

## Castlemain

## Analysis of commercial fishing licence, quota, and vessel values

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## Introduction

On an annual basis, with few exceptions over the last two decades, the Aboriginal Programs Division at Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has undertaken a licence and quota valuation study to determine valuations for commercial fishing licences and quota operating in the Pacific commercial fishery.

The information gathered by DFO over the last 20 years of studies has been used for a wide variety of purposes including:

- Informing licence retirement and reallocation programs
- Estimation of potential treaty impacts on the commercial fishery
- Gauging and analyzing the economic health of the pacific fishing industry
- Developing policies around First Nations participation in the fishery and licence redistribution
- Estimating the impacts of policy decisions on the pacific fishery

Continuity in the methodology is important so that changes in values can be viewed in relation to changes in the fishery in general.

This year's report contains an assessment of commercial fishing licence and quota values between January 1 , 2019 and December 31, 2019.

Where possible, the valuations in this report are based on individual market transactions. Where no or few markets transactions could be uncovered, anecdotal information may have been used; and, where no information could be uncovered, values from the 2018 study were used. In short, this report is the contractor's best effort to summarize imprecise data into an existing time series of values.

Each valuation has a confidence level of the valuation, ranging from low to high. This is an attempt to qualify the contractor's professional opinion with regards to the accuracy of the valuation and is based on the number of individual transactions that were recorded, the quality of the information, and anecdotal information.

All valuations in this report are presented as nominal values and have not been adjusted for inflation.

## Summary: year ending December 31, 2019

The following table summarizes the market capitalization of pacific commercial fishing licences and quota at December 31, 2019:

| Fish grouping | Fishery | Licence description | No. of licences | Average licence value (\$) | Aggregate licence value (\$) | Aggregate quota value (\$) | Average quota value (\$/lb) | Total licence and quota value (\$) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Salmon | Salmon seine | AS | 209 | \$530,000 | \$110,290,000 | n/a | n/a | \$110,290,000 |
|  | Salmon gillnet | AG | 801 | \$56,000 | \$44,428,000 | n/a | n/a | \$44,428,000 |
|  | Salmon troll | AT | 335 | \$167,000 | \$55,735,000 | n/a | n/a | \$55,735,000 |
| Pelagics | Herring - roe herring seine | HS | 241 | \$90,000 | \$21,488,000 | n/a | n/a | \$21,488,000 |
|  | Herring - roe herring gillnet | HG | 987 | \$37,000 | \$33,591,000 | n/a | n/a | \$33,591,000 |
|  | Herring spawn on kelp ${ }^{1}$ | J | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
|  | Tuna | USA 68 | 45 | \$250,000 | \$11,250,000 | n/a | n/a | \$11,250,000 |
|  | Sardine | ZS | 25 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Groundfish | Halibut | L | 341 | \$33,000 | \$11,253,000 | 468,805,000 | 93 | \$480,058,000 |
|  | Sablefish | K | 41 | \$400,000 | \$16,400,000 | 444,646,000 | 87 | \$461,046,000 |
|  | Groundfish trawl | T | 135 | \$41,000 | \$5,535,000 | 249,396,000 | 1.70 (uncut) <br> 0.20 (hake) | \$254,931,000 |
|  | Rockfish inside | ZN | 52 | \$30,000 | \$1,560,000 | n/a | n/a | \$1,560,000 |
|  | Rockfish outside | ZN | 157 | \$280,000 | \$43,960,000 | n/a | n/a | \$43,960,000 |
|  | Lingcod hook and line | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | \$37,271,520 | 15 | \$37,271,520 |
|  | Dogfish hook and line | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | \$2,266,681 | . 12 | \$2,266,681 |
| Shellfish | Prawn | W | 186 | \$804,000 | \$149,544,000 | n/a | n/a | \$149,544,000 |

[^0]|  | Crab | R | 188 | \$1,100,000 | \$206,800,000 | n/a | n/a | \$206,800,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Shrimp | S | 207 | \$42,000 | \$8,694,000 | n/a | n/a | \$8,694,000 |
|  | Geoduck | G | 50 | \$250,000 | \$12,500,000 | \$407,000,000 | \$814,000 | \$419,500,000 |
|  | Sea cucumber | ZD | 84 | \$1,400,000 | \$117,600,000 | n/a | n/a | \$117,600,000 |
|  | Red sea urchin | ZC | 80 | \$270,000 | \$21,600,000 | n/a | n/a | \$21,600,000 |
|  | Green sea urchin | ZA | 48 | \$100,000 | \$4,800,000 | n/a | n/a | \$4,800,000 |
|  | Euphausid | ZF | 16 | \$40,000 | \$640,000 | n/a | n/a | \$640,000 |
| Schedule II | Schedule II species | C | 311 | \$19,000 | \$5,909,000 | n/a | n/a | \$5,909,000 |

2019 Market value by fishery grouping

## Market capitalization by fish grouping



Percentage change in market value by fishery grouping, 2019 vs. 2018

Compared to 2018, total market capitalization increased by $10 \%$ in 2019.


Top six fisheries relative to overall licence and quota values (\$ millions)
As shown in the chart below, the six fisheries with the largest aggregate licence and quota valuations account for $79 \%$ of total value, while the remaining 18 fisheries make up $21 \%$.


## Aggregate licence and quota value (\$ millions) by major fishery groupings

Aggregate value over the last 10 years is shown by fishery grouping in the chart below.


## Salmon

Salmon licence values have seen a steady growth since 2014 but show a decline in 2019. Gillnet licences decreased in value by $20 \%$ and troll licences decreased by $23 \%$. Decrease in values is likely from reported uncertainty and perceived risk in the fishery due to loss of access and fishing opportunities. Notably, industry experts have reported low sockeye returns and closures as a cause for decreased value of licences, as well as a landslide in Big Bar B.C., which blocked several salmon runs. While salmon seine licences appear to have risen in value by $25 \%$, industry experts noted that many of the higher transactions occurred earlier in the season prior to the landslide and prior to increased skepticism and uncertainty settling in.

