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TO OUR READERS: With the current issue, this monthly publication, prepared in the Washington offices of the Fish and Wildlife Service, formerly known as Fishery Market News, is re-named Commercial Fisheries Review. We believe this name is more descriptive of the type of material included in the publication. The new name also eliminates the conflict which has existed between the name of this publication and the daily, monthly, and annual publications issued by the several field offices of the Fishery Market News Service.

Some other changes, also, have been, or will be, made in the publication. It is our intention to include a greater number of articles on commercial fishery subjects, prepared by members of the staff, but fewer statistical tables, since the latter information is now available in detail in our revised and expanded monthly statistical reports in the Current Fishery Statistics series. The format will be revised, and the type will be larger to facilitate reading. A period of several months must elapse, however, before all the changes planned can be realized.

We regret that there has been a considerable delay in the release of the old <u>Fishery Market News</u> publication during recent months. This has been occasioned by a shortage of personnel, both for its preparation and processing. The issues of <u>Fishery Market News</u> have not been released for the months of October, November and December 1945; however, they will be prepared and issued during the next few months at times when the least delay will result to the issuance of <u>Commercial Fisheries Review</u>.

It is our aim to make this publication as useful to those interested in the commercial fisheries as is possible. We hope our readers will make suggestions on ways that they believe this publication can be further revised to best serve them.

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