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### FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS DURING OCTOBER AT BOSTON, GLOUCESTER, AND PORTLAND

Approximately 44,602,000 pounds of fresh and salted fish, spread among 24 classifications and valued at \$1,560,000, were landed during October by 287 fishing vessels at the three ports of Portland, Maine; and Boston and Gloucester, Mass., according to statistics released today by the Division of Fishery Industries, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the preceding month, this represents a decrease of 5,250,000 pounds, or 11 percent, in volume, but only \$2,000, or less than 1 percent, in value. Compared with October 1940 when the catch amounted to 34,836,000 pounds, valued at \$1,051,000, this indicates an increase of 28 percent in volume and of 48 percent in value. The landings during October were accounted for principally by large hauls of rosefish, haddock, mackerel, pollock, and cod.

Average price per pound of all species landed during October 1941 amounted to 3.5 cents, compared with about 3 cents for the same month last year.

For the ten-month period ending with October, the total landings at the three ports amounted to 408,256,000 pounds, valued at \$12,771,000. For the same period in 1940, the landings totaled 310,089,000 pounds, worth \$8,890,000.

Boston landings totaled 25,464,000 pounds, valued at \$1,121,000.

Most abundant items in the Boston landings included: large haddock (5,093,000 pounds, valued at \$290,000); scrod haddock (4,894,000 pounds, valued at \$226,000); mackerel (4,618,000 pounds, valued at \$119,000); rosefish (2,535,000 pounds, valued at \$58,000); market cod (2,366,000 pounds, valued at \$112,000), and whiting (1,376,000 pounds, at \$39,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 17,447,000 pounds, valued at \$403,000. Rosefish, with 10,207,000 pounds, worth \$210,000, surpassed all other species.

Landings at Portland during October amounted to 1,691,000 pounds, worth \$36,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 1,203,000 pounds, valued at \$20,000.

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