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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS DURING JUNE AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND

Approximately 48.5 million pounds of fresh fish, spread among 23 classifications and valued at \$1,308,000, were landed during June by 278 fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; and Boston and Gloucester, Massachusetts, according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, in Statistical Bulletin No. 1434.

Compared with the preceding month, this represents a decrease of about 0.7 million pounds, or 1 percent, in volume, but an increase of \$92,000, or 8 percent, in value. Compared with June 1940 when the catch amounted to 30.6 million pounds, valued at \$737,000, this indicates an increase of 58 percent in volume and 77 percent in value. These low figures of a year ago, however, are chiefly accounted for by the labor controversy in Boston which tied up fishing activities from the middle of March until the latter part of June.

The unusually heavy landings during June were accounted for principally by large landings of cod, haddock, whiting, and rosefish. Receipts of

haddock were 72 percent above those for June 1940, while the landings of cod increased 197 percent, whiting 71 percent, and rosefish 45 percent.

Average price per pound of all species landed during June 1941 amounted to 2.7 cents, compared with 2.4 cents for the same month last year.

For the six-month period ending with June, the total landings at the three ports amounted to 224,310,000 pounds, valued at \$6,826,000. For the same period in 1940, the landings totaled 145,607,000 pounds, worth \$4,725,000.

Boston landings totaled 29,948,000 pounds, valued at \$935,000. The June 1940 catch amounted to 17,020,000 pounds, worth \$522,000.

Most abundant item in the Boston landings included: large haddock (8.9 million pounds, valued at \$319,000); scrod haddock (5.6 million pounds, valued at \$171,000); market cod (4.8 million pounds, valued at \$123,000); whiting (2.4 million pounds, valued at \$47,000); rosefish (1.9 million pounds, at \$33,000); and mackerel (1.7 million pounds, valued at \$58,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 15,250,000 pounds, valued at \$305,000. Rosefish, with 10.7 million pounds, worth \$199,000 surpassed all other species.

Landings at Portland during May amounted to 3,264,000 pounds, worth \$68,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 1.8 million pounds, valued at \$26,000.