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New England's largest fishing ports--Boston, Gloucester, and New Bedford--received 95,773,627 pounds of fish during the first four months of 1944, a gain of more than four million pounds over the 91,593,476 pounds landed from January through April last year, the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries reported today.

The increase in the total landings at the major ports was due to a gain of 30 percent at New Bedford and a 15 percent increase at Gloucester. Boston was the only one of the ports to show a decline for the four-month period, with landings off by 8 percent from last year's figures.

The quantities of fish landed at the three ports by the end of April were as follows: Boston, 43,144,123 pounds; Gloucester, 30,251,069; New Bedford, 22,378,435. Boston and Gloucester landings during the month of April showed little change from last year but at New Bedford they improved by 30 percent.

The summer months are normally the most active period in the New England off-shore fisheries. Since the vessel situation has improved somewhat since last year, a further increase in fish production is expected.