

STATUS OF THE INDUSTRY

AMERICAN SAMOA

AGENCY: Office of Marine Resources, Government of American Samoa

FISHERIES PERSONNEL:

Stanley N. Swerdloff - Director
Shigeru Yano - Captain

MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS:

Only regulation outlaws use of explosives and poisons

RESEARCH PROGRAMMES:

Development of Pole and Line Skipjack Tuna Fishery
Research Goals: (a) determine distribution, abundance
and availability of Skipjack Tuna in Samoan waters;
(b) determine distribution, abundance, and availability
of baitfish in Samoan waters; (c) determine feasibility
of using pole and line technique in American Samoa.

LOCAL FISHING ACTIVITIES:

Substantial subsistence - amount unknown
Commercial longline fishery - Korean and Chinese vessels
Value FY 1968 - \$20 million
Value FY 1969 - \$21 million
Number of vessels - approximately 100 longliners
Imports:
Frozen and canned fish - approximately \$300,000.

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