

PORT POOL

Collection of biostatistical data at fishing ports.

August 6, 1959

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Commercial Fisheries

Location: Woods Hole, Mass.
Date: August 6, 1959

RESEARCH PROJECT OUTLINE

TITLE OF PROJECT: Port Pool (Sampling the Commercial Landings)

INVESTIGATION TITLE:

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NEED FOR INFORMATION:

The operation of field stations in Region 3, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries is required to obtain the basic biological and statistical data from the commercial fisheries of the Atlantic Ocean from Eastport, Maine, to Hampton, Virginia. These data are used by various investigations at the Woods Hole Biological Laboratory and the Statistical Center at Gloucester, Massachusetts.

OBJECTIVE:

To collect at ports of landings the interview information, commercial statistics and biological samples required by the various investigations at the Woods Hole Biological Laboratory and the commercial market statistics needed by the Gloucester Statistical Center.

METHOD OF PROCEDURE:

The Bureau of Commercial Fisheries agents who are stationed at Eastport, Rockland and Portland, Maine; Gloucester, Boston, Provincetown and New Bedford, Massachusetts; Point Judith, Rhode Island; and Hampton, Virginia, obtain confidential interview information from the captains or owners of fishing vessels concerning the exact areas fished, time spent in productive fishing, time lost during the trip, depths fished, catch by species, gear used, and accurate positions fished on each trip. From vessels that have fished in certain areas they obtain samples of the catch and perform biological techniques including length-frequency measurements, scale and otoliths samples, and when directed, samples of gonads, stomachs, and/or other organs.

Method of Procedure: (Cont'd)

Phase 3:

Estimated Costs: Total Needed by Laboratory for Complete Project			<u>681.9</u>
	FY <u>1959</u>	FY <u>1960</u>	FY <u>1961</u>
Personal Services	<u>40.9</u>	<u>59.3</u>	<u>65.0</u>
Other Expenses: Within Project	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Lab. Adm. & Ser.	<u>6.4</u>	<u>5.7</u>	<u>7.1</u>
Lab. Total	<u>47.3</u>	<u>65.0</u>	<u>72.1</u>
Regional Office	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Washington Office	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Recommended Source of Funds _____
 (S-K, Regular, Contributed, etc.)

Estimated Date of Completion: Phase 1 FY ; Phase 2 FY ; Phase 3 FY ; Project FY

Recommended by: _____ Date _____
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Remarks
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