

# Canada's Fisheries

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# National Overview

## Principal Statistics 2016

### Gross Value of Outputs (\$'000)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings | 3,375,592 |
| Aquaculture production <sup>1</sup>              | 1,347,311 |
| Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues | 6,242,271 |

### Employment (number of persons)

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Commercial fish harvesters and crew     | 44,342 |
| Aquaculture <sup>1</sup>                | 3,340  |
| Seafood product preparation & packaging | 28,718 |

### Commercial Seafisheries

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Total volume of landings (metric tonnes) | 848,165   |
| Total value of landings (\$'000)         | 3,301,372 |

### Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Total volume of landings (metric tonnes) | 30,382 |
| Total value of landings (\$'000)         | 74,220 |

### International Trade Statistics (\$'000)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Total value of fish and seafood exports (2017) | 6,864,988 |
| Total value of fish and seafood imports (2017) | 3,860,796 |
| Trade balance                                  | 3,004,192 |

1. Aquaculture, Seafood processing, and International Trade statistics are sourced from Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 003-0001 and 301-0008 and the Canadian International Merchandise Trade Database, respectively.

# Regional Overview<sup>1</sup>

## Landings and Production Statistics, 2016

### Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries

|   | <i>Pacific</i> | <i>Inland</i> | <i>Atlantic</i> | <i>Canada</i> |
|---|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Number of registered fishing vessels <sup>2</sup> | 2,427          | 114           | 15,276          | 17,817        |
| Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)          | 182,983        | 28,882        | 666,682         | 878,547       |
| Total value of landings (\$'000)                  | 351,670        | 72,155        | 2,951,767       | 3,375,592     |

### Aquaculture

|   |         |        |         |           |
|---|---------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Number of aquaculture establishments <sup>3</sup> | 243     | 166    | 508     | 917       |
| Total volume of production (metric tonnes)        | 102,325 | 5,440  | 90,540  | 200,565   |
| Total value of production (\$'000)                | x       | 32,500 | 224,375 | 1,347,311 |

## Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2010

|                                   | <i>Pacific</i> | <i>Inland</i> | <i>Atlantic</i> | <i>Canada</i> |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Number of active adult anglers    | 514,329        | 1,860,767     | 912,507         | 3,287,603     |
| Fishing effort ('000 days fished) | 5,868          | 24,775        | 12,698          | 43,340        |
| Harvest ('000 fish kept)          | 3,998          | 26,715        | 31,999          | 62,711        |
| Direct expenditures (\$'000)      | 614,757        | 1,341,143     | 563,533         | 2,519,433     |
| Direct investments (\$'000)       | 663,214        | 1,415,029     | 873,979         | 2,952,223     |

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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. Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Aquaculture Industry, unpublished data.

## Commercial Seafisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2016

|   | <i>Atlantic</i>  | <i>Pacific</i> | <i>Canada</i>    |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| <b>Total Volume of Landings</b> (metric tonnes) | <b>665,182</b>   | <b>182,983</b> | <b>848,165</b>   |
| Groundfish                                      | 86,480           | 119,767        | 206,247          |
| Pelagics  | 167,751          | 48,967         | 216,718          |
| Shellfish                                       | 394,767          | 14,249         | 409,016          |
| Other   | 16,185           | 0              | 16,185           |
| <b>Total Value of Landings</b> (\$'000)         | <b>2,949,702</b> | <b>351,670</b> | <b>3,301,372</b> |
| Groundfish                                      | 221,360          | 152,007        | 373,367          |
| Pelagics  | 114,010          | 87,606         | 201,616          |
| Shellfish                                       | 2,598,937        | 112,057        | 2,710,994        |
| Other   | 15,396           | 0              | 15,396           |

## Aquaculture Production, 2016

|                          | <i>Volume (metric tonnes)</i> | <i>Value (\$'000)</i> | <i>Main Producing Province</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Salmon                   | 123,522                       | 1,022,127             | British Columbia               |
| Trout                    | 9,507                         | 56,275                | Ontario                        |
| Steelhead                | 0                             | 0                     |                                |
| Other finfish            | 1,237                         | 14,705                | Nova Scotia                    |
| Clams                    | 1,962                         | 7,076                 | British Columbia               |
| Oysters                  | 13,824                        | 39,693                | British Columbia               |
| Mussels                  | 24,584                        | 37,736                | Prince Edward Island           |
| Scallops                 | 38                            | 392                   | Quebec                         |
| Other shellfish          | 103                           | 2,702                 | Nova Scotia                    |
| <b>Total Aquaculture</b> | <b>200,565</b>                | <b>1,347,311</b>      |                                |

Aquaculture production statistics are sourced from Statistics Canada, CANSIM Table 003-0001.

*Figures may not add up due to rounding*

# International Trade Statistics<sup>1</sup>

## International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2016 and 2017

| Top Product Exports, by Species   | Volume (metric tonnes) |                | Value (\$'000)   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                   | 2016                   | 2017           | 2016             | 2017             |
| Lobster                           | 83,757                 | 84,390         | 2,148,504        | 2,125,996        |
| Snow/Queen Crab                   | 47,732                 | 48,924         | 809,670          | 1,011,432        |
| Atlantic Salmon                   | 95,215                 | 84,586         | 966,850          | 908,847          |
| Shrimp                            | 66,325                 | 39,829         | 466,170          | 472,035          |
| Crab                              | 17,536                 | 22,905         | 285,301          | 461,711          |
| <b>Total Exports, All Species</b> | <b>640,043</b>         | <b>597,492</b> | <b>6,553,488</b> | <b>6,864,988</b> |

| Top Product Imports, by Species   | Volume (metric tonnes) |                | Value (\$'000)   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                   | 2016                   | 2017           | 2016             | 2017             |
| Shrimp                            | 51,097                 | 55,991         | 633,315          | 708,482          |
| Salmon                            | 19,337                 | 20,304         | 272,075          | 312,015          |
| Lobster                           | 31,715                 | 24,628         | 436,438          | 304,498          |
| Skipjack/Bonito Tuna              | 34,598                 | 32,183         | 190,650          | 199,207          |
| Sockeye Salmon                    | 16,755                 | 14,877         | 162,671          | 171,680          |
| <b>Total Imports, All Species</b> | <b>530,882</b>         | <b>534,000</b> | <b>3,770,472</b> | <b>3,860,796</b> |

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