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CANNING: Handling Frozen Salmon for Canning: Final organoleptic examinations were made of samples of canned Frazer River sockeye salmon prepared from fresh and frozen fish during August 1949 to January 1950. Quality scores were compared with those of similar samples examined a year ago. The most significant change during the additional year's storage of the canned sockeye salmon was the increase in free-oil content. Apparently the free-oil content of the canned sockeye salmon prepared from frozen fish was not at a maximum until after a year of storage. (Ketchikan) Refer to: "Use of Frozen Salmon for Canning," by M. E. Stansby and John A. Dassow, Commercial Fisheries Review, April 1951, vol. 13, no. 4, pp. 20-5.

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REFRIGERATION: Palatability and Cold-storage Life of Various Species of Rockfish: The purpose of the project is to determine the cold-storage life of various species of Pacific Coast rockfish and the East Coast ocean perch. All samples in frozen storage since July 1950 now have reached an inedible stage. The Sebastes alutus (long-jawed rockfish) was considered inedible due to development of rancidity, a condition reached one month ago by Sebastes marinus (ocean perch). The maximum storage life of these two species, on the basis of these tests, is about 7 to 8 months at 0° F. The samples of S. paucispinis (bocaccio) were also considered inedible. This species, although not yet very rancid, had developed an extremely tough texture.

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TECHNOLOGICAL SECTION CONFERENCE: A meeting of Service fishery technologists and representatives of fishery and allied industries will be held in Washington, D. C., on June 27, 1951, for the purpose of developing a research program for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 1951. Members of the staff in Washington and laboratory directors from Boston, Mass.; College Park, Md.; Ketchikan, Alaska; and Seattle, Wash.; will be present.

Members of the fishery and allied industries are invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 3013 of the New Interior Building, Washington, D. C. At this time laboratory chiefs will discuss their projects for the preceding year and give a report on the progress made. Various suggested new projects will also be reviewed. Industry representatives will be invited to discuss the progress on the previous year's projects, to offer new projects, and to comment on the proposed new projects.

These annual meetings with members of Industry were initiated several years ago and have greatly aided the Service in formulating a sound technological research program.