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### LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING AUGUST

In 85 trips, totals of 2,321,706 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$262,941, were landed at Seattle, Washington, by United States vessels in the halibut fleet, during August 1940, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1399, by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 3,712,466 pounds, valued at \$362,907 for the previous month; and 2,973,846 pounds, valued at \$256,238 for August 1939. Totals for the first eight months of 1940 now show 15,888,510 pounds landed, and worth \$1,529,868 to the fishermen--a slight decrease in production, but an increase in value over the same period for last year.

August receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers from vessels not in the halibut fleet show 4,292,039 pounds, spread among 17 classifications of fish and shellfish, valued at \$313,151. This compares with 3,639,547 pounds valued at \$212,990 for the same month last year. Totals for the first eight months of 1940 are now 15,394,718 pounds valued at \$973,295, a substantial increase over last year's figures for a comparable period.

Landings of halibut by both United States and Canadian vessels in the regular fleet were 5,221,765 pounds for August 1940--a 136,697 pound decrease from the

same month last year. American vessels landed 4,404,789 pounds of this August's total. For the first eight months, as revised in accordance with the latest available data from the International Fisheries Commission, the halibut fleets have landed a total of 43,491,434 pounds at Pacific Coast ports.

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