Salmon licence values by type, 2009-2019


## Pelagics

Both herring fisheries saw slight declines in value in 2019: herring gillnet by 15 percent and herring seine by 12.5 percent. Both fisheries retained higher values at the start of the season but traded much lower at the end of the season. Industry experts report that there is concern among fishers over the viability of herring fisheries. It should also be noted that there was little movement among herring seine licences in 2019, likely due to low values on licences purchased several years ago at much higher prices.

There have been no sardines present off the coast of B.C. for the seventh straight year resulting in no sardine fishery. Canada and the U.S. are currently negotiating terms of United States - Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty which means the limited and tenuous rights associated with some of the USA 68 licences makes the fishery difficult to evaluate.

Pelagics licence values, 2009-2019


## Groundfish

Total licence and quota values in all groundfish fisheries were relatively stable, seeing slight decreases with the exception of sablefish, which rose by 65 percent. The lack of movement and slight decrease may be the result of general industry skepticism and the general trend of individuals leaving the industry. Licence and quota values for the groundfish fishery are also impacted by and reflective of halibut values which have dropped off from 2016 highs (up to $\$ 120 / \mathrm{lb}$ ) and have been steady at approximately $\$ 90-93 / \mathrm{lb}$ since. Rises in sablefish are likely due to the retentions of licences and the high value product.

Groundfish licence and quota values, 2009-2019


## Shellfish

Overall, the shellfish dive fisheries appear stable with slight growth. Geoduck licence and quota values, in particular, rose by 4.8 percent from last year. This is likely due to a tight market with high demand but few individuals willing to sell licences and quota. Sea cucumber appears to show growth from last year though industry experts have pointed out that there were very few transactions in 2019 and prices may still reflect some of the growth from 2018. Urchin licence values appear the same or have slightly decreased in value. Industry experts report that licence values in both fisheries are not aligned with profits. Red sea urchin licences sold early in 2019 are likely reflective of 2018 values. Green sea urchin licence holders are likely retaining licences with the hopes that the fishery will grow after seeing a loss in market share to Russia.

The trawl/trap shellfish fisheries remained stable compared to last year which is likely due to reports of few transactions and licences for sale in 2019.

## Aggregate dive fishery licence values (\$ milions)



Aggregate shellfish trap licence values (\$ milions)


## Rates of return - leasing

The estimated rate of return for readily leased (typically non-vessel based or fisheries with IVQ) licences or quota for the valuation period is shown in the following table. Estimates are the contractor's best effort to capture a value for market lease rates that can vary widely. In cases where no lease transactions were uncovered, estimates were used based on the 2018 report.

| Fishery | Lease rate | Quota/licence valuation | Rate of return |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Herring - roe seine | \$- | \$90,000 | 0.0\% |
| Herring - roe gillnet | \$1,500 | \$37,000 | 4.0\% |
| Halibut | \$5.00/lb | \$93.00/lb | 5.3\% |
| Sablefish | \$3.00/lb | \$87.00/lb | 3.4\% |
| Trawl - groundfish (uncut) | \$0.13/lb | \$1.70/lb | 7.7\% |
| Trawl - groundfish (hake) | \$0.005 | \$0.20/lb | 2.5\% |
| Rockfish inside | \$2,400 | \$30,000 | 8\% |
| Rockfish outside | \$8,500 | \$280,000 | 3\% |
| Lingcod hook and line | \$0.40/lb | \$15.00/lb | 2.6\% |


| Dogfish hook and line | $\$-$ | $\$ 0.12$ | $0.0 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Prawn | $\$ 44,000$ | $\$ 804,000$ | $5.5 \%$ |
| Crab | $\$ 31,200$ | $\$ 1,100,000$ | $2.8 \%$ |
| Geoduck | $\$ 620,000$ | $\$ 8,140,000$ | $7.6 \%$ |
| Sea cucumber | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 1,400,000$ | $5.7 \%$ |
| Red sea urchin | $\$ 6,500$ | $\$ 270,000$ | $2.4 \%$ |
| Green sea urchin | $\$ 4,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $4 \%$ |

## Methodology

Valuations performed

| Fishery grouping | Fishery | Gear | Valuation |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Avg. <br> vessel <br> value | Avg. licence value |  | Quota <br> Value | Lease <br> Value |
|  |  |  |  | Full Fee | Reduced Fee |  |  |
| Salmon | Salmon | Seine | X | X | x |  | x |
|  | Salmon | Gillnet | X | X | X |  | X |
|  | Salmon | Troll | X | X | x |  | x |
| Pelagics | Herring - roe | Seine | x | x | x |  | x |
|  | Herring - roe | Gillnet | x | x | x |  | x |
|  | Herring - SOK |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Tuna | Hook and Line |  | x |  |  |  |
|  | Sardine | Seine |  |  |  |  |  |
| Groundfish | Halibut | Longline | X | X |  | X | X |
|  | Sablefish | Longline/trap | x | x |  | x | x |
|  | Groundfish trawl | Trawl | x | x |  | x | x |
|  | Rockfish | Hook and Line | X | X |  |  | X |
|  | Lingcod and Dogfish | Hook and Line |  |  |  | x | X |
| Shellfish | Prawn | Trap | X | x |  |  | X |
|  | Crab | Trap | X | X |  |  | X |

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|  | Shrimp | Trawl | x | x |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Geoduck | Dive | x | x |  | x | x |
|  | Sea cucumber | Dive | x | x |  |  | x |
|  | Green sea urchin | Dive | x | x |  | x |  |
|  | Red sea urchin | Drive | x | x |  | x |  |
|  | Euphausiiid | Trawl | x | x |  |  |  |
|  | Schedule II species |  |  | x |  |  |  |

## Valuation methodology

Information on commercial fishing licence and quota values were gained through interviews with individual licence holders, brokers, fishers, processors, industry publications, and anyone with knowledge of specific market transactions. Most valuations are a synthesis of multiple sources listed above. In cases where information could not be uncovered, data from the 2018 report was utilized. The following is a list of information sources starting with the most preferred:

- Information based on actual transactions
- Anecdotal information on transactions or industry expert opinions on price levels
- Prices listed (but not transacted) from boat brokers or trade publications
- Contractor's judgement

Within each fishery valuation, the contractor has noted the number of uncovered transactions and denoted a value of high, medium (med), or low in the confidence of the valuation. Confidence levels have been assigned based on the confidence assigned in previous reports, consistency among transactions, and the variety of sources with consistent transactions.

