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### RECEIPTS AT CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET DURING FEBRUARY

Approximately 5,876,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during February at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 5,487,000 pounds of arrivals in January, and 5,207,000 pounds in February 1940. Receipts for the first two months of 1941 now amount to 11,363,000 pounds--an increase of 2,056,000 pounds, or 22 percent, over the total of 9,307,000 pounds for the same two months in 1940.

During February 1941, 73 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 26 States, Alaska, and 7 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,693,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,513,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 670,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 2,981,000 pounds of the total February receipts; 2,895,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond).

Imports were greatest from Manitoba, which sent in 1,767,000 pounds, mostly frozen and fresh sauger. Next largest import--571,000 pounds, mostly frozen halibut--came from British Columbia; of this total 525,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during February were fresh and frozen sauger (1,201,000 pounds); fresh and frozen whitefish (566,000 pounds); lake trout (297,000 pounds); yellow perch (291,000 pounds); smelt (254,000 pounds); and lake herring (231,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species were frozen halibut (851,000 pounds); and frozen rosefish fillets (199,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 398,000 pounds of frozen and fresh shrimp; 119,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 67,000 pounds of shell oysters; 29,000 pounds of lobsters; and 21,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails.

Wisconsin (674,000 pounds); Massachusetts (418,000 pounds); Louisiana (301,000 pounds); Washington (275,000 pounds); Michigan (238,000 pounds); and Minnesota (214,000 pounds), were the leading States sending in fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 3,341,000 pounds of fish and shellfish were delivered to Chicago by freight; 1,796,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder of 739,000 pounds by express.