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Report of Discard for U.S. Fishery, 1961

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The amount of recorded discard of the U.S. fishing fleet in 1961 is given in Table 1. These data represent the amounts reported by fishermen on interviewed vessels. A greater amount is actually discarded because half, or less, of the fishing trips are interviewed, and fishermen may not necessarily report all discards even when interviewed. We have no reliable method of estimating total discard.

The U.S. markets generally operate on the basis of mixed landings; therefore, most of the fish are discarded because they are too small. This is particularly true of the species reported in Table 1. Many other species are caught and discarded because they are not desirable as food fish. Food fishermen will generally avoid areas where the undesirable species are abundant, however, and the amounts actually caught and discarded may be small. Red hake and spiny dogfish sharks are particularly abundant at times, and form the bulk of other species discarded.

Fishing practices would generally preclude the survival of discarded fish. They are generally left on the deck until after the desirable species or sizes are sorted out.

Small scallops are discarded in great numbers at times; however, most of these probably survive, and the amounts are not recorded.

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Table 1. Reported Discard - United States Fishery, 1961

ICNAF Division	Species	M. Tons (Round, Fresh)
30	Haddock	5.44
	Cod	4.99
	Hake, White	12.70
	Hake, Silver	2.27
3N	Cod	5.44
	Redfish	45.36
	Flounder, unclass.	0.91
4R	Redfish	6.80
4S	Redfish	45.36
4V	Haddock	6.80
	Cod	72.57
	Hake, White	1.36
	Hake, Silver	29.03
	Flounder, unclass.	6.80
	Pollock	14.06
4W	Haddock	40.82
	Cod	12.25
	Hake, Silver	76.20
	Flounder, unclass.	5.45
	Pollock	9.98
4X	Haddock	12.70
	Hake, White	24.49
	Hake, Silver	17.20
	Flounder, unclass.	6.35
	Pollock	186.88
5Y	Haddock	7.26
	Cod	5.44
	Hake, White	77.11
	Hake, Silver	136.08
	Flounder, unclass.	35.83
	Pollock	98.43
5Z	Haddock	407.78
	Cod	0.91
	Hake, White	203.66
	Hake, Silver	67.13
	Flounder, unclass.	31.30
	Pollock	233.15