REVIEW
FOREIGN TRADE IN FISHERY PRODUCTS

EXPORTS. U.S. exports of edible fishery products were 2.0 billion pounds valued at $2.7 billion, a decrease of 93.2 million pounds, and $319.2 million when compared with 1996. Fresh and frozen items were 1.8 billion pounds valued at $2.1 billion, a decrease of 29.6 million pounds, and $189.8 million compared with 1996. In terms of individual species, fresh and frozen exports consisted principally of 189.9 million pounds of salmon valued at $307.5 million, 310.2 million pounds of surimi valued at $331.0 million and 47.2 million pounds of lobsters valued at $208.6 million.

Canned items were 129.5 million pounds valued at $202.7 million. Salmon was the major canned item exported, with 81.6 million pounds valued at $135.4 million. Cured items were 10.6 million pounds valued at $20.9 million. Caviar and roe exports were 90.0 million pounds valued at $369.1 million.

Exports of nonedible products were valued at $6.6 billion compared with $5.6 billion in 1996. Exports of fish meal amounted to 216.3 million pounds valued at $57.2 million. The total value of edible and nonedible exports was $9.4 billion--an increase of $700.2 million compared with 1996.