## Licence and quota stratification and valuation criteria

The valuation for each licence type includes the quota and units (per foot, per license, etc.), an indication of the number of transactions uncovered, and the confidence of the valuation

A general description is also included for:

- Licence designation (AS, AG, AT, etc.)
- Nature of licence (vessel or party based)
- \# of commercial licences available
- \# of communal commercial licences available
- Licence management regime (Area licencing including \# of areas, stacking, etc.)
- The type of stratification utilized (per licence, per lb, etc.)
- Vessel build (classic or modern)
- \# of vessels


## Valuation trends

The valuation trend graphs were updated for each commercial fishery. It should be notes that these graphs are not adjusted for inflation, and in some cases, no new data was uncovered.

## Licencing information

For more information than the brief synopses of licencing information provided in this report, please refer to the following sources:

- IFMP's: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/ifmp-eng.html
- DFO Licencing: https://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fm-gp/licence-permis/licence-commercial-eng.html


## Vessel valuation

Aggregate fleet values per fishery are arrived at by using past data for average vessel value as a baseline; however, the number of vessels has been updated and adjusted. Using past data as an average vessel value may not reflect 2019 transactions for some fisheries, as industry experts report that skepticism as to the viability of some fisheries is driving vessel prices down.

In determining the number of vessels, duplicates were identified and removed from the total count as some licences allow for stacking multiple licences on a single vessel. Vessels were then counted as either modern or classic. Modern vessels are those built from 1980 while classic vessels are those built before 1980. Since this criterion was used to distinguish vessels, vessels that did not include classification data were not counted. As a result, not all vessels from the data set are included in the valuation.

Fleet vessel valuation is imprecise and uses incomplete datasets. The number of licenced vessels is drawn from one data source, DFO's Pacific Region Commercial Fishing Licences Database.

## SALMON- Salmon seine (AS)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | AS |
| Nature of Licence | Vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 209 |
| \# communal licences | 67 |
| Area licencing? | 2 areas (A + B) |
| Stacking? | Yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | Competitive |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | Per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 4$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | med |

## Current valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 194 | 530,000 | $102,820,000$ |
| Reduced fee | 15 | 498,000 | $7,470,000$ |
| F (communal) | 67 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| All AS | 209 | 528,000 | $110,290,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- Licence values ranged from $\$ 425,000-\$ 600,000$ (full fee).
- Higher licence prices are from pre-season sales and decreased throughout the season. At the end of the season, licences were on the market for $\$ 350,000$ but did not appear to be selling.
- No reduced fee licences were uncovered. Reduced fee values have been estimated based on the percent difference of full fee licences from 2018 to 2019.


## Vessel value

Aggregate fleet value is arrived at by using past data for average vessel value as a baseline; however, the number of vessels has been updated. The number of licenced vessels is drawn from DFO's Pacific Region Commercial Fishing Licences Database. Fleet vessel valuation is imprecise and uses incomplete DFO datasets.

| Salmon Seine | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 73 | 184,000 | $13,432,000$ |
| Modern | 36 | 646,000 | $23,256,000$ |
| Total | 109 | 336,587 | $36,688,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent AS licence valuations

Salmon seine prices were slightly higher at the beginning of 2019 from 2018 values; however, there was a drop in value as the season progressed. Industry experts have commented that uncertainty in the fishery has caused a decline in licence values.

AS licence valuations, 2009-2019


## Recent AS Licence lease rates

No lease transaction were uncovered for AS licences.

## Aggregate value of AS Licences (\$ million by year)

While licences were available to purchase, end of season inactivity suggests that values may decrease in 2020. Some industry experts suggest that uncertainty may result in fewer transactions or lower prices in 2020.

Aggregate AS license value (\$ millions), 2000-2019


## AS licence counts by category

The number of AS licences remained stable over 2019.
AS license counts, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

The outlook for the salmon seine sector is uncertain given the following observations:

- Skepticism and uncertainty within the industry towards fishing opportunities and access.
- Perceived industry impacts as a result of events such as the Big Bar landslide and the closures.
- Industry experts report that in 2017, an AS licence could sell for $\$ 500,000$ along the south coast for a large vessel; however, at the end of 2019, the value was likely half.
- Salmon fisheries are perceived as high-risk due to a number of events and management measures limiting fishing opportunities, including low sockeye returns, closures intended to restore chinook populations, and a landslide in Big Bar, B.C. that blocked salmon runs.
- In 2019, there were no sockeye openings on the coast.


## SALMON - Salmon gillnet (AG)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | AG |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 694 |
| \# communal licences | 333 |
| Area licencing? | 3 areas |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | competitive |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | Per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | med |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 17$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | high |

## Current valuation

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 694 | 56,000 | $38,864,000$ |
| Reduced fee | 107 | 52,000 | $5,564,000$ |
| F (communal) | 333 | n/a | n/a |
| All AG | 801 | 55,000 | $44,428,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- Licence values ranged from $\$ 50,000-\$ 65,000$ (full fee) and varied in this range across all areas
- Most sales, especially with higher values, likely occurred earlier in the season prior to closures and the Big Bar landslide.
- No reduced fee licences were uncovered. Reduced fee values have been estimated based on the percent difference of full fee licences from 2018 to 2019.


## Vessel value

Aggregate fleet value is arrived at by using past data for average vessel value as baseline; however, the number of vessels has been updated. The number of licenced vessels is drawn from DFO's Pacific Region Commercial Fishing Licences Database. Fleet vessel valuation is imprecise and uses incomplete DFO datasets.

| Salmon Gillnet | \#vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 291 | 73,000 | $21,243,000$ |
| Modern | 235 | 162,000 | $38,070,000$ |
| Total | 526 | 112,762 | $59,313,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent AG licence valuations

Recent AG Licence Valuations (Nominal \$s - Not Adjusted for Inflation)


- Lease rates in 2019 were as high as $\$ 4,500$ in Area D and C and as low as $\$ 2000$, though limited data was uncovered so confidence in this value is low.
- Average leases price was approximately $\$ 2,928$. The valuation only uncovered lease data for Areas C, D , and E so it is difficult to evaluate the difference in lease prices across Areas.

