

SECTIONAL REVIEWS

South Atlantic

SHRIMP: The season of low production in the shrimp industry of Georgia and the Carolinas is during February and March. Most of the dealers take advantage of



LARGE SHRIMP TRAWLER AND GEAR ARRANGED FOR SETTING

this slack season to make necessary repairs to shore establishments, boats, nets, and equipment, because even though higher prices prevail at this season, they do not find it profitable to operate the large trawlers. Dealers who traditionally operate from Charleston, S. C., to St. Augustine, Fla., following the shrimp run have moved back to headquarters and are getting ready for another season. Many large, new shrimp trawlers will be ready for the coming season.

Dealers returning from Florida report that the winter season there was below normal. Georgia and South Carolina dealers have made the statement that the 1946 season was less profitable than that of 1945.

Among the trade, there appears to be many reasons for this apparent decline in shrimp production. The opinion most prevalent is that there is too great a concentration of the large modern trawlers, with their large nets, trawling the comparatively restricted shrimping grounds of the South Atlantic. Total catch for 1945 in Georgia and South Carolina shows an increase over the figures taken in the last previous survey made in 1940 but catch per vessel shows a decrease. Catch figures for 1946 are not available as yet, but indications are that both total catch and catch per vessel, will show a decline.

SHAD: The 1947 shad season which opened January 1 in Georgia closed on March 31. The usual efforts to extend the season several weeks were made, but were unsuccessful. The catch was larger than that of the 1946 season but was still below the average for the past five or six years. Prices were reported good for the season as a whole, but toward the end of the season several dealers had losses on the last few shipments.

