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

September landings of fresh fish by fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; Boston and Gloucester, Massachusetts, amounted to 36,914,463 pounds, spread among 24 classifications, and valued at \$1,066,435.

Compared with a catch of 32,164,028 pounds, valued at \$812,134, for the same period of 1939, this represents an increase of 4,750,435 pounds in volume and \$254,301 in value to the fishermen, according to statistics 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 September 1940 amounted to about 2.9 cents, compared with 2.5 cents for the same month last year.

Boston landings for September were 24,643,506 pounds, valued at \$862,088. For the same month last year, the catch totaled 23,678,349 pounds, worth \$675,520.

Most abundant species in the Boston landings included: large haddock (7 million pounds, valued at \$279,525); scrod haddock (5.2 million pounds, valued at \$174,329); market cod (2 million pounds at \$66,629); and fresh mackerel (2 million pounds,

worth \$53,748); fresh whiting (1.8 million pounds, worth \$24,726); and large cod (1.7 million pounds, valued at \$69,495).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 10,709,790 pounds, worth \$178,873, compared with 7,054,348 pounds, valued at \$110,790, for the same month last year. Rosefish landings of 6.7 million pounds, valued at \$90,889, predominated. Pollock (867,690 pounds, worth \$17,938) came second; with 857,223 pounds of whiting, worth \$9,728, in third place. During September 975,000 pounds of salted cod, valued at \$29,280, were received at Gloucester from the treaty coasts of Magdalen Islands and Newfoundland.

Portland landings for September amounted to 1,561,167 pounds, valued at \$25,474. For the same month last year the catch totaled 1,431,331 pounds, worth \$25,824. Leading species were: rosefish (633,165 pounds, worth \$6,860); whiting (270,278 pounds, valued at \$3,000); large cod (186,033 pounds, valued at \$5,195); and pollock (153,137 pounds at \$2,552).

Aggregate landings of fish at the three ports for the first nine months of 1940 now amount to 275,253,000 pounds, with a valuation of \$7,839,000. Compared with the same period in 1939, the catch was 293,115,570 pounds, valued at \$6,933,400.