Aggregate value of AG licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate AG licence value (\$ millions), 20002019


## AG licence counts by category

The number of AG licences decreased by 18 in 2019.
AG licence counts, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

The outlook for the salmon gillnet is generally negative given the following observations:

- Low stock abundance, anticipated returns, potential closures, and the landslide in Big Bar, B.C. amplified the negative outlook for 2020.
- Industry experts stated that AG licence prices are falling due to limited fishing opportunities in 2019.
- Overall experts cited a landslide in Big Bar, B.C. that blocked salmon runs and low sockeye as contributing factors.
- In 2019, there were no sockeye openings on the coast.


## SALMON - Salmon troll (AT)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | AT |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 335 |
| \# communal licences | 90 |
| Area licencing? | 3 areas |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | competitive |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | n/a |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | Med |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 20$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | high |

## Current valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019:

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 325 | 167,000 | $54,275,000$ |
| Reduced fee | 10 | 146,000 | $1,460,000$ |
| F (communal) | 90 | n/a | n/a |
| All AT | 335 | 166,000 | $55,735,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- Licence values ranged from $\$ 140,000$ to $\$ 200,000$.
- The highest values, $\$ 190,000-\$ 200,000$ were pre-season sales in Area F.
- No reduced fee licences were uncovered. Reduced fee values have been estimated based on the percent difference of full fee licences from 2018 to 2019.


## Vessel value

Aggregate fleet value is arrived at by using past data for average vessel value as baseline; however, the number of vessels has been updated. The number of licenced vessels is drawn from DFO's Pacific Region Commercial Fishing Licences Database. Fleet vessel valuation is imprecise and uses incomplete DFO datasets.

| Salmon Troll | $\#$ Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 204 | 136,000 | $27,744,000$ |
| Modern | 47 | 262,000 | $12,314,000$ |
| Total | 251 | 159,594 | $40,058,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent AT licence valuation

AT licence valuation, 2009-2019


Recent AT licence lease rate (\$)

Lease values were approximately $\$ 3,500$ per licence, though few were uncovered in the valuation so confidence in this value is low and does not reflect potential difference in values by area.

Aggregate value of AT licence (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate AT licence value (\$ millions), 20002019


AT licence counts by category

AT licence counts, 2010-2019


## Outlook/commentary

General outlook and commentary for the salmon troll sector includes the following:

- In recent years, there has been less difference in licence values across the areas.
- In 2019, there were no sockeye openings on the coast.
- Salmon troll is are perceived as high-risk due to low stock abundance and closures.
- In 2018, a drop in AT values was predicted. Transactions uncovered in 2019 show higher values for preseason licences than licences bought/sold during or later in the season.
- Fishing on the coast is perceived as sporadic and high-risk due to threats from climate change, management decisions limiting fishing opportunities (i.e., marine protected areas, closures), and reduced abundance. In 2019, events such as the Big Bar landslide, limited openings for Chinook and sockeye, as well as lower than anticipated returns have instilled additional pessimism in the industry which has likely affected licence values.


## PELAGICS - Roe herring seine (HS)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | HS |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 241 |
| \# communal licences | 11 |
| Area licencing? | 5 areas |
| Stacking? | yes (limited) |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | pools (equal sharing) |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 5$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | low |

## Current Valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 196 | 90,000 | $17,640,000$ |
| Reduced fee | 45 | 85,500 | $3,848,000$ |
| F (communal) | 11 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| All HS | 241 | 89,000 | $21,488,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- Full fee licences were as high as $\$ 110,000$ at the beginning of the season but had dropped to approximately $\$ 50,000$ at the end of the season. Industry experts confirmed that end of season value of an HS licence was no more than $\$ 50,000$.
- No reduced fee licences were uncovered. Reduced fee values have been estimated based on the per cent difference of full fee licences from 2018 to 2019.


## Vessel value

Aggregate fleet value is arrived at by using past data for average vessel value as baseline; however, the number of vessels has been updated. The number of licenced vessels is drawn from DFO's Pacific Region Commercial Fishing Licences Database. Fleet vessel valuation is imprecise and uses incomplete DFO datasets.

| Herring Seine | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 55 | 175,000 | $9,625,000$ |
| Modern | 33 | 733,000 | $24,189,000$ |
| Total | 88 | 384,250 | $33,814,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent HS licence valuation

HS licence value, 2009-2019


## Recent HS licence lease rates (\$)

No lease transaction were uncovered for HS licences.

Aggregate value of HS licence (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate HS licence value (\$ millions), 20002019


HS Licence counts by category

HS licence counts, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

While few transactions were uncovered in the 2019 valuation, the following observations summarize the outlook for the roe herring seine fishery:

- While licence prices at the start of the season aligned with 2018, prices dropped by almost half by the end of the season.
- Industry experts commented that few transactions in 2019 may be due to reluctant sellers who acquired their licence a decade ago when an HS licence went for upwards of $\$ 750,000$.


## PELAGICS - Roe herring gillnet (HG)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | HG |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 987 |
| \# communal licences | 280 |
| Area licencing? | 5 areas |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | pools (equal sharing) |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | high |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 38$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | high |

## Current valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 743 | 37,000 | $27,491,000$ |
| Reduced fee | 244 | 25,000 | $6,100,000$ |
| F (communal) | 280 | n/a | n/a |
| All AG | 987 | 34,000 | $33,591,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- Licence values ranged from $\$ 35,000-\$ 40,000$.
- Reduced fee licences were approximately $\$ 25,000$; however, selling prices declined towards the end of the season to approximately $\$ 18,500$.
- Values for full fee licences have dropped slightly from 2018 and industry experts are questioning the future viability of the herring fishery due to total allowable catch and stock abundance. This is likely impacting licence values.


## Licencing trends

## Recent HG licence valuation

HG licence values, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of HG licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate HG licence value (\$ millions), 20002019


HG licence counts by category

HG licence counts, 2009-2019


Recent HG licence lease rates (\$)

Recent HG licences leased for approximately $\$ 1,500$.

## Outlook/commentary

- The future of the herring fishery is in question and perceived as high-risk for entry due to changes in total allowable catch each season and to declining stock abundance.


