

WHITEBAIT FISHERY, 1949 SEASON

District.	Principal Rivers Fished for Which Returns Were Received.	Best Period.	Number of Fishermen (Approximately).		Total Quantity Caught (Approximately).
			Regular.	Casual.	
Auckland ..	Waikato, Raglan, and Kawhia ..	Sept.-Oct.	130	65	Cwt. 949
Bay of Plenty ..	Kaituna, Tarawera, Rangitaiki, Waioeka, Otaro ..	Sept. ..	5	25	24
Hawke's Bay ..	Tukituki, Ngarororo, Porangahau ..	Sept.-Oct.	50	75	17
Wairarapa ..	Lake Onoke ..	Mid. Sept.	2	20	6
Wellington ..	Waikanae, Waimeha, Mangone, Otaki, Waiotihu, Ohau, Manawatu, Kaikokopu, Rangitikei ..	Oct. ..	86	382	266
Wanganui ..	Turakina, Whangachui, Wanganui, Kai Iwi ..	Nov. ..	3	37	16
Patea ..	Waitotara, Whenuakura, Patea ..	Oct.-Nov.	54	170	90
Taranaki ..	Kaipokonui, Ohawe, Tangahoe, Waitara, Mokau, Waiongona, Awakino, Waiwakaiho, Urenui, Te Henui ..	Sept.-Oct.	18	257	33½
Marlborough ..	Wairau, Onaka, Opawa, Aorere, Takaka, Motupipi, Motueka, Moutere ..	Oct. ..	19	22	90½
North Canterbury ..	Waiau, Conway, Hurunui, Waipara ..	Oct.-Nov.	21
Christchurch ..	Saltwater, Ashley, Wainakariri, Avon ..	Oct.-Nov.	150	250	413
South Canterbury ..	Rakaia, Orari, Opihi, Ashburton, Rangitata, Waitaki (north bank) ..	Oct.-Nov.	157
Otago ..	Moiynex, Puerua, Taieri, Waipori, Kakanui, Shag, Waikouaiti, Tokomairiro, Tahakopa, Macleennan, Owaka, Catlins, Tautuku, Pleasant, Wainakarua, Waitaki (south bank) ..	Oct.-Nov.	20	82	98½
Southland ..	Matawa, Titiroa, Oreti, Waihopai, Waimatuku, Aparima, Waiau, Big Bay (south-west coast) ..	Oct. ..	47	..	408½
West Coast—Wataroa ..	Maori, Haast, Karangarua, Okura, Waiotahi, Turnbull, Cascade, Fox, Jacobs, Mahitahi, Parenga, Blue, Big Wanganui, Poerua, Wataroa ..	Nov. ..	165	20	3,046
Hokitika ..	Hokitika, Mahinapua, Arahura, Totara (Ross) ..	Nov. ..	126	247	671
Greymouth ..	Grey, New, Teremakau, Paroa ..	Nov. ..	47	450	277
Westport ..	Karamea, Little Wanganui, Mohikiniui, Ourawhaiti, Buller, Totara ..	Nov. ..	79	850	1,316
					7,899½

After a disappointing season last year this season showed considerable improvement in most places.

The estimated total, 7,899 cwt., also reflects a more complete record than was received last year, and for this reason cannot be used as an exact quantitative comparison with last year's total of 4,517 cwt.

QUINNAT SALMON

Although there was a drop in the number of fish taken as compared with the last two years, the season was a reasonably good one. During this season three nets, one of which was operated for only one month, took 582 fish, as compared with 849 fish last year and 983 fish the year before.

CANNED FISHERY PRODUCTS

A small quantity of fishery products are canned. These include toheroa, mussels, crayfish, trevally, herring, pilchard, whitebait, barracouta, and whalemeat.

The quantity canned is set out below :—

	lb.
Shell-fish	81,360
Whitebait	116,730
Sea fish generally	579,968
Whale-meat	583,210
Fishery products unspecified	80,820
Total	1,442,088