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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE IN NOVEMBER

During November the United States halibut fleet landed 427,600 pounds of fishery products, worth \$44,000, at Seattle as the result of 128 trips to North Pacific grounds, 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.

Compared with November 1940, when a total of 623,400 pounds was landed, valued at \$29,700, the 1941 figures represent a decrease in volume of 195,800 pounds, but an increase in value of \$14,300.

Species landed in November of this year included 163,600 pounds of sablefish, worth \$19,100; 141,200 pounds of "lingcod," valued at \$14,000; and 122,700 pounds of rockfishes, at \$11,000.

For the first eleven months of 1941, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 21,648,000 pounds, valued at \$2,401,000. For the same period in 1940 the landings amounted to 22,092,000 pounds, valued at \$2,067,000.

Miscellaneous receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 4,743,000 pounds, valued at \$714,000, divided among 25 classifications. Compared with 3,517,500 pounds, worth \$179,500, received during November 1940, this represents an increase in volume of 1,225,500 pounds, or 35 percent, and about \$534,500, or 298 percent, in value. The latter increase is due to the newly developed fishery for soupfin sharks and dogfish and the high prices paid for their livers.

Total halibut and salmon (fresh and frozen) receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers for November 1941 amounted to 3,728,400 pounds; for the same month last year the total was 3,586,000 pounds.

The monthly summary also lists coastwise vessel receipts from Alaska at 1,649,800 pounds, fresh and frozen, and Alaska troll salmon receipts at 11,800 pounds.

During November 61 carload shipments of frozen fish were sent East from Seattle via freight, while 4 carloads of frozen fish went South to California, by freight.

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

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