

## FISH LANDINGS

The total landings of fish and shell-fish landed at the various ports are shown in Table II.

Snapper retains pride of place as the most abundant species, and the other species remain very nearly in the same proportion to one another, as is shown by the following comparative table:—

| Kind or Class of Fish. | Quantity. |         |                      |       | Value.  |         |                      |       |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|----------------------|-------|---------|---------|----------------------|-------|
|                        | Cwt.      |         | Percentage of Total. |       | £       |         | Percentage of Total. |       |
|                        | 1946.     | 1945.   | 1946.                | 1945. | 1946.   | 1945.   | 1946.                | 1945. |
| Snapper .. ..          | 116,832   | 109,009 | 30·72                | 32·86 | 158,973 | 147,685 | 24·08                | 26·45 |
| Tarakihī .. ..         | 77,927    | 63,829  | 20·49                | 19·24 | 127,589 | 97,007  | 19·33                | 17·37 |
| Hapuku .. ..           | 27,522    | 21,672  | 7·24                 | 6·53  | 82,156  | 62,446  | 12·45                | 11·18 |
| Gurnard .. ..          | 24,168    | 20,354  | 6·36                 | 6·14  | 25,003  | 21,683  | 3·79                 | 3·89  |
| Sole .. ..             | 22,434    | 17,990  | 5·90                 | 5·42  | 65,558  | 52,671  | 9·93                 | 9·43  |
| Blue Cod .. ..         | 21,036    | 19,160  | 5·53                 | 5·78  | 51,366  | 47,288  | 7·78                 | 8·47  |
| Flounder .. ..         | 14,442    | 16,070  | 3·80                 | 4·85  | 47,010  | 51,648  | 7·12                 | 9·25  |
| Ling .. ..             | 11,584    | 8,202   | 3·05                 | 2·47  | 25,317  | 16,879  | 3·84                 | 3·02  |
| Barracouta .. ..       | 11,440    | 9,726   | 3·01                 | 2·93  | 6,999   | 5,403   | 1·06                 | 0·97  |
| Red Cod .. ..          | 9,796     | 8,971   | 2·58                 | 2·70  | 8,754   | 5,956   | 1·33                 | 1·07  |
| “Mixed rounds” .. ..   | 7,478     | 5,730   | 1·97                 | 1·73  | 8,467   | 7,226   | 1·28                 | 1·30  |
| Trevally .. ..         | 6,819     | 6,725   | 1·80                 | 2·03  | 6,075   | 5,107   | 0·92                 | 0·92  |
| Elephant-fish .. ..    | 4,639     | 4,269   | 1·22                 | 1·29  | 8,266   | 8,759   | 1·25                 | 1·57  |
| Mullet .. ..           | 2,786     | 3,517   | 0·73                 | 1·06  | 4,026   | 4,015   | 0·61                 | 0·72  |
| Pioke .. ..            | 2,247     | 2,060   | 0·59                 | 0·62  | 2,851   | 2,309   | 0·43                 | 0·41  |
| Kahawai .. ..          | 2,092     | 2,330   | 0·55                 | 0·71  | 1,743   | 1,805   | 0·27                 | 0·32  |
| Shark .. ..            | 2,041     | 1,335   | 0·54                 | 0·40  | 2,181   | 1,328   | 0·33                 | 0·24  |
| Moki .. ..             | 1,975     | 946     | 0·52                 | 0·29  | 3,536   | 1,736   | 0·54                 | 0·31  |
| Butterfish .. ..       | 1,920     | 1,462   | 0·50                 | 0·44  | 5,040   | 3,972   | 0·76                 | 0·71  |
| “Mixed flats” .. ..    | 1,873     | 1,064   | 0·49                 | 0·32  | 6,097   | 3,049   | 0·92                 | 0·55  |
| Hake .. ..             | 1,737     | 1,349   | 0·46                 | 0·41  | 4,909   | 3,762   | 0·74                 | 0·68  |
| Parore .. ..           | 1,574     | 854     | 0·41                 | 0·26  | 1,212   | 607     | 0·18                 | 0·11  |
| Herring .. ..          | 1,307     | 373     | 0·35                 | 0·11  | 994     | 684     | 0·15                 | 0·12  |
| Sardine .. ..          | 1,197     | 1,458   | 0·31                 | 0·44  | 988     | 1,025   | 0·15                 | 0·18  |
| John-dory .. ..        | 730       | 381     | 0·19                 | 0·12  | 1,020   | 502     | 0·16                 | 0·09  |
| Swordfish .. ..        | 449       | 672     | 0·12                 | 0·20  | 483     | 629     | 0·07                 | 0·11  |
| Warehou .. ..          | 443       | 306     | 0·12                 | 0·09  | 931     | 597     | 0·14                 | 0·11  |
| Kingfish .. ..         | 330       | 737     | 0·09                 | 0·22  | 387     | 843     | 0·06                 | 0·15  |
| Whiting .. ..          | 316       | 287     | 0·08                 | 0·09  | 223     | 201     | 0·03                 | 0·04  |
| Trumpeter .. ..        | 310       | 208     | 0·08                 | 0·06  | 872     | 591     | 0·13                 | 0·11  |
| Whiptail .. ..         | 289       | 69      | 0·07                 | 0·02  | 352     | 84      | 0·05                 | 0·01  |
| Mackerel .. ..         | 195       | 158     | 0·05                 | 0·05  | 201     | 164     | 0·03                 | 0·03  |
| Conger-eel .. ..       | 173       | 140     | 0·04                 | 0·04  | 135     | 109     | 0·02                 | 0·02  |
| Skate .. ..            | 70        | 78      | 0·02                 | 0·02  | 56      | 54      | 0·01                 | ..    |
| Perch .. ..            | 50        | 43      | 0·01                 | 0·01  | 42      | 41      | 0·01                 | ..    |
| Garfish .. ..          | 49        | 148     | 0·01                 | 0·04  | 168     | 297     | 0·03                 | 0·06  |
| Brill .. ..            | 20        | 44      | ..                   | 0·01  | 56      | 151     | 0·01                 | 0·03  |
| Bonita .. ..           | 17        | 19      | ..                   | ..    | 43      | 53      | 0·01                 | ..    |
| Maomao .. ..           | 10        | 24      | ..                   | ..    | 13      | 35      | ..                   | ..    |
| Frost-fish .. ..       | 4         | 4       | ..                   | ..    | 4       | 3       | ..                   | ..    |
| Totals .. ..           | 380,321   | 331,773 | ..                   | ..    | 660,096 | 558,404 | ..                   | ..    |

## METHODS OF CAPTURE

Of the total catch, 68,084 cwt. (17·90 per cent.) was landed from steam-trawlers, 91,347 cwt. (24·01 per cent.) from motor-trawlers, while motor-vessels (line and net fishing) accounted for 115,802 cwt. (30·45 per cent.) and row-boats 1,885 cwt. (0·50 per cent.).