## PELAGICS - Tuna (USA 68)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | USA 68 |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 45 |
| \# communal licences | 0 |
| Area licencing? | no |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | competitive |


| Licence parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 0$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | low |

## Current valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 45 | 250,000 | $11,250,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- No transaction were uncovered for USA 68 licences for 2019 though listed prices were uncovered for approximately $\$ 250,000$. These prices could change as a result of negotiated allocations under the US/Canada Tuna Treaty.
- Most tuna fishers do not rely on the USA 68 licence, rather they seek a tuna permit under the schedule II privileges at a substantive savings.


## PELAGICS - Sardine (ZS)

## Background to valuation

| Licence designation | ZS |
| :--- | :--- |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 25 |
| \# communal licences | 0 |
| Area licencing? | no |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | n/a |
| Vessels | n/a |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | none |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | none |
| Confidence in current year valuation | no valuation provided |

## Current valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 25 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |

## Valuation comments

- 2019 marked the sixth consecutive season that there has been no presence of sardine on the BC coast, resulting in no harvesting for the season.
- No transactions uncovered for this licence and likely no transactions took place.


## Licencing trends

Recent ZS licence valuation

SZ licence value, 2011-2019


## Outlook/commentary

- For the sixth straight year, sardine numbers remained below the cut-off level to allow the directed fishery to open.
- Sardine presence off the coast of BC directly relate to oceanic conditions and their migration is generally understood to be on a 40-year cycle. There is no predicted sardine fishery in BC coastal waters until the species returns.


## GROUNDFISH - Halibut (L)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | L |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 341 |
| \# communal licences | 92 |
| Area licencing? | no |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per foot |
| Quota | per lb (dressed head) |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | med |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 12$ (licences) |
| Confidence in current year valuation | $\sim 47$ (quota) |

## Current Valuation

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$/ft <br> Value/Quota \$/lb | Avg. Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 341 | 830 | 33,000 | $11,253,000$ |
| Communal | 92 |  |  |  |
| Quota | $5,040,910 \mathrm{lbs}$ | 93.00 |  | $468,805,000$ |
| Total Value |  |  |  | $480,058,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- Average licence value based on $\$ 833$ per foot and 40.25 ft average vessel length $=\$ 33,000$
- While the valuation uncovered a range of $\$ 800-\$ 1000$ per foot L-tab values, some transactions were likely above this range but could not be confirmed due to unknown vessel lengths.
- Halibut quota ranged from $\$ 85-\$ 102 / \mathrm{lb}$. The mode and median value were both $\$ 92.50 / \mathrm{lb}$
- Industry experts confirmed that halibut quota was generally traded between $\$ 90-\$ 95 / \mathrm{lb}$ in 2019 which is down highs of $\$ 120 / \mathrm{lb}$ in previous years. Last year's valuation reported that prices had stabilized, and it appears that this is the trend for 2019.

Vessel value

| Halibut | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 182 | 147,000 | $26,754,000$ |
| Modern | 88 | 268,000 | $23,584,000$ |
| Total | 270 | 186,437 | $50,338,000$ |

## Licencing trends

Recent Llicence valuation

L licence valuation per foot, 2009-2019


Recent L quota valuation

L quota per pound, 2009-2019


Recent halibut quota lease rates (\$ per lb)
Halibut quota leased for an average of $\$ 5.00 / \mathrm{lb}$. Quota is often leased with a minimum down payment plus an additional price paid to the lessor on the $x$-vessel price of the fish.

L lease rate per pound, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of L licences and halibut quota (\$ million by year)

Aggregate L licence and quota value (\$ millions), 2005-2019


## L licence counts by category

L licence count, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

The outlook for halibut value and quota is summarized as follows:

- Halibut quota value is down from previous years. Industry experts commented that the value peaked in 2017 at $\$ 120-\$ 130 / \mathrm{lb}$ and has since stabilized.
- Experts have suggested that the value has come down partly due to market demand for other species such as ling cod.
- In the past, halibut quota was often purchased for its return on investment but with skepticism in the fishery due to access, this is no longer the case.


## GROUNDFISH - Sablefish (K)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | K |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 41 |
| \# communal licences | 7 |
| Area licencing? | no |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per foot |
| Quota | per lb (j-cut) |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 8$ (quota) |
| Confidence in current year valuation | $\sim 3$ (licence) |

## Current valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019
\(\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}\hline Category \& \# of Licences \& \begin{array}{l}Value/Licence \$/ft <br>
Value/Quota \$/lb <br>

\$/lb (j-cut){ }^{2}\end{array} \& Value/Licence \$ \& Total Value \$\end{array}\right]\)| $16,400,000$ |
| :--- |
| Full fee |
| Communal |
| Quota |
| Total Value |

## Valuation comments

- Average licence value per foot is based on a $\$ 400,000$ value per licence and average vessel length of 59.1 feet.
- With few licence transactions uncovered in the valuation, there is low confidence in the licence value, particularly when compared to previous years' valuation at approximately $\$ 250,000$.
- Quota prices ranged from $\$ 82$ - $\$ 92$ per lb.


## Vessel value

| Sablefish | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 24 | 200,000 | $4,800,000$ |
| Modern | 14 | 650,000 | $9,100,000$ |
| Total | 38 | 365,789 | $13,900,000$ |

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## Licence and quota trends

Recent K licence valuation

K licence value, 2009-2019


Recent K quota valuation (\$ per lb)

K quota value, per lb (2009-2019)


Recent K quota lease rates (\$ per lb)

The average quota lease price was $\$ 3.00 / \mathrm{lb}$. Industry experts commented that lease prices rise and fall with the ex-vessel price of the fish which was approximately $\$ 8.50 / \mathrm{lb}$ early in 2019 and $\$ 6.50 / \mathrm{lb}$ at the end of 2019.

K lease rate, per lb, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of K licence and quota (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate K licence and quota value (\$ millions), 2005-2019


K licence counts by category

K licence count, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

General outlook for sablefish fishery licence and quota values is summarized below:

- There has been minimal licence trading activity with very few market transactions uncovered over the last few years. Industry experts suggested that this is partly due to licence holders wanting to retain them because there are so few available.
- The sablefish licence is generally regarded as a useful licence to have because:
- it can be utilized on a large vessel, such as a seine vessel, which may not be otherwise inactive;
- there are several options for gear type;
- high value for the product;
- generally low by-catch in the fishery;
- there are large amounts of quota available;
- the species can be fished year-round.


