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National Overview

Principal Statistics 2008

Gross Value of Outputs (\$'000)

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	1,901,940
Aquaculture production	799,257
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ¹	4,197,076

Employment (number of persons)

Commercial fish harvesters and crew	52,812
Aquaculture operations ¹	3,970
Seafood product preparation & packaging	22,020

Commercial Seafisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	918,125
Total value of landings (\$'000)	1,842,661

Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	31,063
Total value of landings (\$'000)	59,279

International Trade Statistics (\$'000)

Total value of fish and seafood exports	3,884,166
Total value of fish and seafood imports	2,234,194
Trade balance	1,649,972

¹ Based on 2006 data (2008 data not yet available).

Regional Overview¹

Landings and Production Statistics, 2008

Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries

	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of registered fishing vessels	3,236	n/a	18,561	21,797
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	148,799	31,063	769,326	949,188
Total value of landings (\$'000)	236,013	59,279	1,606,648	1,901,940

Aquaculture

Number of aquaculture establishments ²	n/a	n/a	n/a	642
Total volume of production (metric tonnes) ³	81,000	7,437	67,742	156,179
Total value of production (\$'000) ³	385,300	74,948	339,009	799,257

Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2005

	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of active adult anglers	547,032	1,793,003	895,885	3,235,920
Fishing effort ('000 days fished)	6,201	23,735	13,012	42,948
Harvest ('000 fish kept)	3,646	32,118	35,918	71,681
Direct expenditures (\$'000)	569,622	1,416,978	479,566	2,466,167
Direct investments (\$'000)	543,032	1,314,626	727,769	2,585,427

¹ Atlantic = Nfld. and Lab., P.E.I., N.S., N.B., Que. Inland = Ont., Man., Sask., Alta. and territories Pacific = B.C.

² 2007 information unavailable at this time.

³ Due to missing data and suppressions, totals in the Statistics Canada table may not be comparable to those of DFO. Statistics Canada will revise its published number with its November 2010 release.

Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Species Highlights

Commercial Sea Fisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2008

	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	772,574	148,799	921,373
Groundfish	111,811	109,940	221,751
Pelagics	213,219	25,457	238,676
Shellfish	432,478	13,395	445,873
Other	15,065	6	15,071
Total Value of Landings (\$'000)	1,610,939	236,013	1,846,952
Groundfish	150,950	102,162	253,112
Pelagics	78,176	45,095	123,271
Shellfish	1,366,086	88,753	1,454,839
Other	15,728	4	15,732

Aquaculture Production, Selected Species, 2008

	<i>Volume (metric tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Main Producing Province</i>
Salmon	104,070	621,515	British Columbia
Mussels	20,006	27,375	Prince Edward Island
Oysters	8,635	13,180	British Columbia
Trout	5,843	27,750	Ontario

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International Trade Statistics

International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2008 and 2009

Top Product Exports, by Species

	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Lobster	44,159	44,527	920,968	803,448
Snow/Queen Crab	55,319	58,831	518,895	502,063
Atlantic Salmon	79,546	72,586	504,848	500,760
Shrimp	81,188	80,411	360,228	336,484
Herring	50,261	40,936	149,841	158,651
Total Exports, All Species	631,637	602,869	3,884,166	3,635,879

Top Product Imports, by Species

	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Shrimp	51,807	55,220	394,799	439,037
Lobster	14,826	17,360	145,818	146,808
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	35,545	34,815	145,854	142,620
Sockeye Salmon	15,566	14,841	93,652	102,328
Halibut	6,094	6,999	71,100	77,327
Total Imports, All Species	470,341	487,639	2,234,194	2,358,524