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### FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE DURING MAY

During May, the second month of the 1941 season, the United States halibut fleet landed 3,653,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$361,000, at Seattle as the result of 155 trips to North Pacific grounds. In May 1940 a total of 3,077,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$295,000.

Species landed in May 1941 included 3,575,000 pounds of halibut (2,165,000 pounds of No. 1, and 1,410,000 pounds of No. 2) worth \$359,000; 65,000 pounds of "lingcod", valued at \$1,500; 12,300 pounds of rockfishes, at \$334; and 996 pounds of sablefish, at \$47, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

For the first five months of 1941, halibut fleet landings at Seattle total 7,077,000 pounds, valued at \$671,000. Compared with 6,768,000 pounds, worth \$607,000, for the same period in 1940, this represents an increase of about 309,000 pounds in volume, and \$64,000 in value.

Total receipts for halibut landings on the Pacific Coast by United States and Canadian vessels for May, the second month of the 1941 season, amount to 10,362,000 pounds. This compares with a total of 10,180,000 pounds for the same month in 1940, and shows an increase of about 182,000 pounds in volume for 1941. In addition to Seattle, these landings are made at such ports as Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island.

Receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 1,776,000 pounds, valued at \$93,000, divided among 20 classifications. Compared with 1,159,000 pounds, worth \$72,000, received during May 1940, this represents an increase in volume of 617,000 pounds, or 53 percent, and about \$21,000, or 30 percent, in value.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for May 1941 amounted to 4,658,000 pounds; for the same month last year the total was 4,142,000 pounds.

The monthly summary also lists coastwise vessel receipts from Alaska (499,182 pounds, fresh and frozen); imports from British Columbia (346,146 pounds, fresh and frozen); Alaska troll salmon receipts (745,131 pounds); and halibut and troll salmon landings at Eureka, California (180,708 pounds).

Pacific Coast cold storage data secured from 20 warehouses (Washington 5, Alaska 7, and British Columbia 8) indicate a total of 6,441,000 pounds of halibut and salmon was placed in cold storage between May 1 and June 1, while 1,023,000 pounds were removed during the same period. On May 1, cold storage holdings of these species amounted to 5,205,000 pounds; on May 15, 8,147,000 pounds; and on June 1, 10,623,000 pounds.

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