

PART II

SYMPOSIUM ON THE LIVING RESOURCES OF THE  
CALIFORNIA CURRENT SYSTEM: THEIR FLUCTUATING  
MAGNITUDE, DISTRIBUTION, AND SUSCEPTIBILITY  
TO USE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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## INTRODUCTION

The 1967 CalCOFI Conference was a radical, but temporary, departure from traditional meetings which have dealt with biological and oceanographic subjects of interest primarily to CalCOFI scientists. The heart of this conference was a symposium entitled "The living resources of the California Current System; their fluctuating magnitude, distribution and susceptibility to use for the benefit of the State of California." This symposium was conceived in an attempt to cope with today's economic and political "climate" which is having such an impact on our thinking in California. We felt that it was appropriate to consider some of these problems, both for the benefit of the scientific community, which is directly involved, and for others who have a stake in the matter. The conference was organized by the California Department of Fish and Game.

I thank all who participated at the conference and submitted papers for publication. I am especially thankful for the candid points of view of those who are not members of CalCOFI agencies. Regrettably one paper, The Saury as a Latent Resource of the California Current System, was not received in time to meet publishing deadlines.

Philip M. Roedel and John L. Baxter, California Department of Fish and Game, were especially helpful and encouraging from the time the symposium was conceived until the last paper was submitted for publication.

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