

# State Produces

## \$22,623,803

# In Fish Products

This Income Was Realized  
Over Two-Year Period  
Beginning June 1, 1948

The value of North Carolina's fin fish and shellfish for the period July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1950 was \$22,623,803, according to the recently-released biennium report of the state commercial fisheries division.

Fin fish value amounted to \$18,908,925 and shellfish \$3,714,878. The menhaden catch accounted for \$13,384,260 of the fin fish figure. The food fish catch was valued at \$3,524,665.

### Food Fish

Food fish taken during the two-year period are listed below, followed by the number of pounds, then the value of that specific fish: spotted trout, 1,200,000, \$360,000; gray trout, 4,700,000, \$705,000; sea mullet, 600,000, \$60,000; blue fish, 800,000, \$120,000.

Mullet, 5,250,000, \$787,500; croakers, 3,700,000, \$370,000; spot, 10,300,000, \$824,000; hog fish, 300,000, \$30,000; mackerel, 600,000, \$120,000; shad, 900,000, \$225,000; herring, 22,362,623, \$1,116,665.

Butters, 100,000, \$10,000; carp, 900,000, \$135,000; rock or striped bass, 500,000, \$150,000; flounder, 2,000,000, \$300,000; puppy drum, 300,000, \$45,000; white perch, 200,000, \$30,000; cats, 500,000, \$75,000; eels, 50,000, \$7,500; jack, 300,000, \$36,000.

Pike, 25,000, \$3,000; pompano, 10,000, \$5,000; channel bass, 100,000, \$8,000; sheep head, 10,000, \$2,000.

(The above figures do not include number of pounds of those species taken as game fish).

### Shellfish

Shellfish production and value follows: oysters, 356,198 bushels (four-peck), \$445,247; clams, 62,615 bushels, \$93,925; soft shell crabs, 45,824 dozen, \$45,824; scallops, 532 gallons, \$1,330; hard crabs, 4,003,460 pounds, \$120,103; shrimp, 15,042,245 (heads on), \$3,008,449.

### Fisherman Finds Method Of Landing Tarpon

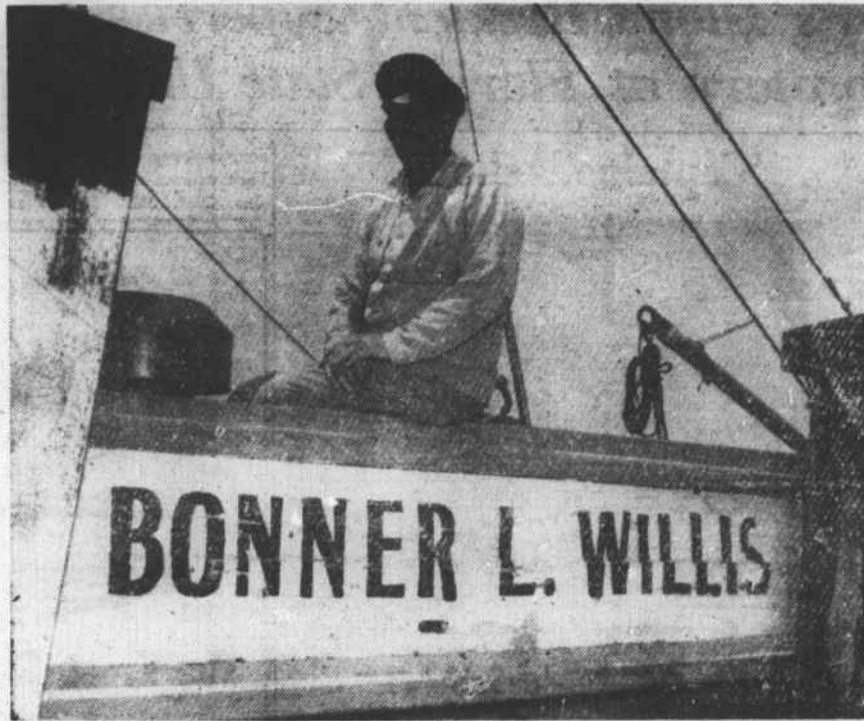
Hatteras—Joe Massoletti of New York, who has a cottage here, believes he's solved the problem of persuading tarpon to strike at hooks in North Carolina waters.

Commercial fishermen for years have been taking the big game fish in nets along the coast, especially in sounds. But hook-and-line catches have been extremely rare. Massoletti tackled the problem about 10 years ago, and this year spent 30 days working on it.

