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TO: All Alabama

All Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana Fishery Reporting

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SUBJECT: Conversion Factors

It is the policy of the National Marine Fisheries Service that all landings data shall be presented on a round (live) weight basis, with the exception that for mollusks the meat weights shall be used, excluding the weight of the shells.

All Alabama and Mississippi Landings data entered onto NOAA Form 88-17, "State Landings - Fish and Shellfish Purchases (Alabama and Mississippi)" and all Louisiana Landings data entered onto NOAA Form 88-12, "Report of Fish and Shellfish Caught or Purchased from Fishermen in Louisiana" should be entered on this basis.

The enclosed listing of "Conversion Factors for Fish and Shellfish Used in the United States," dated January 14, 1980 is your reference for this.

Please let me know if:

- 1) you have been using any conversion factors that are different from these, (?!)
- 2) you have been using any conversion factors that are not included here, or
- 3) you require any conversion factors that are not included here.

Of course, you should always be careful to properly convert the ex-vessel price per pound whenever you convert the pounds, so as to insure that when the converted pounds and price are multiplied the resulting ex-vessel value is correct.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding these procedures.

## Enclosure

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## CONVERSION FACTORS Fish and Shellfish

	Conversio	n factors
Species and product	Live to product weight	Product weight to live
Ambrojack getted Bluefish	0.81	1.24
Gutted	0.92	1.09
Fillets		
Steaks Bonito - gutted Buffalofish		1.15
Gutted	0.76	1.32
Fillets	0.50	2.00
Steaks		
Smoked Butterfish gutter Carp		1.04
Gutted	0.76	1.32
Fillets	0.50	2.00
Steaks		
Smoked		
Catfish and Bullheads		
Gutted	0.90	1.11
Dressed	0.60	1.67
Fillets	0.33	3.03
Steaks Cattish 6a11topsail		
Gutted	0.85	1.18

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		Conversion	n factors
	Species and product	Live to product weight	Product weight to live
	FISH-Continued		
	Chubs		
	Gutted	0.85	1.18
	Dressed		
	Fillets	0.56	1.79
	Smoked, dressed Cobin gotted Cod, Atlantic	0.59 <b>0.85</b>	1.69 /.18
	Gutted ·	0.86	1.17
	Dressed	0.52	1.60
	Fillets	0.32	3.08
	Steaks		
	Canned		
	Salted or Pickled, dresssed (skinne	ed 0.22	4.50
	or boned)		
	Smoked-whole, heads-off	0.67	1.50
	Sun-dried, dressed	0.20	4.88

		n factors
Species and product	Live to product weight	Product weight to live
FISH-Continued		
Cod, Pacific		
Gutted	0.78	1.28
Dressed	0.58	1.72
Fillets	0.34	2.94
Steaks		
Croaker		
Gutted	0.75	1.33
Fillets	0.33	3.03
Cusk		
Gutted	0.88	1.13
Dressed		
Fillets	0.37	2.69
Drum, unclass: Lied		
Gutted	0.75	1.33
Dressed	0.66	1.52
Fillets	0.33	3.03
Drum, Red (large 3-11")	8.93	1.08
Dolphin gutted		1.20

	Conversion factors	
Species and product	Live to product weight	Product weight to live
FISH-Continued	weight.	30 2210
Flounders, Atlantic (NES)		1 - 1
Gutted	0.83	1.20
Fillets	0.36	2.82
Flounder, Atlantic, Blackback		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.33	3.03
Flounder, Atlantic, Dab		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.30	3.33
Flounder, Atlantic, Fluke		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.38	2.63
Flounder, Atlantic, Grey Sole		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.29	3.45
Flounder, Atlantic, Lemon Sole		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.36	2.78
Flounder, Atlantic, Yellowtail		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.36	2.78
Flounder, Atlantic and 6012	, Unclassified	
6-tted	0.35	1.18

	Conversio	n factors
Species and product	Live to product	Product weight
FISH-Continued	weight	to live
Flounders, Pacific		
Gutted	0.88	1.14
Dressed	0.72	1.39
Fillets	0.29	3.45
Flounder, Pacific, Arrowtooth		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.30	3.33
Flounder, Pacific, Dover Sole		
Gutted		•
Fillets	0.25	4.00
Flounder, Pacific, English Sole		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.30	3.33
Flounder, Pacific, Petrale Sole		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.30	3-33
Flounder, Pacific, Rex Sole		
Gutted		
Headed, skinned, trimmed	0.50	2.00
Flounder, Pacific, Sand Sole		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.30	3.33

