STATISTICAL BULLETIN No. 371.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS DURING JANUARY.

Bad weather hampered fishing operations during the month of January. The prices paid to the fishermen have ruled high. The steam trawlers nearly all fished on Western Bank, but as a rule have had moderate catches. The schools of pollock have struck off from Cape Ann. The Newfoundland herring fleet has experienced the poorest season for many years, and its arrival has been delayed by bad weather. The Atlantic halibut fleet is getting away and from present indications will be smaller than last year.

NOTE.—The weights of fresh and salted fish given in these statistics represent the fish as landed from the vessels, and the values are those received by the fishermen. The grades, or sizes, given for certain species are those recognized in the trade.

BUREAU OF FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

HUGH M. SMITH, Commissioner.

The Fishing Fleet of Boston, Gloucester, and Portland, January, 1917.

	No. of vessels.
Bank fishery	1
Market fishery	43
Herring fishery	11
Shore fishery	133
Total	188

STATEMENT of Quantities and Values of certain Fishery Products landed at Boston and Gloucester, Mass., and Portland, Me., by American Fishing Vessels during the month of January, 1917.

FISHING GROUNDS.	No. of trips.	COD. Large (10 pounds and over). Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	Market (under 10 and over 2½ pounds). Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	Scrod (1 to 2½ pounds). Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	HADDOCK. Large (over 2½ pounds). Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	Scrod (1 to 2½ pounds). Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	HAKE. Large (6 pounds and over). Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	Small (under 6 pounds). Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	POLLOCK. Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	CUSK. Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	HALIBUT. Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	MISCELLANEOUS. Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.	TOTAL. Fresh. Pounds.	Value.	Salted. Pounds.	Value.
LANDED AT BOSTON.																																											
East of 66° W. longitude.																																												
Western Bank	25	14,185	$1,169			31,990	$1,697			15,050	$484			1,038,732	$54,167			955,130	$28,713	5,505	$380			10,500	$726	7,975	$359					4,042	$1,168			40,037	$2,714			2,123,146	$91,577		
Cape Shore	26	150,670	9,249			186,295	6,314			80,050	1,411			1,031,170	51,153			162,162	3,681	8,300	548			21,400	892	7,400	167					52,930	$1,627			2,752	800	1,320	57			1,704,449	75,899		
St. Anns Bank	1	30,100	1,505			22,600	678			2,250	34			13,300	665			1,000	15					70	4													69,320	2,901				
West of 66° W. longitude.																																											
Browns Bank	18	124,203	7,412			116,388	3,716			29,120	537			328,340	15,012			85,955	1,885	11,345	545			9,040	425	19,797	747					76,000	1,899			5,238	1,295	250	28			805,676	33,501		
Middle Bank	2	2,555	199			2,265	122			1,025	21			10,438	674			3,550	178	465	51			790	58	865	37									112	34	870	43			22,935	1,417		
Jeffreys Ledge	104	37,104	3,133			30,625	1,708			9,905	242			577,690	39,504			122,145	5,960	30,300	2,556			136,886	7,859	39,703	1,501					57,948	2,264			668	199	46,341	1,568			1,089,315	66,494		
South Channel	7	9,115	810			19,190	986			4,625	120			153,375	9,028			113,445	4,440	500	33			2,605	173	6,480	210									685	262	13,430	741			323,450	16,803		
Off Chatham	3	1,955	125			2,520	133			3,100	62			67,600	3,658			17,955	641					1,100	60	3,190	181					200	6			150	36	2,975	99			100,745	5,001		
South	3																																					[a]32,835	1,885			32,835	1,885		
Shore, general	2	586	49			2,725	150			764	27			30	2																							5,740	153			9,845	381		
Total	191	370,473	23,651			414,598	15,504			145,889	2,938			3,220,675	173,863			1,461,342	45,513	56,415	4,113			182,391	10,197	85,410	3,202					187,078	5,796			13,647	3,794	143,798	7,288			6,281,716	295,859		
LANDED AT GLOUCESTER.																																											
East of 66° W. longitude.																																												
Western Bank	1									87,000	653																													87,000	653		
Quereau Bank	1			4,470	$224			1,940	$59							85	$3																							20,280	2,047	6,495	$286
Off Newfoundland	11																																							[b]2,848,894	$83,631	2,848,894	83,631
Cape North	1	50,985	1,530			35,060	877			5,450	72									450	9																			91,945	2,488		
Cape Shore	3	11,605	738	4,120	206	6,000	150	6,230	218	2,470	37	1,750	$44	81,335	4,067	55	2			2,520	95	20	$1			90	2	240	$7	110	2	475	$14							104,130	5,091	12,890	492
West of 66° W. longitude.																																											
Shore, general	301	5,495	463																	15,876	1,364					2,154,069	67,145													2,175,440	68,972		
Total	318	68,085	2,731	8,590	430	41,060	1,027	8,170	277	94,920	762	1,750	44	81,335	4,067	140	5			18,846	1,468	20	1			2,154,159	67,147	240	7	110	2	475	14	20,280	2,047			2,848,894	83,631	2,868,279	84,409
LANDED AT PORTLAND.																																											
West of 66° W. longitude.																																											
Browns Bank	1	10,410	554			3,370	94			360	7			110	2											1,965	40									1,458	292			18,213	1,008		
Jeffreys Ledge	9	7,568	633			8,950	460			3,785	97			26,035	1,805			3,460	170	1,463	134			7,120	305	6,175	218					7,598	358	440	9	699	95	3,130	62			75,983	4,337	440	9
Shore, general	343	96,013	7,743			131,145	6,767			47,703	1,470			173,940	11,914			13,803	634	11,675	1,021			38,203	1,774	128,757	4,921					55,338	2,631	1,260	25	874	114	59,936	2,146			757,387	41,135	1,260	25
Total	353	113,991	8,930			143,465	7,321			51,848	1,574			200,085	13,721			17,263	804	13,138	1,155			45,323	2,079	136,897	5,179					63,476	3,008	1,700	34	3,031	501	63,066	2,208			851,583	46,480	1,700	34
Grand total	862	552,549	35,312	8,590	430	599,123	23,852	8,170	277	292,657	5,274	1,750	44	3,502,095	191,651	140	5	1,478,605	46,317	88,399	6,736	20	1	227,714	12,276	2,376,466	75,528	240	7	250,664	8,806	2,175	48	36,958	6,342	206,864	9,496	2,848,894	83,631	9,612,094	421,590	2,869,979	84,443

