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

Approximately 11,559,000 pounds of fresh fish, spread among 21 classifications and valued at \$766,000 were landed during February by 185 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 3,832,000 pounds, or 25 percent, in volume, and \$112,000, or about 13 percent, in value. Compared with February 1941, when the catch amounted to 27,707,000 pounds, valued at \$1,026,000, this indicates a decrease of 58 percent in volume and a decrease of 25 percent in value. The landings during February were accounted for principally by cod, haddock, and rosefish.

Average price per pound of all species landed during February 1942 amounted to 7.6 cents, compared with about 3.7 cents for the same month last year.

For the 2-month period ending with February, the total landings at the three ports amounted to 26,950,000 pounds valued at \$1,644,000. For the same period in 1941, the landings totaled 48,491,000 pounds, worth \$1,884,000.

Boston landings totaled 7,318,000 pounds, valued at \$556,000.

Most abundant item in the Boston landings included: large haddock (1,949,000 pounds, valued at \$185,000); scrod haddock (1,487,000 pounds, valued at \$110,000); rosefish (1,533,000 pounds, valued at \$63,000); and large cod (1,204,000 pounds, valued at \$95,000).

At Gloucester, the month's catch totaled 3,583,000 pounds, valued at \$184,000. Rosefish, with 2,577,000 pounds, worth \$95,000, surpassed all other species.

Landings at Portland during February amounted to 659,000 pounds, worth \$26,000. Leading species was rosefish, with 549,000 pounds, valued at \$18,500.

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