



Federal Committee on Pest Control

PESTICIDE MONITORING PROGRAM APPROVED:

A comprehensive program to monitor levels of pesticide residues in people, fish and wildlife, food and feed, soil, and water in the United States has been approved by the Federal Committee on Pest Control (FCPC).

The FCPC, an interagency group, reviews all pest control activities conducted by Federal Departments or financed wholly or in part with Federal funds. Members of the FCPC include representatives of the Departments of Agriculture; Health, Education, and Welfare; Interior; and Defense.

The objective of the monitoring program is to determine the extent to which pesticide residue levels exist in the United States and to detect such increases or decreases as may occur in the future. Data developed by the program will be made widely available through the publication of summaries and by other means.

The program incorporates some Federal pesticides monitoring which the Departments have had under way for several years.

The program, developed by the FCPC Subcommittee on Pesticide Monitoring, represents action by Federal Departments to coordinate and expand pesticide monitoring efforts in principal elements of the national environment. During the first year of the program, FCPC members expect to learn if details of the plan are workable and if it should be expanded. Environments being considered for inclusion are air, lakes, and ground water in which technical problems now make pesticide measurements difficult.

Fish: The monitoring of fish by the Department of Interior will attempt to inform

scientists about aquatic environmental conditions in which fish live. This may provide the basis for intensive studies on the meaning of pesticide levels to the physiological processes of fish.

A minimum of three species of fish in various parts of the United States will be studied for the presence of pesticide residues. The species will vary according to location. They should reflect the degree of residues in organisms upon which they have fed. The order of preference in fish to be sampled is: carp, buffalofish, black bass, channel catfish, green sunfish, yellow perch, rainbow trout, and squawfish.

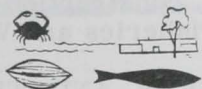
Samples will be taken at 50 sites twice a year, as close to April and October as possible. These times will show the possible effect of the summer use of pesticides.

Major estuaries, where salt and fresh water meet, and major river drainages containing commercial quantities of shellfish will be included in the program. Oysters and clams, which filter large amounts of water to obtain food, will be studied. Samples of such shellfish and sediment will be taken three times a year.

Water: Fifty-five locations, covering all of the major river drainages, will be sampled by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare or by the Department of the Interior to provide continuing information on pesticide residues in the nation's water supply.

Rivers generally will be sampled at places where they empty into other bodies of water. Some samples will be taken at upstream locations. Samples will be taken monthly and will be analyzed to a sensitivity of one part of pesticide to one trillion parts of water.

Other Studies: The pesticide monitoring program will also include (1) the continued surveillance of pesticide residues in food and feed by the Food and Drug Administration in cooperation with the Department of Agriculture; (2) the sampling of soil by the Department of Agriculture to determine the rate of accumulation of certain pesticides; and (3) studies of pesticide residues in people by the Public Health Service.



General Services Administration

FEDERAL SUPPLY SERVICE

NEW FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR CANNED SARDINES, CANNED SHRIMP, AND CANNED TUNA:

New Federal Specifications for canned sardines, canned shrimp, and canned tuna have been approved for the use of all Federal Agencies by the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration. The new specifications were developed by the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in cooperation with industry producers and Government buyers.

The new specifications include the following sections: (1) Scope and Classification; (2) Applicable Specifications, Standards, and Other Publications; (3) Requirements; (4) Sampling, Inspection, and Test Procedures; (5) Preparation for Delivery; and (6) Notes.

Federal Specification PP-S-51g, Sardines, Canned, effective September 7, 1965, supersedes Int. Fed. Spec. PP-S-0051f (INT-FWS) of December 5, 1962, and Fed. Spec. PP-S-51d of April 11, 1957.

Federal Specification PP-S-311c, Shrimp, Canned, effective September 3, 1965, supersedes Int. Fed. Spec. PP-S-00311b (INT-FWS) of August 9, 1963, and Fed. Spec. PP-S-311a of September 8, 1955.

Federal Specification PP-T-771b, Tuna, Canned, effective September 20, 1965, supersedes Int. Fed. Spec. PP-T-00771a (INT-FWS) of June 23, 1962, and Fed. Spec. PP-T-771 of March 31, 1931.

