

Canada's Fisheries

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National Overview

Principal Statistics 2010

Gross Value of Outputs (\$'000)

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	1,687,990
Aquaculture production	926,504
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ¹	3,743,615

Employment (number of persons)

Commercial fish harvesters and crew ¹	50,920
Aquaculture	3,272
Seafood product preparation & packaging ¹	27,464

Commercial Seafisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	939,460
Total value of landings (\$'000)	1,627,894

Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	27,265
Total value of landings (\$'000)	60,096

International Trade Statistics (\$'000)

Total value of fish and seafood exports	3,902,163
Total value of fish and seafood imports	2,391,904
Trade balance	1,510,259

¹ Based on 2009 data (2010 data not available at time of publication).

Regional Overview¹

Landings and Production Statistics, 2010

Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries

	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of registered fishing vessels ²	2,777	100	17,207	20,084
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	150,861	27,265	788,599	966,725
Total value of landings (\$'000)	294,212	60,096	1,333,682	1,687,990

Aquaculture

Number of aquaculture establishments	n/a	n/a	n/a	598
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	82,600	5,964	72,762	161,326
Total value of production (\$'000)	533,800	27,132	365,572	926,504

Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2005³

	<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)	569,623	1,416,979	479,565	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 Inland vessel count is for Ontario Great Lakes only.

³ The results from the 2010 Survey of Recreational Fishing in Canada will be available in spring 2012.

Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.

Species Highlights

Commercial Sea Fisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2010

	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	788,599	150,861	939,460
Groundfish	103,842	87,135	190,977
Pelagics	221,171	52,241	273,412
Shellfish	423,226	11,476	434,702
Other	40,360	9	40,369
Total Value of Landings (\$'000)	1,333,682	294,212	1,627,894
Groundfish	166,557	101,335	267,892
Pelagics	78,784	100,941	179,725
Shellfish	1,075,381	91,934	1,167,316
Other	12,960	1	12,961

Aquaculture Production, Selected Species, 2010

	<i>Volume (metric tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Main Producing Province</i>
Salmon	101,385	690,914	British Columbia
Mussels	24,484	36,205	Prince Edward Island
Oysters	10,862	20,308	British Columbia
Trout	6,883	32,623	Ontario

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International Trade Statistics

International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2010 and 2011

Top Product Exports, by Species

	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Lobster	50,859	56,400	945,995	1,027,257
Snow/Queen Crab	50,591	49,466	463,052	613,449
Atlantic Salmon	77,850	71,923	520,098	479,370
Shrimp	100,277	90,249	371,736	394,071
Herring	43,340	44,648	138,620	126,013
Total Exports, All Species	656,181	609,335	3,902,163	4,097,484

Top Product Imports, by Species

	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2010	2011	2010	2011
Shrimp	59,387	58,910	446,698	517,078
Lobster	22,176	26,866	198,250	223,753
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	34,975	34,909	132,451	139,123
Sockeye Salmon	11,551	11,637	78,144	92,488
Scallops	4,217	5,216	55,745	81,347
Total Imports, All Species	503,943	519,087	2,391,904	2,684,356