

British Columbia's seafood primary production sector is comprised of wild commercial fishing and aquaculture while the processing sector includes post-vessel or post-farm processing.

- B.C. consistently ranks as the 4th largest farmed Atlantic salmon producer in the world.
- B.C. led the nation in sales of farmed salmon, crabs (non-queen), wild clams, tuna, rockfish, wild sablefish, hake, wild salmon, farmed clams, lingcod, sea cucumbers, pollock, sea urchins, Pacific cod, skates, and dogfish.

SEAFOOD KEY FACTS for 2022

- ❖ **Sales: \$1.87 billion**
- ❖ **Harvest: 213,342 metric tonnes**
- ❖ **Gross Domestic Product (GDP)¹: \$720.5 million**
- ❖ **Share of Provincial GDP¹: 0.3%**
- ❖ **International Exports: \$1.55 billion**
- ❖ **Seafood Jobs²: 4,810**

SEAFOOD PRIMARY PRODUCTION

- B.C. seafood landed value was \$1.37 billion in 2022 (+14.5% from 2021).
- Wild commercial fishery harvest was 115,243 metric tonnes (-28.0% from 2021) worth \$441.0 million in landed value (+0.2% from 2021).
- In 2021, about 2,227 vessels harvested wild seafood in B.C. waters⁴ (-1.4% from 2020).
- There were 828 aquaculture operations licensed to produce fish, invertebrates, and algae in 2022 (-1.8% from 2021).
- The aquaculture harvest was 98,099 metric tonnes (+1.9% from 2021), while farm gate value was \$932.1 million (up 23.2% from 2021).
- Top 10 seafood commodities in sales were farmed Atlantic salmon, crabs, halibut, prawns, wild geoducks, farmed Pacific salmon, tuna, rockfish, wild sablefish, and farmed oysters.
- There were 2,395 jobs in seafood primary production (-8.2% from 2021).

SEAFOOD PRODUCT PREPARATION AND PACKAGING

- Seafood product preparation and packaging sales was \$503 million, (-3.8% from 2021).
- GDP¹ in 2022 was \$478 million (+9.8% from 2021).
- There were 2,415 jobs in seafood processing (-13.8% from 2021).

INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

- Exported seafood products include both primary seafood production and post-vessel and post-farm processed seafood products.
- In 2022, B.C. exported \$1.55 billion (+12.0% from 2021) in seafood products to 63 countries (3 more than in 2021) and 40 US states.
- Top five seafood international export markets were: US \$1.06 billion (68.0% share); China \$281 million (18.1%); Japan \$81 million (5.2%); Hong Kong \$30 million (2.0%); and Lithuania \$14 million (1.1%).
- Of the top 10 export markets, the fastest growing in percentage change in 2022 were Lithuania (+816%), Taiwan (+93.1%), United Kingdom (+38%). Decrease in sales to Hong Kong, Ukraine and Romania was noted.
- Top seafood exports: \$703 million (+25.3% from 2021) of farmed Atlantic salmon, \$399 million of shellfish (-6.9% from 2021), \$155 million (+45.2% from 2021) of wild salmon, \$127 million (-2.7% from 2021) of groundfish.

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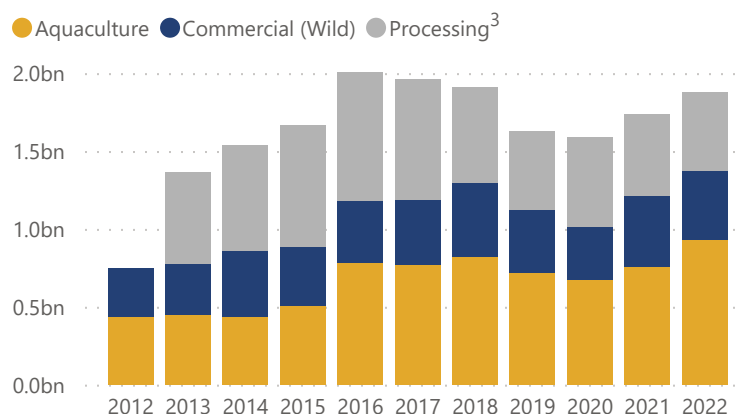
1 GDP at chained 2012 dollars.

2 Wild commercial fishing, aquaculture, and seafood processing jobs.

3 Suppressed data in 2012.

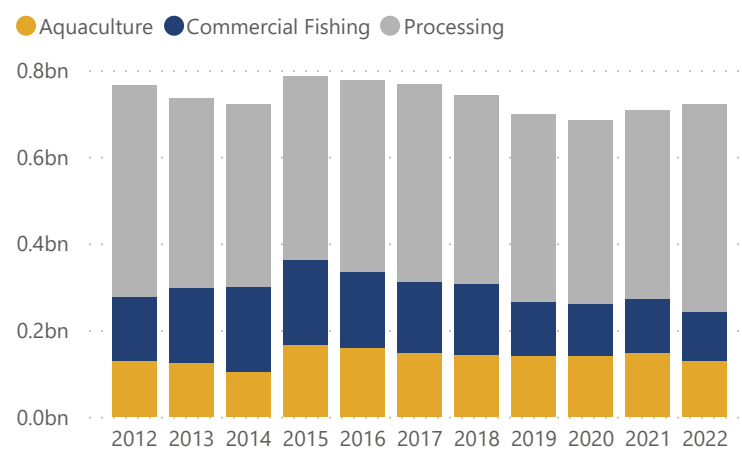
4 Latest data available is 2021.

Seafood Sales



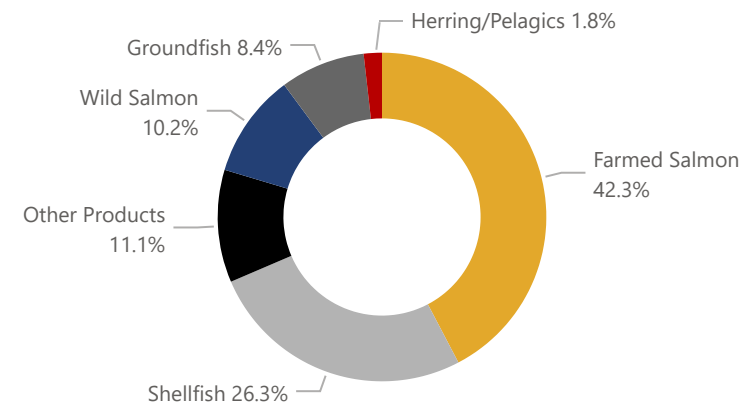
Source: B.C. Ministry of Agriculture and Food (Sector Tables 2023)

Seafood GDP



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Seafood Exports (2022)



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