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### LANDINGS BY FISHING VESSELS AT SEATTLE DURING SEPTEMBER

More than 3,068,000 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$301,394, were landed at Seattle, Washington during September by United States vessels in the halibut fleet, in 129 trips (up to and including September 26) to North Pacific grounds, according to statistics released today in Statistical Bulletin No. 1402 by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

This compares with 2,322,000 pounds, valued at \$262,941, for the previous month; and 2,437,000 pounds, worth \$241,602, for September 1939. Totals for the first nine months of 1940 now show 18,957,230 pounds landed, and worth \$1,831,267 to the fishermen--a slight decrease of less than 200,000 pounds in production, but an increase in value of \$321,436 over the same period for last year.

By order of the International Fisheries Commission, the Pacific halibut season was closed to all fishing at midnight, September 26, 1940.

September receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers from vessels not in the halibut fleet show 4,641,156 pounds, spread among 21 classifications of fish and shellfish, valued at \$291,519. This compares with 4,613,906 pounds, worth \$257,875, for September 1939. Totals for the first nine months of 1940 are now 20,488,554 pounds, valued at \$1,289,505, compared with a catch of 17,510,219 pounds, worth \$971,369, for the same period last year--increases of 17 percent in volume, and 33 percent in value.

Landings of halibut by both United States and Canadian vessels in the regular fleet were 5,331,082 pounds for September--a 583,889-pound increase over September 1939. American vessels landed 4,641,591 pounds of this September's total. For the first nine months, as revised in accordance with the latest available data from the International Fisheries Commission, the halibut fleets have landed a total of 48,861,145 pounds at Pacific Coast ports. During the same period a year ago, 45,784,962 pounds were landed.