

APPENDIX B

Fish Landings*: 1808–1939¹

Year	Gloucester Landings	Total Landings	Cod: Fresh and Salt	Haddock/ Other Fresh	Halibut: Fresh and Flitched	Hake and Cusk	Mackerel: Fresh and Salt	Pollock	Herring: Fresh, Salt, and Frozen
1808–1820							None–0.05		
1821							0.4		
1822							0.6		
1823							0.7		
1824							1.3		
1825							1.9		
1826							2.3		
1827	13.0 ²						3.3		
1828			7.2 ³				6.8		
1829							7.5		
1830							10.3		
1831							14.0		
1832							8.1		
1833							9.1		
1834							12.3		
1835							9.7		
1836							8.8		
1837							6.7		
1838							4.9		
1839							2.1		
1840							1.8		
1841							1.7		
1842							3.1		
1843							3.3		
1844			3.2				3.5		
1845							9.7		
1846							8.3		
1847	21.6		7.1		3.5	0.7	9.4	0.9	
1848							10.7		
1849							9.1		

*Landings are in millions of pounds of fish.

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1850							10.0		
1851							16.3		
1852	25.9		9.5		4.5	0.6	10.7	0.6	
1853							7.2		
1854	20.0		11.0		0.4		8.6		
1855							14.6		
1856							13.3		
1857							11.0		
1858							9.2		
1859	29.2		12.8		4.5		11.9		??
1860							19.6		
1861							18.1		
1862							23.2		
1863							30.8		
1864							31.0		
1865	44.4		12.7	0.4			28.3		3.0
1866							22.8		
1867							22.8		
1868							15.1		
1869	64.8		28.0	8.0		2.8	18.0		8.0
1870	59.7		26.8	7.5		3.4	19.6		2.4
1871	71.8		35.8	8.3		3.9	20.8		3.0
1872	72.7		43.0	8.0		3.0	14.2		4.5
1873	81.6		51.5	9.0		2.8	17.3		1.0
1874	97.4		53.2	11.0	3.8	3.4	24.0		2.0
1875 ⁴	96.1		50.5	12.0	9.7	4.6	10.6	1.1	7.6
1876	103.9		47.6	11.0	14.5	4.5	19.1		7.2
1877					16.1		9.8		
1878					11.4		11.1		
1879	91.1 ⁵		40.1	12.6	13.2	6.6	9.7	2.9	6.0
1880	93.5		49.5		9.1		25.9		9.0
1881	109.3		46.7	0.3	8.7	1.0	32.8	0.6	19.2
1882	110.5		42.9	2.0	7.8	2.0	34.0	2.4	19.4
1883	105.3		55.0	2.1	7.3	0.8	21.7	1.2	17.2
1884	129.0		55.3	1.0	9.0	0.6	44.7	3.3	15.1
1885	123.1		54.0	0.9	10.0	0.9	31.5	5.9	19.9
1886	105.6		52.7	1.2	12.2	1.0	10.8 ⁶	1.9	25.8
1887	99.7		58.2	0.6	9.0	1.7	9.0	2.1	19.1

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1888	79.4		48.8	0.1	7.7	0.4	4.7	1.2	16.5
1889	75.8		44.3	1.5	7.2	1.0	2.3	1.7	17.8
1890	78.1		45.6	1.3	6.9	3.2	3.2	1.5	16.4
1891	96.9		44.0	4.6	7.8	15.1	5.6	3.5	16.3
1892	111.3	140.5	49.8	4.8	8.2	13.7	6.7	3.0	25.1
1893	99.3	137.2	41.7	3.7	8.9	12.9	8.3	2.9	20.9
1894	98.8	145.3	42.0	6.2	9.6	14.1	6.2	1.0	19.7
1895	86.2		45.2	4.3	8.7	5.7	4.3	0.5	17.5
1896	112.0	152.0	48.0	20.0 ⁷	10.0		16.0		18.0
1897	75.0	115.3	32.7	3.7	10.4	10.9	2.5	2.1	13.0
1898	104.1		32.3	46.7 ⁸	10.1		2.7		12.3
1899	121.0	127.0	62.0	8.7	7.5	9.1	4.1	3.3	19.6
1900	106.1	136.4	46.4	5.4	7.3	6.9	16.1	3.0	14.4
1901	106.4	146.4	52.4	6.5	4.6	5.7	13.6	2.2	17.6
1902	102.2	142.2	46.4	4.9	4.9	6.5	7.5	4.9	20.0
1903	87.8	124.7	37.8	5.2	3.8	7.3	8.7	5.0	16.7
1904	103.5	135.3	34.1	7.3	2.7	15.5	5.7	7.3	23.2
1905	112.4	157.1	29.4	13.7	2.8	20.4	5.7	17.6	15.8
1906	93.8	128.1	26.9	14.1	4.0	10.6	2.6	7.3	23.0
1907	109.9	148.9	31.9	6.1	3.9	14.6	6.5	16.8	23.2
1908	96.7	129.3	36.2	8.4	3.7	16.2	4.3	7.2	19.0
1909	88.4	124.7	45.3	4.4	3.7	3.1	3.6	5.9	15.9
1910	89.7	121.9	37.3	4.9	3.2	5.9	0.7	9.4	21.9
1911	91.4								
1912	84.0		36.8	11.4	2.7	8.1	1.6	9.6	6.3
1913	69.9		27.8	9.0	3.8	7.0	1.8	11.2	2.7
1914	78.5	123.7	27.9	11.9	2.6	8.8	3.3	9.0	11.2
1915	111.0		24.1 ⁹	10.3	2.9	8.2	5.6	11.4	12.5
1916	132.3		21.2 ¹⁰	4.7	1.8	2.4	6.7	10.4	14.7
1917	131.0		27.9 ¹¹	2.8	0.9	1.4	7.0	9.1	18.3
1918	144.2 ¹²		32.6	8.7	0.6	1.2	4.3	16.2	20.7
1919	120.4 ¹³		31.0	16.1	0.3	1.6	6.2	18.5	8.1
1920	75.8 ¹⁴		28.9	8.7	0.1	2.1	13.6	4.9	1.2
1921	54.8		20.4	8.3	0.4	4.6	4.8	4.8	1.9
1922	59.3 ¹⁵		23.0	11.6	0.16	3.2	4.3	3.0	3.5
1923	62.1 ¹⁶		24.9	10.6	0.22	3.5	6.3	3.4	3.6
1924	65.1 ¹⁷	107.0	26.1	11.2	0.2	2.9	4.9	3.1	4.1
1925	80.5 ¹⁸		30.0	14.5	0.3	2.4	11.9	2.5	2.9

