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

Increased landings over the same period last year at the three ports of Boston and Gloucester, Massachusetts, and Portland, Maine, are reported for August 1940 in Statistical Bulletin No. 1401, released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Landings, in 1402 trips, at these three ports in August amounted to 44,857,931 pounds--spread among 26 classifications--valued at \$1,056,346. Compared with a catch of 39,135,088 pounds for August 1939, this represents an increase of over 5.7 million pounds in volume and \$194,737 in value. Average price per pound of all species landed during August 1940 amounted to approximately 2.3 cents. For the same month in 1939 the average price per pound was 2.2 cents.

Boston landings for August 1940 were 27.6 million pounds, valued at \$807,440. For the same period last year, the catch amounted to 27.8 million pounds, worth \$718,056.

Most abundant species in the Boston landings included: large haddock (7.7 million pounds, valued at \$262,473); scrod haddock (4.7 million pounds, worth \$137,382); mackerel (3.3 million pounds, valued at \$61,493); and market cod (2.6 million pounds, valued at \$69,893).

At Gloucester, the month's catch amounted to 12.8 million pounds, valued at \$177,980, compared with 9.7 million pounds, worth \$121,409, for the same month last year. Rosefish landings of 6.8 million pounds, valued at \$84,895 predominated. Mackerel (2.2 million pounds at \$25,424) came second; with 2.0 million pounds of whiting, worth \$22,356, in third place.

The August catch landed at Portland totaled 4.4 million pounds, valued at \$70,926. For the same month last year the catch amounted to 1.6 million pounds, worth \$22,144. Whiting (1.6 million pounds, worth \$13,368) led the 1940 catch; with large cod (1.1 million pounds, worth \$26,415) and large haddock (670,445 pounds, valued at \$17,964), second and third, respectively.

The August catch brings the aggregate 1940 landings to 238,338,723 pounds, valued at \$6,772,194, a decrease, only in volume, from the 1939 landings for the same period (260,951,542 pounds, worth \$6,121,266).

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