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Holdings of frozen fish in the United States dropped 70,000,000 pounds during the first three months of 1945 to the below normal total of 39,829,575 as of April 1, the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior reported today.

The heavy withdrawals during the first quarter followed the trend established in the last quarter of 1944. On October 1, 1944, holdings reached the highest point on record at more than 130,000,000 pounds.

The Service's Division of Commercial Fisheries expects an upturn in the amount of fish going into the freezers in May, since this is normally the case. Heavy purchases of fresh fish, due to the current shortage of meat and poultry, will probably mean that less fish will be frozen than last year unless catches for the remainder of the year are considerably higher than last year.

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