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### OCTOBER WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN CHICAGO

About 6,318,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during October 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.

Compared with the arrivals in September--amounting to 5,371,000 pounds--this represents an increase of 947,000 pounds. An increase also is shown of 326,000 pounds over the October 1940 figure of 5,992,000 pounds.

Receipts for the first ten months of 1941 amount to 53,233,000 pounds--an increase of 5,552,000 pounds, or 12 percent, over the total of 47,681,000 pounds for the same ten months in 1940.

During October 1941, 85 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 27 states, Alaska, and 8 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,788,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 2,078,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 1,452,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,316,000 pounds of the total October receipts; 2,002,000 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 British Columbia, which sent in 858,000 pounds, mostly halibut; of this total 822,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species--fresh and frozen--received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during October were lake trout (568,000 pounds); sauger (485,000 pounds); whitefish (290,000 pounds); yellow perch (247,000 pounds); and lake herring (220,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were frozen halibut (979,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (271,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 1,053,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 103,000 pounds of shell and 104,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 60,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; 42,000 pounds of lobsters; 35,000 pounds of hard and soft clams; and 29,000 pounds of sea scallops.

Massachusetts (640,000 pounds); Louisiana (587,000 pounds); Michigan (507,000 pounds); Wisconsin (458,000 pounds); and Minnesota with 355,000 pounds, were the leading states sending fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 2,944,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by freight during October; 2,065,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder of 1,309,000 pounds by express.