## GROUNDFISH - Groundfish trawl (T)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | T |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 135 |
| \# communal licences | 4 |
| Area licencing? | no |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per foot |
| Quota | per lb |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 2$ (licence) |
| Confidence in current year valuation | $\sim 1$ (quota) |

## Current valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences <br> Ibs quota | Value/Licence \$/ft <br> Value/ quota \$/lb | Avg. licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Full fee | 135 | 672 | 41,000 | $5,535,000$ |
| Communal | 4 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Uncut quota | $106,224,735 \mathrm{lbs}$ | 1.70 |  | $180,582,000$ |
| Hake outside | $344,068,839 \mathrm{lbs}$ | 0.20 | $68,814,000$ |  |
| Total value | $450,293,574 \mathrm{lbs}$ |  |  | $254,931,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- The average per foot licence value is based on $\$ 41,000$ average licence value and an average vessel length of 61 feet, totalling $\$ 672$ per foot.
- No transactions were uncovered for Hake quota, though anecdotal reports suggest that the price has increased over the years.
- Smaller T licences in the $\$ 40,000-\$ 50,000$ range are often purchased just to hold quota where larger ones in the $\$ 200,000-\$ 400,000$ range are sought after for larger holding caps and sold at a premium.


## Vessel Value

| Groundfish trawl | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 69 | 440,000 | $30,360,000$ |
| Modern | 36 | $1,375,000$ | $49,500,000$ |
| Total | 105 | 760,571 | $79,860,000$ |

## Licence and quota trends

Recent T licence and trawl quota valuation (\$ per foot)

T licence value per foot, 2009-2019


Recent T trawl quota valuation (\$ per lb)

T trawl quota value per lb, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of T licence and trawl quota (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate $T$ licence and quote value (\$ millions), 2000-2019


T licence counts by category

T licence counts, 2009-2019


Recent T licence and quota lease rates

No licence or quota lease transactions were uncovered.

## Outlook/commentary

General outlook regarding groundfish trawl valuation is summarized below:

- The specific holding cap assigned to each T licence greatly affects its value.
- Larger vessels that also hold schedule II licences tend to trade higher because of the opportunity to fish tuna.
- Large licences on large vessels are rare because they are on vessels that cannot easily serve other purposes. These licences are difficult to evaluate because there are no new licences being created and they already hold a large portion of the TAC.


## GROUNDFISH - Rockfish hook and line (ZN)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | ZN |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 209 |
| \# communal licences | 51 |
| Area licencing? | yes |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | n/a |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 1$ (inside) |
| Confidence in current year valuation | $\sim 7$ (outside) |

## Current valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZN inside | 52 | $\$ 30,000$ | $1,560,000$ |
| ZN outside | 157 | 280,000 | $43,960,000$ |


| ZN communal | 51 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZN total | 209 | 218,000 | $45,520,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- There tends to be minimal movement of ZN licences.
- ZNO licence values ranged from $\$ 265,000-\$ 300,000$ with higher prices attached to the middle of the season.
- Industry experts believe that 2019 ZNO licence values were inflated due to previous sales.


## Vessel Value ZN outside

| ZN Outside | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 80 | 136,000 | $10,880,000$ |
| Modern | 44 | 286,000 | $12,584,000$ |
| Total | 124 | 189,226 | $23,464,000$ |

## Vessel Value ZN inside

| ZN Inside | \#vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 3 | 75,000 | 225,000 |
| Modern | 5 | 196,000 | 980,000 |
| Total | 8 | 150,625 | $1,205,000$ |

## Licencing trends

Recent ZN licence valuations

ZN licence value, 2009-2019


ZN licence counts by category


## Recent ZN lease rates (\$)

Lease prices for ZNI licences were approximately \$2,400. ZNO licences leased for approximately \$8,500 ranging from $\$ 7,000-\$ 9,000$. Some reported lease rates in these ranges included uncut quota.

Aggregate value of ZN licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate ZN licence value (\$ millions), 2002-
2019


## Outlook/commentary

Due to the potential for rockfish by-catch in the halibut fishery, ZN licences are highly sought after by halibut fishers and are seen as a requirement to be successful in the halibut fishery.

## GROUNDFISH - Lingcod and dogfish

Lingcod and dogfish are managed under an IVQ program and do not have dedicated licence categories. However, they can be executed under the authority of any vessel-based licence. This makes these fisheries difficult to estimate for valuation purposes.

## Lingcod

Approximately three ling cod quota transactions were uncovered for this report with values averaging around \$15/lb.

Quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | Lbs of quota | Value (\$) /lb | Total value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Lingcod quota (H \& L) | $2,484,768$ | 15.00 | $37,271,520$ |

- Lingcod leases in the hook and line fishery were approximately $\$ 0.40$.
- Increasingly, there is more consumer market demand for lingcod and experts say that, comparably, it is easier to fish than halibut. These factors could drive up the price of quota in the future.


## Dogfish

Approximately three dogfish quota transactions were uncovered for this report with values averaging at around \$0.12/lb.

Quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | Lbs of quota | Value (\$)/lb | Total value |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Dogfish quota (H \& L) | $18,889,012$ | 0.12 | $2,266,681$ |

- Small amounts of dogfish quota are sold with halibut quota.
- While there has been a dedicated dogfish fishery in the past, most dogfish is caught as bycatch in halibut and hake fisheries. Dogfish requires a C licence as bycatch and can be attached to another licence.


## SHELLFISH - Prawn trap (W)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | W |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 186 |
| \# communal licences | 61 |
| Area licencing? | no |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | competitive |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per foot |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | med |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 6$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | med |

## Current Valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/foot \$ | Avg value/licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| W Licences | 186 | 22,000 | 804,000 | $149,544,000$ |
| Communal | 61 |  |  |  |

## Valuation comments

- Average licence value per foot is based on an average vessel length of 36.7 feet.
- Smaller licences are often leased and stacked on larger vessels.
- When smaller licences are sold and stacked onto larger vessels, the licences become married and cannot be sold and put on smaller vessels. Prawn trap allocations are per licence ( 300 traps per licence) so stacking multiple small licences on a larger vessel will allow the vessel to have more fishing opportunities.
- Historically, licences have been valued by vessel length; however, industry experts have stated that with smaller, more efficient speedboats, vessel length is becoming less of an evaluation criteria.


