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National Overview

Principal Statistics 2019

Gross Value of Outputs (CAD \$'000)

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	3,701,507
Aquaculture production ¹	1,230,146
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ²	7,249,725

Employment (number of persons)

Commercial fish harvesters and crew	51,381
Aquaculture	3,785
Seafood product preparation & packaging	28,497

Commercial Seafisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	742,634
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	3,633,424

Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	23,768
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	68,084

International Trade Statistics (\$'000)³

Total value of fish and seafood exports (2020)	6,399,726
Total value of fish and seafood imports (2020)	3,971,050
Trade balance	2,428,676

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, by North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) (x 1,000)

3. Department of Fisheries and Oceans (2020), EXIM [database], Ottawa.

Regional Overview ¹

Landings and Production Statistics, 2019

Commerical Sea and Freshwater Fisheries	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of registered fishing vessels ²	2,311	150	14,600	17,061
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	182,150	22,330	561,922	766,402
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	397,824	65,714	3,237,969	3,701,507

Aquaculture

Number of aquaculture establishments ³	235	385	776	1,396
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	100,279	7,064	79,683	187,026
Total value of production (CAD \$'000)	708,572	45,609	475,965	1,230,146

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

Totals may not add up due to rounding

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, 2019

	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	560,484	182,150	742,634
Groundfish	76,186	138,723	214,909
Pelagics	106,561	25,853	132,414
Shellfish	363,022	17,574	380,596
Other	14,716	0	14,716
	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Value of Landings (\$'000)	3,235,600	397,824	3,633,424
Groundfish	196,623	154,980	351,603
Pelagics	157,547	45,078	202,625
Shellfish	2,875,674	197,766	3,073,440
Other	5,755	0	5,755

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Species Highlights

Aquaculture Production, 2019

	<i>Volume (Metric tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	<i>Main Producing Province</i>
Salmon	118,630	914,282	British Columbia
Trout	8,771	57,944	Ontario
Steelhead	x	x	n/a
Other finfish	1,760	19,995	British Columbia
Clams	1,873	9,008	British Columbia
Oysters	14,904	54,237	British Columbia
Mussels	26,091	43,737	Prince Edward Island
Scallops	131	711	British Columbia
Other shellfish	208	8,117	Nova Scotia
Total Aquaculture	187,026	1,230,146	

Aquaculture production statistics are sourced from 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, 2019 and 2020

	<i>Volume (metric tonnes)</i>		<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	
Top Product Exports, by Species	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Lobster	97,461	84,100	2,589,976	2,087,753
Snow/Queen Crab	40,722	42,204	988,893	954,052
Atlantic Salmon	84,451	80,756	888,020	808,004
Shrimp	57,107	51,558	446,685	372,483
Crab, other	22,830	19,634	478,390	369,406
Total Exports	608,674	565,737	7,441,055	6,399,726
	<i>Volume (metric tonnes)</i>		<i>Value (\$'000)</i>	
Top Product Imports, by Species	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2020</i>
Salmon, all species	60,270	61,994	742,843	770,282
Shrimp	56,816	54,843	670,191	664,110
Lobster	25,042	18,978	421,610	288,044
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	34,872	37,337	225,356	231,070
Crab, all species	11,827	9,506	166,163	162,192
Total Imports	538,450	518,373	4,282,251	3,971,050

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