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WASHINGTON — Louisiana ranked third among states in value of fish landed in 1971. California and Alaska are the first two states, the U.S. Department of Commerce said. Louisiana had $72.6 million; California, $87.2 million, and Alaska, $84.5 million in fish caught for 1971. Massachusetts and Florida were other ranking states. Texas was slightly behind Louisiana with $70 million. Louisiana again led all states in catch volume with 1,396.2 million pounds, followed by California with 585.5 million pounds. Cameron led all U.S. fishing ports in volume landed, and San Pedro, Calif., led domestic ports in value of fish landed. Menhaden accounted for a large part of the Louisiana catch and set a record in 1971. Shrimp along the Pacific coast also set a record, the department said. The annual report, available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, said commercial fishermen caught 5 billion pounds of fish, shellfish and other aquatic animals and plants in 1971. The total catch had a dockside value of $645 million, the highest dollar value in history. Volume of catch increased one per cent and value of catch was up five per cent over the 1970 harvest.