Copies of the new specifications may be purchased from the U. S. Government Printing Office: price 5 cents each for those on

canned tuna or canned shrimp; 10 cents each for those on canned sardines.



Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

APPLICATIONS FOR FISHING VESSEL LOANS:

The following applications have been received for loans from the U. S. Fisheries Loan Fund to aid in financing the construction or purchase of fishing vessels:

Bert Arthur Bender, 7730 Sunnyside Avenue North, Seattle, Wash. 98103; has applied for aid in financing the purchase of a used 30-foot wood gill-net vessel to engage in the fishery for salmon in the Cook Inlet area of Alaska. Notice of the application was published by the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in the Federal Register, November 10, 1965.

Julius R. Majdic, Post Office Box 2018, Kodiak, Alaska 99615, has applied for a loan to aid in financing the purchase of a new 32-foot wood combination seine and gill-net vessel to engage in the fishery for salmon in the Kodiak area of Alaska. Notice of the application was published in the Federal Register, November 10, 1965.

James H. and Leola E. Baumgartner, 1337 Montana Street, Coos Bay, Oreg., have applied for a loan to aid in financing the purchase of a used 45.3-foot registered length wood trolling vessel to engage in the fishery for tuna and salmon in the Coos Bay area of Oregon. Notice of their application was published in the Federal Register, November 13, 1965.

Louis E. Wiegand, 3301 South Lake Drive, Miami, Fla., has applied for a loan to aid in financing the construction of a new 44-foot wood vessel to engage in the fishery for lobster, snapper, and grouper in the Florida area. Notice of the application was published in the Federal Register, November 17, 1965.

Regulations and procedures governing fishery loans have been revised and no longer require that an applicant for a new or used ves-

sel loan replace an existing vessel (Public Law 89-85; Fisheries Loan Fund Procedures--50 CFR Part 250, as revised August 11, 1965).

HEARING ON APPLICATION FOR FISHING VESSEL CONSTRUCTION DIFFERENTIAL SUBSIDY:

Pacific Trade Winds, Inc., 110 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, Calif., has applied for a fishing vessel construction differential subsidy to aid in the construction of a 150-foot overall steel vessel to engage in the fishery for tuna. A hearing on the economic aspects of this application was held. The U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries published the notice of the application and hearing in the Federal Register, November 17, 1965.



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SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS 1966: S. Rept. 912, Supplemental Appropriation Bill, 1966 (Oct. 19, 1965, report from the Committee on Appropriations, U. S. Senate, 89th Congress, 1st session, to accompany H. R. 11588), 72 pp., printed. Committee reported bill favorably with various amendments. The bill under the State Department includes \$500,000 for facilities for the International Pacific Halibut Commission; under the Interior Department, construction funds for Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

TRINITY RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, TEXAS: H. Doc. 276, Trinity River and Tributaries, Texas: Letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, Dated November 29, 1963, Submitting a Report, Together with Accompanying Papers and Illustrations, on a Review of the Reports on and a Survey of the Trinity River and Tributaries, Texas, made Pursuant to Several Congressional Authorizations Listed in the Report; in five volumes, volume V; referred to the Committee on Public Works, House of Representatives, 89th Congress, 1st session, Aug. 25, 1965, 276 pp., illus., printed. Volume V contains information on recreation and fish and wildlife; economic base study; comments of other agencies; and resolutions, public hearings, and prior reports. A small section discusses commercial fishing in the Trinity River area.



PRESIDENTIAL GREETING TO MEETING OF FISHERY ASSOCIATIONS

A highlight of the joint meeting June 20-23, 1965, in Miami Beach, Fla., of the Shrimp Association of the Americas and the Southeastern Fisheries Association was a telegram of greeting from President Lyndon B. Johnson. The telegram read as follows:

I EXTEND TO YOUR ASSOCIATIONS ASSEMBLED IN JOINT MEETING MY BEST WISHES FOR PRODUCTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSIONS. I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO SEE THIS INTIMATE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN PRODUCERS OF THESE VERY IMPORTANT MARINE RESOURCES. YOUR PRODUCTS CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR NUTRITIONAL WELL-BEING AND TO WELCOME VARIETY IN OUR DIETS. THIS IS TRULY A SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF JOINT EFFORTS TO UTILIZE AND CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES AND REFLECTS THE BEST SPIRIT OF OUR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION YEAR.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON