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Applications for more than three and a half million dollars' worth of controlled materials and products destined for use in fishing vessels, engines, and shore processing plants were approved by the War Production Board on the recommendation of the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries during the 12-month period ending March 31, 1944, Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Deputy Coordinator, reported today.

Applications for controlled materials included more than 8,000 tons of carbon steel, alloy steel, and copper and aluminum products for use in the construction of vessels and engines. The average allotment per vessel is 6.91 tons of carbon steel, 0.114 tons of alloy steel, and 1,257 pounds of copper products. The average allotment per Diesel marine engine is 3.37 tons of carbon steel, 0.35 tons of alloy steel, 324 pounds of copper products, and 55 pounds of aluminum products.

Class B products, or manufactured items for which priorities are required, totaled more than two million dollars' worth of equipment including various types of engines, machines, refrigeration equipment, and canning machinery. Most of these products were for shore processing plants, with the exception of some auxiliary engines for fishing boats.

The applications also included 1,786,000 feet of lumber and other building materials for shore plants.

The estimated cost of materials approved during the past year has been the equivalent of \$296,371.00 per month, or \$9,723.00 a day.

A summary of the approved materials and products is as follows:

	<u>Controlled Materials</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>
Carbon Steel	8,835 tons @ \$ 75.00	\$ 662,725.00
Alloy Steel	425 tons @ 115.00	48,875.00
Copper Products	1,480,350 lbs. @ 0.22	325,677.00
Aluminum Products	36,700 lbs. @ 0.25	9,175.00
	<u>Class "B" Products</u>	
1. Internal Combustion Engines		333,074.00
2. Electric Motors and Generators		44,668.00
3. Pumps with Motors		25,089.00
4. Pumps without Motors		9,040.00
5. Auxiliary Engines		53,930.00
6. Compressors		52,489.00
7. Condensers		5,137.00
8. Refrigeration Equipment		273,948.00
9. Machinery, Box Making, Canning, Cutting, Labeling, etc.		738,696.00
10. Miscellaneous Machines and Equipment		505,568.00
11. Office Machines		1,542.00
12. Special Machines on Yearly Rental		30,623.00
	<u>Other Critical Materials</u>	
1,753,000 ft. B. M. Softwood Lumber @ \$ 65.00		113,945.00
18,000 ft. B. M. Redwood Lumber @ 100.00		1,800.00
15,000 ft. B. M. Hardwood Lumber @ 200.00		3,000.00
Miscellaneous building materials		285,897.00
Two complete vessels on Forms P.D.-1A		<u>31,500.00</u>
	Total for the 12 months	<u><u>\$3,556,448.00</u></u>