

Part I

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

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REPORT OF THE CALCOFI COMMITTEE

During the year, the informal cooperative research activities between CalCOFI agencies and the Instituto Nacional de Pesca (INP) of Mexico have continued and have been enhanced. Additional "work groups" were established and cooperative work in the areas of egg and larva surveys, acoustic surveys, catch per-unit-of-effort, fishery monitoring, and data processing was either continued or initiated. Considerable attention was given to the anchovy resource fished in common by both United States and Mexican fishermen.

The subject of the CalCOFI Conference symposium, "The Anchovy Management Challenge," on December 9, 1975, is good evidence of the interest of both California and Mexico in the anchovy resource. With Mexico's growing capability to harvest and process anchovies, the fishery will continue to enlarge. Part of the symposium

addressed the pelagic fisheries off South Africa and Peru. These fisheries on similar species may provide additional insight on the management of the northern anchovy and Pacific sardine resources off California and Mexico. In addition to marine scientists and managers, both commercial and recreational interests attended the symposium and participated in the question and answer sessions.

One of the products of the cooperative work between CalCOFI and INP biologists is presented in this publication. For the first time, a report detailing both the Mexican and California fisheries on the central anchovy stock has been produced. This should be the beginning of a series of publications that may be extended to other species in the future.

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