## Vessel Value

| Prawn by trap | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 62 | 162,000 | $10,044,000$ |
| Modern | 71 | 325,000 | $23,075,000$ |
| Total | 131 | 252,817 | $33,119,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent W licence valuation

W licence value per foot, 2009-2019


Recent W licence lease rates (\$)

The average lease price for a W licence was approximately $\$ 44,000$ or $\$ 1,200$ per foot and is based on three transactions.

W licence lease rates, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of W licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate W licence value (\$ millions), 20002019


W licence count by category

W licence count, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

- Licence values in the prawn trap fishery appear to be stable over the last few years, though the valuation is based on only a few transactions.


## SHELLFISH - Crab (R)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | R |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 188 |
| \# communal licences | 33 |
| Area licencing? | 7 areas |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | competitive |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per foot |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 2$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | low |

## Current valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/foot \$ | Avg value/licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R Licences | 188 | 35,000 | $1,100,000$ | $\$ 206,800,000$ |
| Communal | 33 |  |  |  |

## Valuation comments

- Average licence value per foot is based on an average vessel length of 31.25 feet.
- Licences vary by length with longer licences holding a higher total value but a lower value per foot.
- Licence values vary considerably across Areas. Anecdotal information from industry experts points to average values ranging from $\$ 40,000-\$ 19,000$ per foot with Areas $A, B$ and $I$ on the high end and Areas G and H on the low end.


## Vessel Value

| Category | \#vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 25 | 144,000 | $3,600,000$ |
| Modern | 102 | 350,000 | $35,700,000$ |
| Total | 127 | 309,449 | $39,300,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent R licence valuation

R licence value, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of R licence (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate R licence value (\$ millions), 2000-2019


R licence counts by category

R licence counts, 2009-2019


Recent R licence lease rates

R licences are leased at approximately $\$ 1,000$ per foot. However few transactions were uncovered so there is low confidence in this figure.

## Outlook/commentary

General outlook for crab fishery includes the following observations:

- There were few transactions uncovered in the valuation which is likely since R licences are difficult to come by. Most people who own them are fishing them.
- Some areas are more valuable which is reflected in the price. Variation in values by Area is due to fishing potential. For example, Vancouver Island offers sheltered/protected fishing areas which attracts more boats, therefore limiting catch potential.


## SHELLFISH - Shrimp trawl (S)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | S |
| Nature of Licence | Vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 207 |
| \# communal licences | 26 |
| Area licencing? | No |
| Stacking? | No |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | Competitive |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per foot |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 2$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | low |

## Current Valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/foot \$ | Avg value/licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| R Licences | 207 | 1,000 | 42,000 | $8,694,000$ |
| Communal | 26 |  |  |  |

## Valuation comments

- An average licence value is based on $\$ 1,000$ per foot valuation and a 42 foot average vessel length.
- The value per foot remains unchanged from the 2018 valuation.


## Vessel Value

| Shrimp trawl | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 119 | 83,000 | $9,877,000$ |
| Modern | 58 | 167,000 | $9,686,000$ |
| Total | 177 | 110,525 | $19,563,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent S licence valuation

S licence value per foot, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of S licence (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate S licence value (\$ millions), 2000-2019


S licence counts by category

S licence counts, 2009-2019


Recent S licence lease rates

- No lease transactions were uncovered for S licences.


## Outlook/commentary

Industry experts have indicated that shrimp licences are likely to remain near current value for the foreseeable future, citing disputes between DFO and industry on the management of the fishery.

## SHELLFISH - Geoduck (G)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | G |
| Nature of Licence | vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 50 |
| \# communal licences | 5 |
| Area licencing? | 3 areas |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | per block |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 7$ (quota blocks) |
| Confidence in current year valuation | $\sim 1$ (licence, without quota block) |

## Current valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ <br> Value/block | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| S Licences | 50 | 250,000 | $12,500,000$ |
| Communal | 5 |  |  |
| Quota blocks | 500 | $\$ 814,000$ | $407,000,000$ |
| Total |  |  | $419,500,000$ |

## Valuation comments

- Few transactions for G tabs (licence only) were uncovered in the valuation.
- G tabs values are unchanged from last year according to industry experts and anecdotal reports.
- Quota blocks ( $1 / 10$ ) ranged in value from $\$ 800,000-\$ 850,000$; an apparent rise from last year though industry experts state little change in values in the geoduck fishery.


## Vessel value

| Geoduck | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 16 | 108,000 | $1,728,000$ |
| Modern | 20 | 264,000 | $5,280,000$ |
| Total | 46 | 152,348 | $7,008,000$ |

## Licencing trends

Recent G licence valuation

G licence valuation 2012-2019


Recent geoduck quota valuation

Single quota block valuation 2012-2019


Aggregate value of $G$ licence (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate G licence value (\$ millions), 2000-2019


G licence counts by category

G licence counts, 2009-2019


Recent G licence lease rates

Geoduck quota leased for approximately \$18/lb in 2019.

## Outlook/commentary

In general, industry experts report that the geoduck fishery remains stable, based on the following observations:

- Demand remains high for licences and quota access, but the market is very tight as not many people are willing to sell licences.
- The price of quota has increased since last year's valuation.


## SHELLFISH - Sea cucumber (ZD)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | ZD |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 84 |
| \# communal licences | 0 |
| Area licencing? | 4 areas |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 0$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | low |

## Current valuation

Licence value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZD Licences | 84 | $1,400,000$ | $117,600,000$ |
| Communal | n/a |  |  |

## Valuation comments

- No transactions were uncovered in the valuation though anecdotal information suggest that the value per licence was slightly higher than last year, at approximately $\$ 1,400,000$.
- There are a number of people looking to purchase ZD licences but few sellers.
- Experts commented that there were few, if any, transaction for 2019 and few, if any, licences on the market as of early 2020.


