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Landings of fish at Boston, Gloucester, and New Bedford, Mass., for the first quarter of 1944 totaled 63,059,041 pounds--up from 61,065,543 pounds for the like period of 1943, the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries announced today. The increase was achieved in spite of the loss of 20 fishing days at Boston and New Bedford in January due to a strike.

New Bedford fishermen led the increases by landing 15,385,495 pounds as against 12,225,790 pounds in the first quarter of 1943. Gloucester also showed improvement with landings of 19,676,069 pounds, compared with 16,630,846 in the previous year. Boston, where January landings were down five million pounds due to the strike, was the only one of the ports not to show an increase over last year's totals. Landings there for the first quarter were 27,997,477 pounds. In the first quarter of 1943 landings there were 32,208,907 pounds.

Ordinarily New England fishermen bring in some of the largest catches of the year during the second quarter and since the situation in regard to vessels is improving, officials of the Coordinator's Office are hopeful for an even larger increase in production.