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Three hundred seventy-three fishing vessels of 5-ton net capacity or greater, landed fares at Boston, Gloucester (Mass.), and Portland (Maine) in 1940, according to Statistical Bulletin 1431, released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

These vessels made 12,583 trips to the fishing grounds and were away from port 48,941 days. Catch of edible fish at the three ports totaled 372,498,605 pounds, when the salted fish had been converted to the equivalent of fresh fish as landed.

In 1939, for comparison, 388 vessels were absent from port 49,961 days, on 12,735 trips, and brought in a total catch of 388,922,917 pounds.

Large otter trawl vessels--those of over 150 tons capacity--accounted for 145,508,750 pounds, or 39 percent, of the catch landed at these three ports. Second in importance, and accounting for 106,989,385 pounds, or 29 percent, of the landings, were medium otter trawl vessels, those of 51-150 gross tons. Line trawl vessels landed 35,503,590 pounds, or 13 percent, of the total.

Principal catches by areas were:

Western Side South Channel	46,631,236 pounds
Eastern Massachusetts	45,126,774 "
Northern Edge and Northeast Peak of Georges	41,892,881 "
Inner Grounds	30,638,590 "
Eastern Side South Channel	28,873,776 "
Central and Southeast Georges	27,756,953 "

Largest single items among three-ports catches were:

Large haddock	81,076,664 pounds
Rosefish	83,781,222 "
Scrod haddock	39,380,439 "
Pollock	32,039,694 "
Mackerel	20,725,984 "
Large cod	29,052,084 "
Whiting	16,736,487 "

Beginning with the data for last year, salted fish from the "treaty coasts" (of Newfoundland, Magcalen Islands, and Labrador) which are received in this country as products of American fisheries, have not been included in the table showing the landings at the three ports. Receipts from these treaty coasts in 1940 consisted of salted cod--2,318,000 pounds, valued at \$69,540; and salted herring--716,000 pounds, valued at \$17,900.

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