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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER

Almost 6 million pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during October at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market.

This compares with 4,890,000 pounds of arrivals in September, and 5,660,000 pounds in October 1939, 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.

Receipts for the first ten months of 1940 now amount to 47,681,000 pounds--a 23 percent increase over the same period in 1939 when the receipts totaled 38,815,000 pounds.

During October, 79 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 28 States, Alaska, and 7 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,012,000 pounds were fresh-water fish; 1,391,000 pounds salt-water fish; and 1,588,000 pounds were shellfish--including frog legs and snapping turtles.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,542,000 pounds of the total October receipts; 1,450,000 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 635,000 pounds, mostly halibut. Of this total, 505,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Most abundant fresh-water species received at the Chicago Market during October were lake trout (747,000 pounds); whitefish (406,000 pounds); yellow perch (313,000 pounds); lake herring (289,000 pounds); and sauger (221,000 pounds).

Predominant salt-water items were fresh and frozen halibut (766,000 pounds), and frozen rosefish fillets (175,000 pounds).

Shellfish varieties sent to this market included 1,200,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 166,000 pounds of shucked oysters; 104,000 pounds of shell oysters; 45,000 pounds of lobsters; and 41,000 pounds of spiny lobster tails.

Louisiana (887,000 pounds); Michigan (787,000 pounds); Wisconsin (462,000 pounds); Minnesota (450,000 pounds); and Massachusetts (407,000 pounds), were the leading States supplying the Chicago Market with fishery products,

A total of 2,110,000 pounds came into Chicago by truck; 2,039,000 pounds by freight; and the remainder, 1,842,000 pounds, by express.