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LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND DURING JUNE

June landings of fresh and salted fish by fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine, Boston and Gloucester, Massachusetts, amounted to 30,641,675 pounds, spread among 25 classifications, and valued at \$737,184.

Compared with a catch of 32,629,651 pounds, valued at \$695,144, for the same period of 1939, this represents a decrease of nearly 2 million pounds in volume, but an increase of approximately \$42,000 in value to the fishermen, according to Statistical Bulletin No. 1393, released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior. Average price per pound of all species landed during June 1940 amounted to about .024 cents, compared with about .021 cents for the same month last year.

Boston landings (about 4 million pounds more than the combined catch of the other two ports) were 17,020,308 pounds, valued at \$522,262. Compared with the same period last year this represents a decrease of more than 4 million pounds and in value of about \$42,000.

Most abundant species landed at Boston during June included fresh large and scrod haddock, approximately 8 million pounds, valued at \$284,000; followed by 2.3 million pounds fresh mackerel at \$43,000; and fresh whiting--2.0 million pounds at \$29,868. Counted as a group, fresh cod--large, market, and scrod--accounted for over 2 million pounds valued at \$71,384.

At Gloucester, the month's catch was 11,836,460 pounds, valued at \$190,901; compared with 9,037,642 pounds, valued at \$107,083, for the same month last year. Rosefish landings of 8,657,078 pounds, valued at \$117,984, led fresh mackerel, pollock, large cod, and haddock, in that order, each with over a half million pound catch.

The Portland catch of 1,784,907 pounds, valued at \$24,021, exceeded the corresponding catch for June last year of 1,752,884 pounds, valued at \$23,878. As in Gloucester, rosefish led the catch with 823,998 pounds, valued at \$8,620.

Although landings of fish at the three ports for the first six months of 1940 amounted to 145,606,879 pounds--about 40,000,000 pounds less than landings for the corresponding period in 1939, the accumulated value of the 1940 catch so far--\$4,725,187--exceeded by over \$180,000 the catch value for the first six months of 1939.