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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND DURING JULY.

Increased landings over the same period last year at the three ports of Boston and Gloucester, Massachusetts and Portland, Maine, are reported for July 1940 in Statistical Bulletin No. 1397, released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Landings at these three ports in July amounted to 47,873,913 pounds--spread among 25 classifications--valued at \$990,661. Compared with a catch of 35,356,925 pounds for July 1939, this represents an increase of over 12.5 million pounds in volume and over \$276,000 in value. Average price per pound of all species landed during July 1940 amounted to approximately 2.1 cents. For the same month in 1939 the average price per pound was 2.0 cents.

Boston landings for July 1940 were 30.2 million pounds, valued at \$732,916. For the same period last year, the catch amounted to 25.4 million pounds, worth \$594,234.

Most abundant species in the Boston landings included: large haddock (8.5 million pounds, valued at \$217,767); scrod haddock (5.6 million pounds, worth \$112,102); mackerel (4.0 million pounds, valued at \$87,020); and market cod (3.8 million pounds, valued at \$75,519).

At Gloucester, the month's catch amounted to 12.7 million pounds, valued at \$181,186, compared with 7.6 million pounds, worth \$92,199, for the same month last year. Rosefish landings of 7.8 million pounds, valued at \$96,006 predominated. Whiting (1.5 million pounds at \$16,305) came second; with 830,375 pounds of mackerel, worth \$9,474, in third place.

The July catch landed at Portland totaled 5.0 million pounds, valued at \$76,559. For the same month last year the catch amounted to 2.3 million pounds, worth \$28,115. Large haddock (2.2 million pounds, worth \$37,202) led the 1940 catch; with whiting (915,224 pounds, worth \$7,535) and rosefish (742,320 pounds, valued at \$7,461), second and third, respectively.

The July catch brings the aggregate 1940 landings to 193,480,792 pounds, valued at \$5,715,848, a decrease from the 1939 landings for the same period (221,816,454 pounds, worth \$5,259,657).