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1926	72.4 ¹⁹		34.9	8.7	.04	1.6	10.4	1.6	4.6
1927	89.3	111.9							
1928	41.8								
1929	53.4								
1930	47.3								
1931	24.9								
1932	25.3								
1933	21.7								
1934	40.1								
1935	51.2								
1936	59.1	83.9 ²⁰	8.2	4.0	0.04	0.9	7.4	17.2	0.6
1937	46.2	63.3	9.5	4.2	0.04	2.1	1.5	9.6	0
1938	62.9 ²¹	83.0	10.4	3.8	0.1	2.0	4.7	9.0	0
1939	79.1	99.8 ²²	5.8	6.1	0.01	2.5	3.3	8.6	0

Note: This chart was compiled from annual published reports of the landings of the Gloucester fleet. In the early years, relatively complete estimates are available for the mackerel catch, but only incidental information on the landings of the other fish species. Thus, prior to the mid-1860s, the absence of an estimate in the chart should not be construed as the absence of a catch. Later, as Gloucester emerged as the center of the American fisheries, the local papers noted the catch of the Gloucester fleet on a daily basis—no matter where the fish were landed. This information was then summarized during the course of the year, the newspapers tracking the current performance of the fleet against what had happened in the recent past.

[Note: Canadian and N.F. vessels landed an additional 4.9 million pounds in 1913 and 13.6 million pounds in 1914 at Gloucester.]

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[Barrel conversions: Barrel mackerel = 200 pounds; barrel herring = 200 pounds; barrel shad = 200 pounds; barrel halibut fins = 200 pounds; quintal = 112 pounds.]

¹Sources: Fishermen's own book, yearly reports in Gloucester newspapers, *The Fisherman*, *The Fisherman's Memorial and Record Book*.

²The first recorded total catch of fish at Gloucester, recorded in the *Gloucester Telegraph*.

³Babson, p. 571. This was the high point in this era, and dropped to insignificant portions after that with the advent of the mackerel fishery.

⁴1875 was the first year for which there is a detailed and reasonably correct statement of the receipt of fish for Gloucester. The data were gathered by the *Cape Ann Weekly Advertiser* from all of the fishing firms, although the data reported here come from another source and are reported in order to maintain continuity over the years.

⁵The fresh-fish component came to 44 million pounds. Included in the total are 8.1 million pounds of mixed and other fish.

⁶The mackerel disappeared, and the 14-year period of reciprocity with Canada ended. This period went from 1871 to 1885. The decrease in total landings in the next few years was due thus to the decline in the mackerel catch, not to the abandonment of the reciprocity agreement. In 1887, Congress passed a law that virtually prohibited southern mackerel fishing over the next few years; no seining operations were permitted prior to June 1.

⁷Unspecified mixed fresh fish.

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⁹Salt fish by rail, add in an additional 8.7 million pounds; add in an additional 13.1 million pounds that was not a product of American fisheries.

¹⁰An additional 28.3 million pounds that was not a product of American fisheries.

¹¹32.2 million pounds that was not a product of American fisheries; an additional 13.3 million pounds came in by rail.

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¹²27.1 million pounds that was not a product of American vessels; an additional 22.9 million pounds came in by rail.

¹³25.7 million pounds that was not a product of American vessels; an additional 23.4 million pounds came in by rail.

¹⁴7.9 million pounds came in by rail.

¹⁵10.7 million pounds that was not a product of American vessels.

¹⁶Included were 1.2 million pounds of cured fish, 0.4 million pounds of miscellaneous fish, 0.4 million pounds of foreign salt mackerel, and 8.2 million pounds of foreign cured fish.

¹⁷Included were 2.9 million pounds of cured fish, 1.3 million pounds of miscellaneous fish, 1.1 million pounds of foreign salt mackerel, and 9.6 million pounds of foreign cured fish. One-third of the catch of the Gloucester fleet was landed at Gloucester.

¹⁸10.6 million pounds that was not a product of American vessels.

¹⁹7.2 million pounds that was not a product of American vessels.

²⁰Included were 24.5 million pounds of imported salt whole fish. There were also 2.6 million pounds of whiting and 17.1 million pounds of redfish.

²¹Included were 29.4 million pounds of redfish, 1.6 million pounds of whiting, and 19.1 million pounds of imported salt fish.

²²Included were 20.7 million pounds of imported salt fish, 44.4 million pounds of redfish, and 3.8 million pounds of whiting.