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Species and product	Conversion Live to product weight	Product weight to live
FISH-Continued		
Flounder, Pacific, Starry		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.27	3.70
Flounder, Pacific, Turbot		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.30	3.33
Groupers		
Gutted	0.76	1.31
Fillets	0.38	2.63
Steaks		
Haddock		
Gutted	0.88	1.14
Dressed	0.75	1.33
Fillets	0.35	2.85
Hake, White		
Gutted		
Dressed	0.75	1.34
Fillets	0.37	2.68

	Conversion	factors
Species and product	Live to product	Product weight to live
FISH-Continued	weight	00 1110
ake, Pacific (Whiting, Pacific)		
Dressed	0.56	1.79
Fillets	0.25	4.00
Malibut		
Gutted	0.87	1.15
Dressed	0.75	1.33
Fillets	0.42	2.38
Steaks	0.60	1.67
Herring, Lake		
Gutted	0.85	1.18
Fillets	0.60	1.67
Salted, dressed	0.45	2.22
Smoked, dressed	0.50	2.00
Herring, Sea		
Dressed		
Fillets	0.57	1.75
Canned		
Sardines		
Other		
Salted or pickled, dressed (spli	t) 0.45	2.22
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Species and product	Live to product	Product weight	
p. 04.00	weight	to live	
FISH-Continued			
Jack Mackerel			
Canned	0.55	1.82	
Lake Trout	0 95	1.18	
Gutted	0.85	1.18	
Fillets	0.56	1.79	
Smoked, dressed	0.56	1.79	
Lingcod			
Gutted			
Dressed	0.70	1.43	
Fillets	0.30	3.33	
Mackerel, Atlantic			
Fillets	0.45	2.22	
Canned	0.50	2.00	
Pickled or salted, dressed	0.50	2.00	
Mackerel, King			
Gutted	0.85	1.18	
Fillets	0.55	1.82	
Mackerel, Spanish			
Gutted	0.84	1.19	
Fillets	0.57	1.75	

	Conversion factors		
Species and product	Live to product	Product weight	
PICU Continued	weight	to live	
FISH-Continued			
Menhaden			
Fish meal	0.21	4.81	
Ocean Perch, Atlantic			
Fillets	0.25	4.00	
Ocean Perch, Pacific			
Fillets	0.28	3.57	
Paddig 1:54 Sports:11  Bon and Perch, Pacific	JC.13	2.07	
Fillets	0.28	3.57	
Pike or Pickerel			
Fillets	0.55	1.82	
Pollock, Alaska			
Gutted	0.79	1.27	
Dressed	0.62	1.61	
Fillets	0.27	3.70	
Pollock, Atlantic			
Gutted	0.89	1.13	
Fillets	0.40	2.46	
Pompano 6-11-4 Fillets	0.76	2.63	
Red bigere (gotted		1.04	

		Conversion factors	
Species and product	nd product	Live to product	Product weight
		weight	to live
FISH-Co	ntinued		
Rockfish			
Gutted		0.90	1.11
Dressed		0.56	1.79
Fillets		0.29	3.45
Rockfish, W	idow		
Gutted	13.40.00 mg (*		
Dressed		0.70	1.43
Fillets		0.18	5.56
Sablefish			
Dressed		0.70	1.43
Fillets		0.33	3.03
Steaks		0.40	2.50
Salted,	iressed	0.48	2.08
Smoked,	trimmed fillet pieces	0.28	3.57
(skin	on)		

	Conversio	n factors
Species and product	Live to product weight	Product weight to live
FISH-Continued		
Salmon		
Gutted	0.87	1.15
Dressed	0.77	1.30
Fillets	0.50	2.00
Steaks	0.60	1.67
Canned		
All species	0.66	1.52
Chinook	0.66	1.52
Sockeye	0.69	1.46
Coho	0.63	1.58
Pink	0.63	1.58
Chum	0.62	1.62
Smoked, dressed	0.40	2.50
Light smoked, dressed	0.62	1.60
(sides untrimmed)		
Pickled or salted, dressed	0.67	1.50
Sauger		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.44	2.27

