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FISHERIES OF ALASKA IN 1940

Commercial catch of fishery products in Alaska during 1940 amounted to 563,687,959 pounds, valued at \$10,612,156, according to figures released today by the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in Statistical Bulletin No. 1430.

Of the total catch, 439,181,546 pounds, valued at \$8,419,544, consisted of salmon; 121,959,285 pounds, valued at \$2,038,190, consisted of other fish; and 2,547,128 pounds, worth \$154,422, consisted of shellfish.

These fisheries employed 25,199 persons during 1940, of whom 10,093 were fishermen; 13,455 were engaged in the wholesale and manufacturing industries; and 1,651 in transporting fishery products. Exclusive of duplication, 228 establishments were engaged in fisheries trade during this period; 114 canned fish; 104 cured fish; 11 manufactured by-products; and 61 handled fresh and frozen fishery products.

Output of these establishments amounted to 323,506,761 pounds, worth \$36,440,660. Ranking all others was the salmon industry which produced 260,693,185 pounds of products, valued at \$33,017,823. The herring industry was second in volume with 42,035,389 pounds of products, valued at \$1,258,071.

The halibut industry ranked third, with 17,016,629 pounds of products, worth \$1,520,499. Sablefish, shrimp, clam, crab, and cod products followed.

The canning industry ranked foremost--considering the wholesale and manufacturing industries individually--producing 244,137,742 pounds of fishery products, valued at \$31,836,480. Second in importance was the frozen fish industry with a total output of 22,234,198 pounds, valued at \$1,290,215. Fresh fish ranked third in value with 13,653,111 pounds of products, worth \$1,273,407. The cured fish industry was fourth, producing 11,123,858 pounds, valued at \$1,092,550. The by-products industry was fifth, with 32,357,852 pounds, valued at \$948,008, which accounted for the remainder of the products.

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