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Fishery Leaflet 429 (Refrigeration of Fish - Part 3, "Factors to be Considered in the Freezing and Cold Storage of Fishery Products") is one of a series of leaflets on the refrigeration of fish. This leaflet is concerned with the changes which take place during the freezing and cold storage of fish and with the packaging materials presently in use for fishery products. The effects of temperature changes, freezing rates, freezing methods, ice crystal size, and other factors on the fish meat during freezing are discussed. Changes in texture, color, and flavor of the meat of frozen and stored fishery products as related to the effects of rancidity, desiccation, storage temperature, available oxygen from the air, and presence of other pro-oxidants, etc., are treated in detail. Information on the frozen life of fishery products is included. The commonly-used protective glazes, films, overwraps, and cartons are discussed and the relative merits of the various types of protective packaging are pointed out.



In addition to Part 3 of this series, Part 4, "Preparation, Freezing and Cold Storage of Fish, Shellfish, and Precooked Fishery Products"--Fishery Leaflet 430--has been released and free copies of both FL. 429 and FL. 430 can be obtained from the Division of Information, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C.

To be released in the near future are Part 1, "Cold Storage Design and Refrigeration Equipment," Fishery Leaflet 427; Part 2, "Handling Fresh Fish," Fishery Leaflet 428; Part 5, "Distribution and Marketing of Fishery Products," Fishery Leaflet 431.

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