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FROZEN FISH STOCKS DROP 29 MILLION POUNDS

Holdings of frozen fishery products in public cold-storage plants totaled 98 million pounds on March 1 as compared with 127 million pounds on February 1, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported today.

The decline in holdings during the month of February was the second largest on record and was due to increased demands for fish during the Lenten period and to the generally higher prices for meat in relation to fish. Holdings which during the past few months have been averaging about 12 million pounds higher than the year previous, on March 1 were 1 million pounds less than those of that date a year ago.

Among the important items, cod fillets totaled 8 million pounds on March 1, a drop of 3 million pounds since February 1; rosefish fillets, 9 million pounds, down 3 million pounds; halibut, 6.5 million pounds, down 4 million; salmon, 12.4 million pounds, down 4 million; and shrimp, 7.3 million pounds, down 3 million.

Rosefish fillets, halibut, and salmon, however, were held in considerably greater volume than on March 1, 1946.

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