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The Department of Justice today filed a civil antitrust suit against the Del Norte Fishermen's Marketing Association, Inc., of Crescent City, California, alleging a conspiracy to restrain competition in the sale of seafood.

The association is a fish marketing association formed under the Fishermen's Collective Marketing Act (15 U.S.C. section 521-522). Its members are fishermen who fish primarily for crab, salmon, and shrimp.

Attorney General William French Smith said the complaint was filed in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, California.

William F. Baxter, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Antitrust Division, said the complaint alleges that the Del Norte Fishermen's Marketing Association, Inc., has violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act by engaging in a conspiracy to fix and maintain the price offered processors by commercial fishermen and to eliminate competition between commercial fishermen for the sale of seafood to processors.

The complaint asks that the defendant be enjoined from continuing or renewing the conduct alleged in the complaint. In addition, it asks that the Del Norte Fishermen's Marketing Association, Inc., notify all processors who presently have dealer agreements with the defendant that those processors shall only pay poundage fees to the defendant on seafood delivered by Del Norte Fishermen's Marketing Association, Inc., members and not on seafood delivered by non-members of the Del Norte Fishermen's Marketing Association, Inc.

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