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Dutch Harbor-Unalaska, Alaska, and New Bedford, Mass. Remain Top Fishing Ports

Commercial fishermen unloaded 777.2 million pounds of fish, primarily Alaskan pollock, at the port of Dutch Harbor-Unalaska, Alaska, making it the country's top port for landings in 2007, NOAA's Fisheries Service announced today. The port of New Bedford, Mass., claimed the top spot for value of landings, primarily due to sea scallops, bringing in \$268 million in 2007. The total domestic commercial landings for 2007 were 9.2 billion pounds, valued at \$4.1 billion.

Dutch Harbor-Unalaska netted the top landings slot for the 19th consecutive year, according to NOAA's Fisheries Service. Reedville, Va., ranked as the number two port for quantity of landings in 2007 with 421.0 million pounds. Empire-Venice, La., was third at 323.1 million. The major fish product landed in both Reedville and Empire-Venice was menhaden.

New Bedford was ranked number one for value of landings for the eighth year in a row, even though the port's total landing value was down \$13.4 million from 2006. Dutch Harbor-Unalaska was ranked second in value of landings at \$174.1 million, which was up \$8.9 million from 2006.

The new data on the nation's ports is part of *Fisheries of the United States 2007*, a detailed statistical report on the nation's commercial and recreational fishing, landings, import, export, per capita fish consumption and consumer expenditures for fish products. The report can be read online Friday at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/index.html>

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For more on top ports go to:

http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/commercial/landings/lport_year.html

TOP 10 COMMERCIAL FISHERY LANDINGS AT MAJOR U.S. PORTS, 2006-2007
Figures in Millions of Pounds

<u>Port</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	
	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
Dutch Harbor-Unalaska, Alaska	911.3	777.2
Reedville, Va.	372.5	421.0
Empire-Venice, La.	285.7	323.1
Kodiak, Alaska	332.8	320.0
Intercoastal City, La.	400.7	299.7
Pascagoula-Moss Point, Ms.	212.1	216.3
Cameron, La.	8.1	211.1
Astoria, Ore.	164.2	161.8
New Bedford, Mass.	168.3	149.5
Los Angeles, Calif.	164.5	141.2

TOP 10 COMMERCIAL FISHERY VALUES AT MAJOR U.S. PORTS, 2006-2007
Figures in Millions of Dollars

<u>Port</u>	<u>Value</u>	
	<i>2006</i>	<i>2007</i>
New Bedford, Mass.	281.4	268.0
Dutch Harbor-Unalaska, Alaska	165.2	174.1
Kodiak, Alaska	101.4	126.0
Empire-Venice, La.	41.1	73.5
Hampton Roads area, Va.	51.0	70.2
Honolulu, Hawaii	54.6	64.3
Naknek-King Salmon, Alaska	51.4	61.8
Cape May-Wildwood, N.J.	37.6	58.8
Seward, Alaska	51.0	57.0
Sitka, Alaska	53.2	50.8

Note: To avoid disclosure of private enterprise certain ports have not been included.