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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS DURING JANUARY AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER AND PORTLAND

In 490 trips to the fishing banks, 196 vessels of 5 net tons capacity or over, landed 15,390,733 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$878,052 at the three ports of Boston and Gloucester, Mass., and Portland, Maine, during January 1942, according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Landings during the corresponding month in 1941 amounted to 20,783,990 pounds, valued at \$858,458. As compared with the landings of the previous month, December, 1941, the deliveries decreased 26 percent in volume and 28 percent in value.

Landings at Boston amounted to 10,835,618 pounds, valued at \$693,456; those at Gloucester, 3,668,388 pounds, valued at \$155,118; and those at Portland, 886,727 pounds, valued at \$29,478.

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF FISHERY PRODUCTS AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 1942.

A total of 82,482,008 pounds of fishery products were held in cold storage plants in the United States on February 15, 1942, according to Current Fishery Statistics No. 15, released today through the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This was a decrease of 18 percent as compared with holdings on the same date the previous month, but an increase of 15 percent over the holdings on February 15, 1941. Items showing marked increases in holdings on February 15, 1942, as compared with the same date a year ago, were: shrimp, croakers, rosefish fillets, halibut, lake herring, mullet, and spiny lobster tails. Holdings of pollock fillets, cod fillets, whiting, whitefish, and salmon, were considerably below those of a year ago.

Six items accounted for 44 percent of the frozen fishery products held in domestic freezers on February 15, 1942. These were: shrimp, 8,420,000 pounds; salmon, 7,324,000 pounds; halibut, 7,293,000 pounds; whiting, 4,763,000 pounds; haddock fillets, 4,689,000 pounds; and mackerel, (except Spanish), 3,994,000 pounds.

During the month ended February 15, 1942, a total of 6,588,000 pounds of fishery products were frozen in the United States and Alaska. This represents a decrease of 13 percent as compared with the same period a year ago, and an increase of 7 percent as compared with the 5-year average.

Cold storage holdings of cured stocks aggregated 19,777,000 pounds, as compared with 19,841,000 for the corresponding period in the past year. Important items in this month's holdings were: cured herring, 12,074,000 pounds; mild-cured salmon, 5,115,000 pounds, and smoked fish, 552,000 pounds.