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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE IN SEPTEMBER

During September, the sixth month of the 1941 halibut season, the United States halibut fleet landed 3,881,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$478,000, at Seattle as the result of 133 trips to North Pacific grounds, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Seattle Fishery Market Newsoffice of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with September 1940, when a total of 3,078,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$303,000, the 1941 figures represent an increase in volume of 803,000 pounds, and in value of \$175,000.

Species landed in September of this year included 3,297,000 pounds of halibut (1,868,000 pounds of No. 1, and 1,429,000 pounds of No. 2), worth \$437,000; 19,000 pounds of "lingcod," valued at \$1,070; 37,000 pounds of rockfishes, at \$1,984; and 528,000 pounds of sablefish, at \$38,735.

For the first nine months of 1941, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 20,449,000 pounds, valued at \$2,293,000. Compared with 18,986,000 pounds, worth \$1,834,000 for the same period in 1940, this represents an increase of about 1,463,000 pounds in volume, and of \$459,000 in value.

Total halibut landings on the Pacific Coast by United States and Canadian vessels for September amounted to 6,352,000 pounds. Compared with a total of 5,589,000 pounds for the same month in 1940, this shows an increase of about

763,000 pounds in volume for 1941. In addition to Seattle, these landings are made at Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Wrangell, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island ports.

Miscellaneous receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 5,630,000 pounds, valued at \$565,000, divided among 27 classifications. Compared with 4,734,000 pounds, worth \$303,000, received during September 1940, this represents an increase in volume of 896,000 pounds, or 19 percent, and about \$262,000, or 87 percent, in value.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for September 1941 amounted to 7,498,000 pounds; for the same month last year the total was 6,006,000 pounds.

The monthly summary also lists coastwise vessel receipts from Alaska (363,000 pounds, fresh and frozen); imports from British Columbia (23,632 pounds, fresh and frozen); Alaska troll salmon receipts (1,879,000 pounds); and halibut and troll salmon landings at Eureka, California (86,000 pounds).

Pacific coast cold-storage data obtained from 20 warehouses (Washington 5, Alaska 7, and British Columbia 8) indicate a total of 33,098,000 pounds of halibut and salmon held in cold storage on September 15. On September 1, holdings of these species amounted to 28,970,000 pounds; on August 15, 25,240,000 pounds; and on July 15, 21,508,000 pounds.

Carload shipments of fresh fish, sent East in September via express, totaled 89--36 from Seattle and 53 from Prince Rupert. From Seattle 24 carload shipments of frozen fish went East via freight, while 3 went to California.

Average fishermen's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle and Alaska, also are listed in the reports.