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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND DURING OCTOBER

October landings of fresh and salted fish by fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; Boston, and Gloucester, Massachusetts, amounted to 34,835,973 pounds, spread among 25 classifications, and valued at \$1,051,027, according to figures released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in Statistical Bulletin No. 1405.

Compared with a catch of 31,840,902 pounds, valued at \$917,940 for the same period last year, this indicates an increase of close to 3 million pounds in volume, and \$133,000 in value to the fishermen. Average price per pound of all species landed during October 1940 amounted to about 3.0 cents, compared with 2.8 cents for the same month last year.

Boston landings for October amounted to 23,058,568 pounds, worth \$822,038. For the same month last year, the catch totaled 22,737,687 pounds, valued at \$738,939.

Predominating species in the Boston landings included: large haddock (4.9 million pounds, valued at \$233,377); market cod (3.5 million pounds, at \$118,942); rosefish (2.5 million pounds, at \$45,575); scrod haddock (2.4 million pounds at \$88,026); and mackerel (2.0 million pounds at \$43,878).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 9,887,410 pounds, worth \$191,000, compared with 7,461,699 pounds, valued at \$150,914, for October 1939. Rosefish landings of 5.6 million pounds, valued at \$89,717 predominated. Pollock (1.6 million pounds, valued at \$34,665) came second; with 1.1 million pounds of mackerel, at \$17,162, in third place.

Portland landings for October amounted to 1,889,995 pounds, valued at \$37,989. For October 1939 the catch amounted to 1,641,516 pounds, worth \$33,087. Leading species were pollock (675,395 pounds, worth \$13,918), and rosefish (649,926 pounds, worth \$8,570).

Aggregate landings of fish at the three ports for the first ten months of 1940 now amount to 310,089,159 pounds, with a value of \$8,889,656. Compared with the same period in 1939 during which the catch amounted to 324,956,472 pounds, valued at \$7,851,340, this is a decrease of 5 percent in volume, but an increase of 13 percent in value.