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### FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE DURING SEPTEMBER

During September, the United States halibut fleet landed 2,784,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$484,000, at Seattle, as the result of 93 trips to North Pacific grounds.

Compared with September 1941, when a total of 3,922,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$479,000, the 1942 figures represent a decrease in volume of 29 percent but an increase in value of 1 percent, 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.

Species landed in September of this year included 2,310,000 pounds of No. 1 and 2 halibut, valued at \$428,000; 424,000 pounds of sablefish, worth \$52,000; and about 51,000 pounds of "lingcod" and rockfishes, worth about \$4,000.

For the first nine months of this year, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 16,278,000 pounds, valued at \$2,502,000. For the same period in 1941, landings amounted to 20,731,000 pounds worth \$2,298,000, indicating a decrease of 21 percent in volume but an increase of 9 percent in value.

Miscellaneous local receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 4,363,000 pounds, valued at \$486,000, divided among 18 classifications. Compared with 5,260,000 pounds, valued at \$461,000, received during September last year, this represents a decrease of 17 percent in volume, but an increase of 5 percent in value.

Additional receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers show a total, for fresh and frozen fish and shellfish, of 862,000 pounds for September 1942, as against 387,000 pounds for September of last year. Totals for the first nine months of this and last year were 9,011,000 and 10,280,000 pounds.

Fresh and frozen halibut and salmon receipts by wholesale dealers show 5,917,000 pounds compared with 7,538,000 pounds, in September 1942 and 1941 respectively; with a 1942 decrease of 9,757,000 pounds for the first nine months' totals. Alaska troll salmon receipts, about 76,000 pounds ahead of September last year, stood at 1,956,000 pounds.

Average fisherman's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle, are also listed in the report.

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