhaden oil was 238.2 million pounds valued at $41.9 million--a decrease of 51.1 million pounds, but an increase of $5.1 million compared with 1994. Menhaden oil accounted for 98 percent of the volume and value of the total 1995 fish oil production.

**OTHER INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.** Oyster shell products, together with agar-agar, animal feeds, crab and clam shells processed for food serving, fish pellets, Irish moss extracts, kelp products, dry and liquid fertilizers, pearl essence, and mussel shell buttons were valued at $73.1 million, compared with $62.0 million in 1994--an increase of $11.1 million.