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### COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF APRIL 15, 1941

Cold storage holdings of frozen domestic and imported fishery products in the United States amounted to 35,568,000 pounds on April 15, 1941, according to summaries released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1420 by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, based on statistics furnished by the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture.

When compared with the (revised) total of 49,805,000 pounds in cold storage on March 15, 1941, this represents a decrease of 14,237,000 pounds, or 29 percent. It also indicates an increase of 733,000 pounds over the April 15, 1940, figure of 34,835,000 pounds; and of 4 percent over the five-year average of 34,203,000 pounds at this date.

The quantity of fish frozen during the month ended April 15, 1941, amounted to 8,327,000 pounds, which is 2,663,000 pounds, or 47 percent, more than the production during the same period a year ago, and 581,000 pounds, or 8 percent, above the five-year average of 7,746,000 pounds.

Heaviest holdings by species show halibut in the lead with 2.4 million pounds, followed by haddock fillets (2.3 million pounds); pollock fillets (1.9 million

pounds); and smelts (including lake smelt) with 1.7 million pounds. Among frozen shellfish, shrimp (1.5 million pounds) predominated, followed by spiny lobster tails (363,000 pounds). Scallops, with 354,000 pounds, were in third place.

Greatest holdings by sections show the North Central East area (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin) leading with 8.5 million pounds; with New England (8.1 million pounds) in second place; followed by the Middle Atlantic section (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) with 7.5 million pounds; and the Pacific area (6.4 million pounds).

Other items in the bulletin give 16.5 million pounds of cured herring, and 2.3 million pounds of mild-cured salmon, on hand as of April 15, 1941.

Included also is a note stating that the Dominion of Canada report shows that the following species and amounts of fresh frozen fish were on hand as of April 1, 1941: halibut--1,265,597 pounds; mackerel--601,032 pounds; salmon--3,309,064 pounds; sea herring--5,596,621 pounds; whitefish--841,058 pounds; cod fillets--2,101,184 pounds; all other varieties--5,500,701 pounds.