



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## INFORMATION SERVICE

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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## FROZEN FISH STOCKS ON MAY 1 TOTAL 70 MILLION POUNDS

Frozen fishery products in cold-storage plants in the United States and Alaska continued their normal seasonal decline during April and on May 1 totaled 70 million pounds, the smallest inventory since July 1, 1945, the Fish and Wildlife Service reported today. Stocks on May 1 were down 3 million pounds from April 1 and were 5 million pounds less than on May 1, 1946.

A probable reason for the somewhat lower stocks was a decline in imports of frozen groundfish and rosefish fillets, according to the Service. During the first four months of 1947, 7.2 million pounds were imported compared with 16.5 million pounds during the similar period of 1946. Prices were generally reasonable and increased promotional activities by the trade also had their influence.

Principal items in the frozen fish inventory were salmon, 6.5 million pounds; cod fillets, 5.7 million pounds; haddock fillets, 6 million pounds; rosefish fillets, 5 million pounds; sablefish, 4 million pounds; and shrimp, 4.3 million pounds.

Haddock fillets, rosefish fillets, salmon, and sablefish were held in considerably greater quantities than a year ago. Cod fillets and shrimp, on the other hand, were well below stocks at that time.

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