a Tilefish. *b* Herring. Other items under "Miscellaneous" include catfish or wolffish, 5,284 pounds, value $81; flounders, 67,214 pounds, value $4,023; grayfish, 3,550 pounds, value $24; redfish, 35,947 pounds, value $804; sharks, 2,100 pounds, value $51; skates, 22,455 pounds, value $450; smelt, 5,275 pounds, value $540; sturgeon, 195 pounds, value $34; lobster, 14 pounds, value $5; livers, 19,838 pounds, value $391; sounds, 1,155 pounds, value $70; and spawn, 11,002 pounds, value $1,138.

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BUREAU OF FISHERIES, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

HUGH M. SMITH, COMMISSIONER.

Statement of Quantities and Values of certain Fishery Products landed at Seattle, Wash., by American Fishing Vessels during the month of January, 1917.

FISHING GROUNDS.	NUMBER OF TRIPS.	HALIBUT.		SABLE FISH (Black Cod).		TOTAL.	
		FRESH.		FRESH.		FRESH.	
		Pounds.	Value.	Pounds.	Value.	Pounds.	Value.
West Coast, Vancouver Island	1	2,000	$340			2,000	$340
Coronation Island	1	60,000	6,992	2,870	$72	62,870	7,064
Yakutat grounds	11	689,702	80,646	71,000	1,753	760,702	82,399
Total	13	751,702	87,978	73,870	1,825	825,572	89,803

Fishery Products taken in Puget Sound and landed at Seattle, Wash., by Collecting Vessels in January, 1917.

Species.	Pounds.	Value.
Herring	2,000	$30
Salmon:		
Chum or Keta	2,860	157
King or Spring	200	22
Coho or Silver	50	3
Trout—Steelhead	24,687	2,716
Smelt	3,000	90
Red Rockfish	650	33
"Lingcod"	1,000	30
Flounders	1,425	21
Sole	3,075	85
Crabs	*6,324	287
Total	45,271	3,474

* 436¼ doz. crabs.
See Wm. J. Macdonald's letter of February 19, 1917.