

international waters. 1987 total allowable Catches (TAC's) and quotas reflect the Community's ongoing policy of ensuring as far as possible the stability of fishing activities while taking into account scientists advice on stock conservation.

LANDINGS: Major species (1988) - saithe (55,000 tonnes), whiting (30,000 tonnes), hake (20,000 tonnes), cod (20,000 tonnes), haddock (15,000 tonnes), tuna (113,000 tonnes)

AQUACULTURE: The sector is highly developed with production of some 210,000 tonnes in 1987 with emphasis on bivalves including Pacific and common oyster (115,000 tonnes), mussels (45,000 tonnes) and clam (700 tonnes). Other products include trout (30,000 tonnes), prawn (160 tonnes), sea trout (650 tonnes), coho salmon (75 tonnes), turbot (25 tonnes) and green turtle (60 tonnes).

PROCESSING SECTOR: France has a sophisticated fish processing sector geared towards the production of finished products for consumption at both food service and retail levels. In 1986 French consumption of prepared seafood including canned, frozen and vacuum packed products was estimated at 27,900 tonnes. France is the worlds largest producer of smoked salmon and the smoked salmon component comprises some 30 companies which together supply 90 per cent of the market. The production of convenience foods including frozen prepared dishes and pre-packaged fresh and frozen fish is a growing segment. In the latter category vacuum packed seafood has shown the largest