

State of Alaska Leads Nation In Export of Fishery Products

WASHINGTON—Alaska led the nation in the export of fishery products in 1966 and ranked fourth among the states in the export of paper and allied products according to a Department of Commerce report delivered to Sen. E. L. Bartlett.

In 1966, the last year covered by the Bureau of International Commerce Report, Alaska shipped an estimated \$42 million of manufactured goods to foreign markets. Fishery exports total estimated \$27 million.

Since 1960 the report said, sales by Alaska to foreign markets climbed by 86 per cent. Exports on a per capita basis were \$153, sixth highest among the states.

Exports of paper and allied products from Alaska nearly doubled their 1960 value. Export sales totaled \$9.2 million, accounting for 6.5 per cent of the national paper and related products

export.

Fish product sales abroad accounted for almost a third of the nation's export sales.

Fish product exports show a six-year increase of 90 per cent, nearly all since 1963.

Foreign sales of salmon, \$22.2 million in 1966, accounted for 90 per cent of U.S. export of this product, the report said.

The export of seal furskins in 1966 were valued at \$4.1 million. Alaska is the only state exporting seal furskins.