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SAN PEDRO AGAIN LEADS AMERICAN PORTS IN FISH LANDINGS

San Pedro, California, which has been the leading fish landing port in the United States for many years again captured that honor in 1956, the Department of the Interior reported today.

Landings in San Pedro in 1956, consisting largely of tuna, mackerel, and sardines, totaled 382,900,000 pounds. The value of the catch to the fishermen was \$29,000,000.

Gloucester, Massachusetts, led other food fish ports with receipts of 250,000,000 pounds, worth \$7,600,000. Gloucester landings were mainly ocean perch and whiting.

Boston, Massachusetts, the Nation's principal port for haddock, cod and pollock, reported landings of 147,200,000 pounds worth \$10,500,000 to the men on the boats. San Diego, California, largely a tuna port, trailed Boston in poundage landed but surpassed the eastern city in value of the catch. Landings at San Diego amounted to 135,300,000 pounds with a value of \$18,800,000. New Bedford, Massachusetts, famous for the scallop and flounder landed there, had 88,000,000 pounds of fish valued at \$12,350,000. Portland, Maine, largely an ocean perch port, followed with landings of 58,500,000 pounds, valued at \$1,886,000.

During the year fishermen of the United States and Alaska caught 5.2 billion pounds of fish, of which 2.8 billion pounds were food fish and 2.4 billions industrial catch. Industrial fish landings were chiefly at Middle Atlantic and Gulf ports.

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