## Vessel Value

| Sea cucumber | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 8 | 108,000 | 864,000 |
| Modern | 17 | 264,000 | $4,488,000$ |
| Total | 25 | 214,080 | $5,352,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent ZD licence valuations

ZD licence value, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of ZD licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregeate ZD licence value (\$ millions), 20002019


ZD licence counts by category


Recent ZD lease rates

No lease transactions were uncovered for ZD licences.

## Outlook/commentary

Industry experts made the following general observations on the sea cucumber fishery:

- While there was significant activity in 2018, there was little licence movement in 2019.
- The market for sea cucumbers is notoriously tight and there many interested buyers but few sellers.
- Consumer market demand for sea cucumber is almost exclusively in Asia.


## SHELLFISH - Red sea urchin (ZC)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | ZC |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 80 |
| \# communal licences | 30 |
| Area licencing? | 2 areas |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 4$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | med |

## Current valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZC Licences | 80 | 270,000 | $21,600,000$ |
| Communal | 30 |  |  |

## Valuation comments

While values per licence decreased in 2019, asking prices in early 2020 remain the same as values reported in 2018.

## Vessel value

| Red sea urchin | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 13 | 81,000 | $1,053,000$ |
| Modern | 20 | 200,000 | $4,000,000$ |
| Total | 33 | 153,121 | $5,053,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent ZC licence valuation

ZC licence value, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of ZC licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate ZC licence value (\$ millions), 20002019


## ZC licence counts by category

ZC licence counts, 2009-2019


Recent ZC lease rates

No lease transactions were uncovered for ZC licences.

## Outlook/commentary

Licences purchased in early 2019 were likely influenced by 2018 values and, according to industry experts, likely sold higher than their value.

## SHELLFISH - Green sea urchin (ZA)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | ZA |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 48 |
| \# communal licences | 0 |
| Area licencing? | 2 areas |
| Stacking? | yes |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 1$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | low |

## Current valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZA Licences | 48 | 100,000 | $4,800,000$ |
| Communal | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |  |  |

## Valuation comments

- Industry experts report no change since last year in ZA licence values.


## Vessel value

| Green sea urchin | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 3 | 81,000 | 243,000 |
| Modern | 6 | 200,000 | $1,200,000$ |
| Total | 9 | 160,333 | $1,443,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent ZA licence valuation

ZA licence value, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of ZA licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate ZA licence value (\$ million), 2000-2019


ZA licence counts by category

ZA licence count, 2009-2019


Recent ZD lease rates

- No lease transactions were uncovered for ZD licences.


## Outlook/commentary

General observations on the outlook for the green sea urchin fishery include:

- The fishery has declined in value in Canada over the last few years since the Russian fishery opened and created competition.
- Industry experts have seen little movement over the last few years and expect the licence holders are retaining them with the hopes that the fishery will become profitable again.


## SHELLFISH - Euphausiid (ZF)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | ZF |
| Nature of Licence | party-based |
| \# commercial licences | 16 |
| \# communal licences | 1 |
| Area licencing? | no |
| Stacking? | no |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | quota |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per licence |
| Quota | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Vessels | yes |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 0$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | Very low |

## Current valuation

Licence and quota value at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ZF Licences | 16 | 40,000 | 640,000 |
| Communal | n/a |  |  |

## Valuation comments

- No transaction activity was recorded for 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019. Anecdotal information from 2015 indicated values in the $\$ 40,000$ to $\$ 50,000$ range.
- Value per licence has remained the same but market capitalization has decreased due to relinquished licences.


## Vessel value

| Euphasiid | \# Vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 3 | 184,000 | 552,000 |
| Modern | 0 | 646,000 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Total | 3 | 184,000 | 552,000 |

## Licencing trends

## Recent ZF licence valuation

ZF licence value, 2009-2019


Aggregate ZF licence alue (\$ millions), 2000-2019


ZF licence counts by category

ZF licence counts, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

General outlook for the euphasiid fishery is summarized below:

- This is a very small-scale fishery with low participation and low profitability.
- Outlook is uncertain as little information could be provided by industry experts.


## Schedule II species (C)

## Background to valuation

| General |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence designation | C |
| Nature of Licence | Vessel-based |
| \# commercial licences | 311 |
| \# communal licences | 14 |
| Area licencing? | No |
| Stacking? | No |
| Competitive or quota mgmt.? | Various |


| Valuation parameters |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Licence | per foot |
| Quota | n/a |
| Vessels | no |
| Amount of trading activity in category this <br> year | low |
| \# transactions underlying valuation | $\sim 0$ |
| Confidence in current year valuation | low |

## Current Valuation

Licence values at December 31, 2019

| Category | \# of Licences | Value/Licence \$ | Total Value \$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C Licences | 311 | 600 | $5,909,000$ |
| Communal | 14 |  |  |

## Valuation comments

- Anecdotal reports from industry experts suggest that C licence values range $\$ 350$ (under 20 feet) per foot for smaller vessel to $\$ 1000$ foot for larger vessels (over 40 feet).
- Total licence value is based on an average licence price of $\$ 19,000$ and average vessel length of 31.5 feet.


## Vessel value

| Schedule II | \#vessels | Avg. Vessel Value (\$) | Aggregate Value (\$) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Classic | 161 | 40,000 | $6,440,000$ |
| Modern | 100 | 143,000 | $14,300,000$ |
| Total | 261 | 79,464 | $20,740,000$ |

## Licencing trends

## Recent C licence valuations

C licence value, 2009-2019


Aggregate value of C licences (\$ millions by year)

Aggregate C licence value (\$ millions), 2000-2019


C licence counts by category

C licence count, 2009-2019


## Outlook/commentary

Larger vessels are seen as more valuable as they can be used along with the USA 68 privileges to fish tuna.
Smaller vessels may only be used as moorage unless the owner/operator also has another licence, such as an L-tab (halibut).


[^0]:    ${ }^{1} \mathrm{~J}$ licences are non-transferable and have therefore not been evaluated as part of this study.

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Transaction recorded in 2019 were recorded as j-cut pounds.

