

seasonal nature of sea and land transport operations makes it necessary to create a combined reserve of material resources at main bases at ports of entry, in transport, at intermediate bases, and with consumers.

Oil products, cement and other building materials, coal, foodstuffs, and different machines and equipment make up the largest proportion of cargo delivered by sea. On the whole, various types of enriched ore and fish products represent the exports from the oblast. The amount of scrap metal which cannot be sold within the oblast is significant. The importation of goods into the oblast exceeds exports by almost 20 times.

In the last few years, the delivery of goods to the oblast has increased. The greatest rate of increase has been observed in the supply of oil products, cement and building materials, machines and equipment. The port economy of the oblast has undergone significant development. A series of measures has been taken to improve the organization of supplying goods.

Further integrated development of the productive forces of the oblast is inconceivable without: a) a far-reaching solution to problems affecting the steady shipment of goods needed for the oblast's national economy and population; and b) the interrelated, co-ordinated development of all areas of the transport system and, above all, sea transport.

In the forthcoming period up to the year 2000, the processing ability of the port economy is expected to increase 1.6 times. Therefore, it is necessary to carry out the reconstruction and expansion of trans-shipping complexes in the