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National Overview

Principal Statistics 2018

Gross Value of Outputs (CAD \$'000)

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	3,747,657
Aquaculture production ¹	1,431,252
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ²	6,670,850

Employment (number of persons)

Commercial fish harvesters and crew	45,907
Aquaculture	3,507
Seafood product preparation & packaging	26,429

Commercial Seafisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	799,559
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	3,669,345

Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	38,951
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	78,312

International Trade Statistics (\$'000)³

Total value of fish and seafood exports (2019)	7,443,397
Total value of fish and seafood imports (2019)	4,279,041
Trade balance	3,164,356

1. Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0107-01 Aquaculture, production and value.

2. Statistics Canada. Table 16-10-0117-01 Principal statistics for manufacturing industries.

3. Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2019), EXIM [database], Ottawa.

Regional Overview ¹

Landings and Production Statistics, 2018

Commerical Sea and Freshwater Fisheries	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of registered fishing vessels ²	2,351	150	16,079	18,580
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	191,227	37,356	609,926	838,510
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	499,155	75,930	3,172,573	3,747,657

Aquaculture

Number of aquaculture establishments ³	231	141	522	894
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	97,783	7,497	85,979	191,259
Total value of production (CAD \$'000)	814,281	41,542	575,429	1,431,252

Recreational Fisheries Statistics, 2015	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of active adult anglers	555,908	1,800,460	884,044	3,240,413
Fishing effort ('000 days fished)	6,270	27,637	13,531	47,438
Harvest ('000 fish kept)	10,443	20,858	27,345	58,647
Direct expenditures (CAD \$'000)	600,521	1,456,907	487,538	2,544,967
Direct investments (CAD \$'000)	440,024	1,566,397	582,522	2,588,943

1. Atlantic: Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec; Inland: Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut; Pacific: British Columbia and Yukon

2. Inland vessel count is for Ontario Great Lakes only.

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 Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Aquaculture Industry, unpublished data.

Species Highlights

Commercial Seafisheries Landings by Species Groups and Region, 2018

	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	608,331	191,227	799,559
Groundfish	86,752	141,487	228,239
Pelagics	142,516	36,729	179,245
Shellfish	363,981	13,011	376,993
Other	15,082	0	15,082
	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Value of Landings (\$'000)	3,170,190	499,155	3,669,345
Groundfish	205,581	204,763	410,344
Pelagics	130,192	118,589	248,781
Shellfish	2,823,124	175,804	2,998,928
Other	11,293	0	11,293

Totals may not add up due to rounding

Species Highlights

Aquaculture Production, 2018

	<i>Volume (Metric tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Main Producing Province</i>
Salmon	123,184	1,114,163	British Columbia
Trout	9,323	56,820	Ontario
Steelhead	65	542	British Columbia
Other finfish	1,280	14,508	British Columbia
Clams	1,681	7,666	British Columbia
Oysters	14,614	50,095	British Columbia
Mussels	24,918	41,559	Prince Edward Island
Scallops	94	512	British Columbia
Other shellfish	110	6,472	Nova Scotia
Total Aquaculture	191,259	1,431,252	

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 32-10-0107-01 Aquaculture, production and value.

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International Trade Statistics

International Trade in Fish and Seafood Products, 2018 and 2019

	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Top Product Exports, by Species				
Lobster	85,508	97,363	2,224,041	2,588,261
Snow/Queen Crab	37,731	40,720	886,175	988,835
Atlantic Salmon	87,609	84,509	971,023	888,918
Crab, other	19,405	22,814	420,152	477,684
Shrimp	60,455	56,948	469,605	446,100
Total Exports	599,569	608,361	6,925,178	7,443,397
	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (\$'000)	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
Top Product Imports, by Species				
Salmon, all species	54,039	60,269	671,624	742,705
Shrimp	57,082	56,816	688,848	670,186
Lobster	28,691	25,038	390,841	421,553
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	33,646	34,915	225,847	225,728
Crab, all species	14,008	11,728	166,193	164,740
Total Imports	520,781	539,457	3,980,099	4,279,041

Source: Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2019), EXIM [database], Ottawa.
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