

Part I

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

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Many of the CalCOFI data collecting programs have been in existence for over 25 years. The information gathered by these programs represents some of the most extended time series of oceanographic, biological, and fisheries data in existence. During the period covered by this report, a considerable effort was made to analyze the interrelationships of some of these series of data. A better understanding of some of the fishery resources and oceanographic conditions has resulted from this effort.

During the last 2 years, the informal cooperative research activities between various CalCOFI agencies and the Instituto Nacional de Pesca (INP) of Mexico have continued and in many cases have been enhanced. CalCOFI/INP meetings have been held on a semi-annual basis and there has been a

number of "working group" meetings on various aspects of cooperative oceanographic and fisheries research. Researchers of the Escuela Superior de Ciencias Marinas of the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California also continued cooperative research projects with CalCOFI scientists. Some of these cooperative activities have resulted in papers that have been contributed for publication in this volume.

These cooperative research programs with Mexico assume more importance as that country increases its harvest of fish species that occur off the coast of California and Baja California. Data gathered by these programs may form the basis for managing these living marine resources. *Herbert W. Frey, John Radovich, Joseph Reid, and Brian Rothschild.*