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National Overview

Principal Statistics 2017

Gross Value of Outputs (CAD \$'000)

Commercial sea and freshwater fisheries landings	3,881,330
Aquaculture production ¹	1,392,496
Seafood product preparation & packaging revenues ²	6,467,956

Employment (number of persons)

Commercial fish harvesters and crew	45,578
Aquaculture	3,460
Seafood product preparation & packaging	27,998

Commercial Seafisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	822,349
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	3,797,458

Commercial Freshwater Fisheries

Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	29,161
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	83,872

International Trade Statistics (CAD \$'000)³

Total value of fish and seafood exports (2018)	6,923,046
Total value of fish and seafood imports (2018)	3,967,200
Trade balance	2,955,846

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 Overview¹

Landings and Production Statistics, 2017

Commercial Sea and Freshwater Fisheries

	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Inland</i>	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Number of registered fishing vessels ²	2,372	114	15,150	17,636
Total volume of landings (metric tonnes)	180,957	29,161	641,392	851,510
Total value of landings (CAD \$'000)	398,351	83,872	3,399,107	3,881,330

Aquaculture

Number of aquaculture establishments ³	249	160	539	948
Total volume of production (metric tonnes)	96,608	5,900	86,603	191,416
Total value of production (CAD \$'000)	768,529	34,000	368,653	1,392,496

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 Source: Statistics Canada, Survey of Aquaculture Industry, unpublished data.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, 2017

	<i>Atlantic</i>	<i>Pacific</i>	<i>Canada</i>
Total Volume of Landings (metric tonnes)	641,392	180,957	822,349
Groundfish	93,866	129,645	223,511
Pelagics	136,545	39,193	175,738
Shellfish	394,292	12,120	406,412
Other	16,689	0	16,689

Total Value of Landings (CAD \$'000)	3,399,107	398,351	3,797,458
Groundfish	227,270	175,269	402,539
Pelagics	110,392	79,817	190,208
Shellfish	3,045,794	143,265	3,189,059
Other	15,651	0	15,651

Totals may not add up due to rounding

Species Highlights

Aquaculture Production, 2017

	<i>Volume (metric tonnes)</i>	<i>Value (CAD \$'000)</i>	<i>Main Producing Province</i>
Salmon	120,553	1,056,076	British Columbia
Trout	9,126	53,397	Ontario
Steelhead	1,072	9,931	British Columbia
Other finfish	1,304	17,876	British Columbia
Clams	1,624	7,406	British Columbia
Oysters	13,800	45,120	British Columbia
Mussels	24,448	36,143	Prince Edward Island
Scallops	75	619	British Columbia
Other shellfish	127	3,775	Nova Scotia
Total Aquaculture	191,416	1,392,496	

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, 2017 and 2018

Top Product Exports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (CAD \$'000)	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Lobster	84,166	85,440	2,123,385	2,223,053
Atlantic Salmon	84,585	87,609	908,838	971,023
Snow/Queen Crab	48,923	37,732	1,011,428	886,182
Shrimp	62,208	60,423	469,936	468,689
Crab, other	22,989	19,405	463,451	420,152
Total Exports	619,772	599,793	6,861,479	6,923,046

Top Product Imports, by Species	Volume (metric tonnes)		Value (CAD \$'000)	
	2017	2018	2017	2018
Shrimp	55,992	57,108	708,504	688,916
Salmon	55,756	54,604	645,168	675,818
Lobster	24,632	28,691	304,403	390,836
Skipjack/Bonito Tuna	32,180	33,624	199,176	225,811
Crab	13,257	13,922	161,515	164,667
Total Imports	534,223	520,208	3,862,368	3,967,200

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