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National Overview

Principal Statistics 2007

Gross Value of Outputs (\$'000)

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	1,951,128
Aquaculture production	846,171
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ¹	4,197,076

Employment (number of persons)

Commercial fish harvesters and crew	48,239
Aquaculture operations ¹	3,970
Seafood product preparation & packaging ¹	28,587

Commercial Seafisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	986,922
Total value of landings (\$'000)	1,887,558

Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	32,303
Total value of landings (\$'000)	63,570

International Trade Statistics (\$'000)

Total value of fish and seafood exports	3,868,959
Total value of fish and seafood imports	2,199,064
Trade balance	1,669,895

¹ Based on 2006 data (2007 data not yet available).

Landings and Production Statistics, 2007

Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
Number of registered fishing vessels	3,343	n/a	19,011	22,354
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	171,019	32,303	815,903	1,019,225
Total value of landings (\$'000)	293,940	63,570	1,593,618	1,951,128

Aquaculture

Number of aquaculture establishments ²	n/a	n/a	n/a	642
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	80,430	n/a	n/a	170,172
Total value of production (\$'000)	385,300	n/a	n/a	846,171

Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2005

	Pacific	Inland	Atlantic	Canada
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 = Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec.

Inland = Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and territories; Pacific = British Columbia.

² 2007 information unavailable at this time.

Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Species Highlights

Commercial Fisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2007

	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	815,903	171,019	986,922
Groundfish	109,404	120,484	229,888
Pelagics	263,203	36,911	300,114
Shellfish	429,010	13,617	442,627
Other	14,285	7	14,292
Total Value of Landings (\$'000)	1,593,618	293,940	1,887,558
Groundfish	157,613	147,128	304,741
Pelagics	90,316	56,400	146,716
Shellfish	1,327,183	90,396	1,417,579
Other	18,507	15	18,522

Aquaculture Production, Selected Species, 2007

	<i>Volume (metric tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Main Producing Province</i>
Salmon	117,306	691,819	British Columbia
Mussels	26,692	33,059	Prince Edward Island
Oysters	13,711	19,621	British Columbia
Trout	4,899	23,571	Ontario

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International Trade Statistics

International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2007 and 2008

Top Product Exports, by Species

	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
January-November				
Lobster	42,523	44,158	905,866	920,958
Snow/Queen Crab	56,205	55,395	519,642	519,170
Atlantic Salmon	72,788	79,546	460,776	504,848
Shrimp	112,304	81,163	437,768	360,149
Herring	49,154	50,387	123,063	150,053
Total Exports, All Species	669,149	632,068	3,868,959	3,887,351

Top Product Imports, by Species

	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Shrimp	58,936	51,753	432,497	394,100
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	34,066	35,548	114,020	145,863
Lobster	15,010	14,825	160,730	145,801
Sockeye Salmon	16,205	15,563	85,620	93,631
Halibut	6,971	6,128	84,327	72,292
Total Imports, All Species	473,181	469,242	2,199,064	2,232,791

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