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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE IN OCTOBER

During October the United States halibut fleet landed 771,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$63,000, at Seattle as the result of 98 trips to North Pacific grounds, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with October 1940, when a total of 2,483,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$203,000, the 1941 figures represent a decrease in volume of 1,712,000 pounds, and in value of \$143,000. This large decrease can be ascribed to the earlier closing this year of the halibut season, since September 14 was the last date of departure of vessels for the halibut fishing grounds.

Species landed in October of this year included 27,055 pounds of halibut (25,866 pounds of No. 1, and 1,189 pounds of No. 2), worth \$5,441; 89,585 pounds of "lingcod", valued at \$7,264; 101,481 pounds of rockfishes, at \$5,997; and 552,973 pounds of sablefish, at \$44,692.

For the first ten months of 1941, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 21,220,000 pounds, valued at \$2,357,000. For the same period in 1940 the landings amounted to 21,468,000 pounds, valued at \$2,037,000.

Total halibut landings on the Pacific Coast by United States and Canadian vessels for October amounted to 110,000 pounds. In addition to Seattle, these landings are made at Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Wrangell, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island ports.

Miscellaneous receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 4,154,000 pounds, valued at \$590,000, divided among 27 classifications. Compared with 3,668,000 pounds, worth \$209,000, received during October 1940, this represents an increase in volume of 486,000 pounds, or 13 percent, and about \$381,000, or 182 percent, in value.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for October 1941 amounted to 3,902,000 pounds; for the same month last year the total was 5,251,000 pounds.

The monthly summary also lists coastwise vessel receipts from Alaska (2,368,000 pounds, fresh and frozen), and Alaska troll salmon receipts at 119,000 pounds.

Pacific Coast cold-storage data obtained from 20 warehouses (Washington 5, Alaska 7, and British Columbia 8) indicate that a total of 31,440,000 pounds of halibut and salmon was held in cold storage on November 1. On October 15, holdings of these species amounted to 32,122,000 pounds; on October 1, 34,523,000 pounds; and on September 15, 33,098,000 pounds.

During October two carload shipments of fresh fish were sent East from Seattle via express, and 77 carloads of frozen fish, by freight, while three carloads of frozen fish went to California, by freight.

Average fishermen's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle and Alaska, also are listed in the reports.

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