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BOSTON FISH PIER LANDINGS FOR JULY 1940

An average of \$2.51 per hundred pounds was paid for the 28.4 million pounds of fish landed during July at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Although these figures indicate an increase of 11.6 million pounds in volume over the previous month, the decrease in value amounts to 58 cents per hundred weight.

When compared with the total catch of 23.1 million pounds for the similar period of 1939, the figures for July 1940 show an increase of 23 percent. Average for July last year, however, was \$2.42 against \$2.51, an increase of 4 percent for this year. The average price of \$3.47 for the first seven months of 1940 is \$0.82 higher than for the comparable period of 1939.

The July catch, which was the result of 809 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth \$712,538 to the fishermen. During the same period in 1939, 722 fares were landed with 5.3 million pounds less fish, and valued at \$152,442 less, or \$559,797.

In 391 trips, offshore vessels brought in 24.5 million pounds of the total, spread among 20 classifications, at an average price of \$2.58 per hundred weight. Inshore craft, in 418 trips, landed about 3.9 million pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$2.08 for an average.

From offshore vessels, haddock (7.9 million pounds at \$2.59); haddock scrod (4.9 million pounds at \$2.01); mackerel (4.1 million pounds at \$2.15); market cod (3.0 million pounds at \$2.03); and large cod (1.6 million pounds at \$2.77) were most abundant species during July. Rosefish (1.1 million pounds at \$1.41); pollock (357,700 pounds at \$2.23); and lemon sole (297,000 pounds at \$5.35) followed in that order.

The month's highest average price was again brought by swordfish, at \$25.25; scallops, second, at \$13.46; halibut was third with \$11.81.

Inshore craft landed 1.8 million pounds of whiting (at \$1.25) in greatest quantity. Haddock (632,700 pounds at \$3.33); rosefish (378,400 pounds at \$1.43); haddock scrod (202,300 pounds at \$2.10); and yellowtails (190,400 pounds at \$2.73) followed in that order.

Peak of vessel traffic into Boston occurred on Monday, July 8, when 56 vessels landed with 2.3 million pounds of fish; best day for highest average price, Tuesday, July 23, when about 3/4 million pounds sold at \$3.50.

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