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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS DURING SEPTEMBER AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND

Approximately 49.9 million pounds of fresh and salted fish, spread among 25 classifications and valued at \$1,562,000, were landed during September by 282 fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; and Boston and Gloucester, Mass., according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the preceding month, this represents an increase of about 4.0 million pounds, or 9 percent, in volume, and of \$89,000, or 6 percent, in value. Compared with September 1940 when the catch amounted to 36.9 million pounds, valued at \$1,066,000, this indicates an increase of 35 percent in volume and of 47 percent in value. The landings during September were accounted for principally by large hauls of rosefish, haddock, mackerel, whiting, and cod.

Average price per pound of all species landed during September 1941 amounted to 3.13 cents, compared with about 2.89 cents for the same month last year.

For the nine-month period ending with September, the total landings at the three ports amounted to 363,654,000 pounds, valued at \$11,211,000. For the same period in 1940, the landings totaled 275,253,000 pounds, worth \$7,839,000.

Boston landings totaled 27,319,000 pounds, valued at \$1,104,000.

Most abundant item in the Boston landings included: scrod haddock (8.3 million pounds, valued at \$324,600); large haddock (6.0 million pounds, valued at \$292,000); rosefish (2.4 million pounds, valued at \$52,700); mackerel (2.3 million pounds, valued at \$49,000); whiting (2.1 million pounds, at \$53,000); and market cod (1.6 million pounds, valued at \$70,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 20,346,000 pounds, valued at \$423,000. Rosefish, with 12.7 million pounds, worth \$243,000, surpassed all other species.

Landings at Portland during September amounted to 2,190,000 pounds, worth \$35,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 1.5 million pounds, valued at \$22,000.

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