Tests near the head of Sloop Channel, he says, solved matters. His solution: anchor and "play out a live mullet five or six inches in length and hooked through the lips from bottom through head just in front of eyes." Late afternoon fishing, Massoletti adds, is best.

He says the secret is to get the desired-size mullet and keep them alive until you get where the tarpon are most plentiful.

## Among Beaufort's Best



Capt. Bonner L. Willis, pictured above, aboard the boat which bears his name, is recognized as one of the best captains in this area. Many's the

time the Bonner L. has come in, top boat in the fleet.

## Institute Adds Six 'Fishermen' As Advisers

Six "practical fishermen," North Carolina fish dealers, have been added to the advisory council of the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City.

It has long been the desire of W. A. Ellison, jr., director of the institute, to have men, other than scientists, on the advisory board. This was accomplished at the recent annual meeting of the council when P. Dameron Midgett, Englehard; Clyde Potter, Belhaven; Earl Holton, Vandemere; Gordon Willis, Morehead City; Clayton Fulcher, Atlantic, and Lewis Hardee, Southport, began their two-year terms of office.

These men represent each major fishing center along the coast. All attended the meeting except Potter. Another new member of the council is Dr. Don B. Anderson, head of the biological division, State college.

Director Ellison termed the meeting "very satisfactory" and said he was extremely pleased that the new members consented to serve.

During the session there were talks by Dr. R. E. Coker, chairman of the council, W. Roy Hampton, chairman of the North Carolina Fisheries committee, William S. Wells, chairman of the shrimp survey and a member of the council, and members of the Institute of Fisheries Research staff.

Prague—(AP)—Union fishermen from all the streams in Czechoslovakia went to a school that did not consist of fish. The official news agency said about 100 of them attended an eight-day course of "political and specialist schooling" arranged by the Union of Fishermen in Prague.

## Record Fleet in '49

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### Fish Dealer

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Beach during the war between the states. She was trying to run the blockade and ran aground. The old vessel can be seen now at low tide about 200 yards off the beach.

The anchor came to light in July of this year. The boat Philip, fishing for Ottis, snagged it while trawling. With the help of the Lucky Star, a boat owned by David Jones, Beaufort, the anchor was brought up and taken ashore.

The hooked part buried in the sand is encrusted with shells while the other, which was exposed above the sand, has been eaten away by action of the salt water and currents. Strangely enough, the heavy hempen rope around the ring is "petrified." Strands of the rope can be pried loose with a pen knife, but the wooden stalk thrust through the iron shaft has rotted away.

Whether he instinctively knows it, or has learned by experience, one can't tell, but Ottis has proved that it pays to keep his name and business before the public, using all channels possible. His art of showmanship has had a lot to do with making him one of the most successful fish dealers in Carteret county.

Clam license and tax revenue in North Carolina last year amounted to \$2,613,537.

Food fish licenses and taxes amounted to \$20,439.80 in North Carolina in 1949-50.

H. Potter, and C. R. Wheatly interests, Morris Fish co., owned and operated by Lambert Morris.

In Morehead City the plants and their operators are Carteret Fish and Oil, Clarence Taylor, R. W. Taylor co., R. W. Taylor, Wallace Fisheries, George Roberts Wallace; Phillips Fisheries, Lewellyn, Jasper, and Orlando Phillips.

### Large Investment

More investment is required in the menhaden industry than any other fishery in the state. The plants represent an investment of more than \$4,000,000, boats \$2,000,000 and nets \$180,000. Many of the boats are not native Tar Heel craft, but come here from other states for the winter fishing season.

In the two-year period, July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1950, fish taken numbered 669,213,000, valued at \$13,384,260 as against a catch in the previous period of 445,250,000 at a value of \$9,225,580.

According to state commercial fisheries division reports, the 1948-50 catch produced 48,125 tons of scrap valued at \$6,256,250 and 5,550,000 gallons of oil valued at \$5,550,000.

### Fishes for His Life

South Gate, Calif.—(AP)—Robert Thompson's love of fishing paid off. Because of his powerful casting arm, he saved his own and the lives of three others.

Stranded on an island by the incoming tide, Thompson, 17, cast his line 150 feet to the mainland and then reeled in a life-line. The men then were pulled ashore one at a time by life guards.

## Fisheries Institute Executive Council Meets

Routine business was considered last Tuesday at the quarterly meeting of the executive council of the Institute of Fisheries Research.

Members of the council who attended were Dr. Harden F. Taylor, Rex Winslow, Mrs. Roland McClamroch, Roy Hampton, Dr. Donald P. Costello, and Dr. R. E. Coker.

The session was held at the Institute.



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