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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS DURING DECEMBER AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND

Approximately 28,196,000 pounds of fresh and salted fish, spread among 22 classifications and valued at \$1,193,000 were landed during December by 246 fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; and Boston and Gloucester, Mass., according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the preceding month, this represents a decrease of 8,848,000 pounds, or 24 percent, in volume, and \$195,000, or about 14 percent, in value. Compared with December 1940, when the catch amounted to 30,315,000 pounds, valued at \$979,000, this indicates a decrease of 7 percent in volume but an increase of 22 percent in value. The landings during December were accounted for principally by large hauls of pollock, cod, haddock, and rosefish.

Average price per pound of all species landed during December 1941 amounted to 4.2 cents, compared with about 3.2 cents for the same month last year.

For the 12-month period ending with December, the total landings at the three ports amounted to 473,496,000 pounds, valued at \$15,351,000. For the same period in 1940, the landings totaled 372,432,000 pounds, worth \$10,765,000.

Boston landings totaled 19,346,000 pounds, valued at \$951,000.

Most abundant item in the Boston landings included: pollock (4,758,000 pounds, valued at \$161,000); market cod (1,834,000 pounds, valued at \$89,000); large haddock (4,528,000 pounds, valued at \$298,000); scrod haddock (2,668,000 pounds, valued at \$146,000) rosefish (1,819,000 pounds, valued at \$48,000); and large cod (1,538,000 pounds, valued at \$91,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 7,903,000 pounds, valued at \$218,000. Rosefish, with 3,902,000 pounds, worth \$90,000, surpassed all other species.

Landings at Portland during December amounted to 948,000 pounds, worth \$23,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 688,000 pounds, valued at \$13,000.