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### LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING NOVEMBER

In 65 trips to North Pacific grounds during November, a total of 615,000 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$29,000, was landed at Seattle, Washington, by United States vessels in the halibut fleet, according to figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior. Species landed included rockfishes, sablefish, and "lingood."

This compares with 1,044,000 pounds, worth \$75,000, for November 1939. However, during November 1940 there were no halibut landings at Pacific Coast ports, since the season closed in Area III on September 26.

For the first eleven months of 1940, the total landings at Seattle amounted to 22,066,000 pounds, worth \$2,065,000 to the fishermen--a slight decrease of approximately 1,595,000 pounds in production, but an increase in value of \$141,000 over the same period last year.

Halibut landings on the Pacific Coast for the first eleven months of 1940, as revised in accordance with the latest available data from the International Fisheries Commission, now amount to 51,513,000 pounds. For the same period a year ago, 49,604,000 pounds were landed.

November receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers from vessels not in the halibut fleet totaled 3,426,000 pounds, spread among 22 classifications of fish and shellfish, valued at \$181,000. This is comparable to 2,268,000 pounds, worth \$128,000, for November 1939. Totals for the first eleven months of 1940 are now 28,179,000 pounds, valued at \$1,760,000. Compared with a catch of 23,615,000 pounds, worth \$1,378,000, for the same period last year, this indicates an increase of 19 percent in volume, and 28 percent in value.

Chum or keta salmon, with 2,550,000 pounds, valued at \$109,000, was way out in front of all species received during November. Nearest competitor was crabs, with 180,000 pounds, worth \$9,000.