Brief History of CSFL

- Created as a division with Fish & Game agency to conduct scientific investigations of fisheries.
- N.B. Scofield, W.F. Thompson and a cast of distinguished scientists.
- 1918 began collecting individual boat catch for each variety of commercial fish.
- “Work worth doing is worth reporting.”
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- 1922 began collecting biological statistics for sardines and albacore.
- 1932 interested boat captains kept special shiplogs for tuna tagging experiments.
- Godsil went along on southern voyage with commercial tuna boat.
- 1938 R/V Scofield launched.
CSFL Library

• Collection depended on exchange and donations.

• By 1938 collection had grown to 2000 bound volumes and 30,000 “pamphlets”

• Occupied most of second floor ~ 800 square feet
CSFL to MTIC

• Pat Powell’s retirement in 1976.
• 1990’s Administrative decision to not replace retiring librarian.
• Started shopping collection.
• Work began in Monterey Bay in 1996.
Unintended Consequences

• 120 linear feet of DFG archive.

• Hundreds of potential data surprises.

• More collections and opportunities.
Digital Future

- Rescuing more than data.
- Institutional repository model.
- Unique items will be catalogued and included in repository.
- File formats for text, images and data.
- Volunteer begins in January.
Challenges

• Verification of publication.
• Data in separate file?
• Lack of funding.