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Species and product	Live to product weight	Product weight to live
FISH-Continued  Rop or Porgy (gitted)  Sea Bass		1.04
Gutted		
Fillets	0.50	2.00
Sea Trout 6. # < d Fillets	<b>9.81</b> 0.33	1.24 3.03
ea Cathish (wolffish) guiled Snad		1.12
Fillets	0.33	3.03
Canned	0.54	1.84
Sharks		
Gutted	0.83	1.20
Fillets Fins Sharks, Grayfish (Spiny Dogfish)	0.65 0.635	1.54 28.6
Gutted	0.83	1.20
Fillets & Folding	0.37	2.70
Sheepshead Gutted	0.5'5	1.17
Fillets	0.33	3.03
Snapper, Red		
Gutted	0.93	+.00 /.//
Gutted head off of gutted Fillets	0.50	1.54 2.00
Steaks	0.70	1.43
Spot gutted		1.04

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Species and product	Live to product weight.	Product weight to live
FISH-Continued	MCTKIID.	50 11.0
turgeon		
Gutted	0.83	1.20
Dressed	0.80	1.25
Fillets	0.35	2.85
Smoked, dressed	0.40	2.50
Canned, smoked	0.60	1.67
Swordfish		
Gutted	0.80	1.25
Dressed (heads off x gutted)		1.39
Steaks	0.56	1.52
Tilefish		
Gutted	0.91	1.09
Fillets	0.35	2.87
Tuna, Albacore		
Gutted	0.90	1.11
Dressed	0.80	1.25
Tuna, Skipjack	0.53 0.80	1.89
Gutted		
Dressed	0.80	1.25
Canned	0.48	2.08
triggerfish - heads off + gutted		1.72
fillets		1.04 3.57

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Species and product		Live to product weight	Product weight to live	
FISH-C	ontinued	weight.	00 2273	
Tuna, Yell	owfin		·	
Gutted		0.90	1.11	
Dressed		0.80	1.25	
Canned	•	0.48	2.08	
White Bass				
Gutted				
Fillets		0.41	2.44	
Whitefish				
Gutted		0.85	1.18	
Fillets		0.55	1.82	
Smoked,	dressed	0.56	1.79	
Whiting				
Dressed		0.60	1.66	
Fillets		0.33	3.03	
Whiting, B	Pacific (Hake, Pacific)			
Dressed		0.56	1.79	
Fillets		0.25	4.00	
Wolffish				
Gutted		0.83	1.20	
Fillets		0.35	2.86	
Yellow Pe	rch			
Gutted			**	
Fillets		0.44	2.27	

	Conversio	n factors
Species and product	Live to product	Product weight
FISH-Continued	weight .	to live
Yellow Pike		
Gutted		
Fillets	0.45	2.22
SHELLFISH *		
Crabs, Blue, Hard		
Meat	0.14	7.14
Crabs, Dungeness		
Cooked sections	0.52	1.92
Meat	0.24	4.17
Crabs. King		:
Cooked sections	0.57	1.75
Meat	0.20	5.00
Crabs, Snow		
Cooked Sections	0.47	2.13
Meat	0.20	5.00
Lobster, Spiny		
Tails	0.33	303 3 € C
Meat Losster Slipper	0.23	4.35
Scallops	0.75	4.00
Meat	0.12	8.33
Crabs, Blue, Soft  FL: Idezen = 3 155.  LA: Idezen = 5 165.	Bulldozer	(TL3)

	d product	Conversion factors		
Species and		Live to product weight		
SHELLFISH-C	Continued			
Shrimp				
South Atlan	ntic and Gulf:			
Headless				
Brown		0.62	1.61	
Pink		0.62	1.60	
White		0.65	1.54	
Royal B	Red	0.56	1.80	
Sea Bot		0.65	1.53 1.67	
Rock All spe	ecies	0.63	1.59	
Peeled fa	antail, raw	0.50	2.00	
Peeled,	raw .	0.49	2.04	
Peeled, o	cooked	0.32	3.13	
Breaded,	raw (includes fantail)	1.00	1.00	
Dried		0.13	7.69	
Canned		0.31	3.21	
Pacific and	i North Atlantic:			
All spec	ies, headless	0.57	1.75	
Peeled,	raw	0.28	3.57	
Canned		0.16	6.25	