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FISHING VESSEL LANDINGS AT SEATTLE IN APRIL

During April, the United States halibut fleet landed 1,085,000 pounds of fishery products, worth \$157,000, at Seattle, as the result of 66 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 April 1941, when a total of 2,842,000 pounds was landed, valued at \$304,000, the 1942 figures represent a decrease in volume of 1,757,000 pounds, and a decrease in value of \$146,000. The bulk of this decrease, both in catch and value is due, in part, to the fact that the 1942 halibut season opened April 15 instead of April 1, as in previous years.

Species landed in April of this year included 713,000 pounds of halibut, valued at \$106,000, 162,000 pounds of "lingcod", valued at \$10,000; and 60,000 pounds of rockfishes, valued at \$3,800. In addition, however, there were 127,000 pounds of fish livers landed at Seattle with a value of \$35,000.

For the four months of 1942, halibut fleet landings at Seattle totaled 2,957,000 pounds, valued at \$1,333,000. For the same period in 1941, landings amounted to 3,710,000 pounds worth \$367,000.

Miscellaneous local receipts, by Seattle wholesale dealers, exclusive of the halibut fleet and fish received from Alaska and Canada, totaled 1,483,000 pounds, valued at \$166,000, divided among 27 classifications. Compared with 1,751,000 pounds, valued at \$142,000, received during April 1941, this represents a decrease of 268,000 pounds, or 15 percent, in volume, and an increase of about \$24,000 or 17 percent, in value.

Pacific coast cold-storage figures for halibut and salmon as reported by 20 warehouses in Washington, Alaska, and British Columbia, indicate 2,407,000 pounds (as of the period from April 1 to 30) moved, and 1,810,000 pounds in holdings as of May 1.

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Additional receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers show a total, for fresh and frozen fish and shellfish, of 883,000 pounds for April 1942, as against 1,379,000 pounds in April of last year, a 36 percent decrease. Totals for the first four months of each year are at approximately 4.6 and 5.8 million pounds, for 1942 and 1941, respectively.

Average fishermen's prices and price ranges, as paid in Seattle, are also listed in the report; as well as halibut and salmon, and Alaska troll salmon receipts by Seattle wholesale dealers.

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