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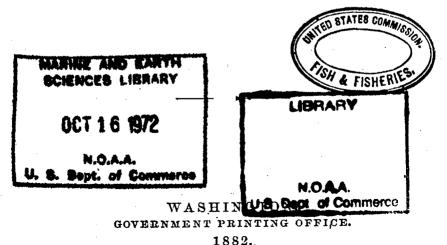
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FROM THE

# COMMISSIONER OF FISH AND FISHERIES,

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His report for the year 1879.

MARCH 15, 1880.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

UNITED STATES COMMISSION, FISH AND FISHERIES, Washington, February 24, 1880.

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with the order of Congress I have the honor to transmit herewith my report for the year 1879, as United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, embracing, first, the result of inquiries into the condition of the fisheries of the sea-coast and lakes of the United States; and, second, the history of the measures taken for the introduction of useful food-fishes into its waters.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

SPENCER F. BAIRD,

Commissioner.

Hon. WM. A. WHEELER,

President of the United States Senate, and

Hon. S. J. RANDALL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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