Sector Defined: B.C.‘s seafood sector comprises primary production from commercial fishing and aquaculture. Primary seafood production does not include post-vessel or post-farm processing.

➢ B.C. is consistently ranked as the 4th largest farmed Atlantic salmon producer in the world.
➢ B.C. led the nation in sales of farmed salmon, wild salmon, crabs, wild clams (including geoducks), halibut, wild sablefish, hake, rockfish, tuna, wild sea cucumbers, sea urchins, and skates.

**SEAFOOD KEY FACTS**
❖ Sales: $1.29 billion
❖ Harvest: 294,300 tonnes
❖ GDP: $347 million
❖ Share of Provincial Total GDP: 0.1%
❖ International Exports: $1.4 billion
❖ Seafood Jobs: 4,505

➢ Total sales of primary seafood production in B.C. were $1.29 billion in landed and farm-gate value – an increase of 10.5 percent above 2017.
➢ Approximately 2,372 vessels harvested 2.1 percent less wild fish, shellfish and marine plants in 2018 than in 2017.
➢ The 196,300-tonne commercial fishery harvest generated a total landed value of $476.4 million – up 19.7 percent over 2017.
➢ The total aquaculture harvest of 98,000 tonnes was up 0.1 percent from the previous year, while the farm-gate value increased 5.8 percent to $814.6 million.
➢ Top 10 seafood commodities in terms of sales were farmed Atlantic salmon, wild salmon, crabs, wild geoducks, halibut, prawns, wild sablefish, hake, rockfish, and herring.
➢ Total estimated GDP for seafood was $347 million and accounted for 0.1 percent of B.C.‘s total GDP.

**SEAFOOD INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS**
➢ Exported seafood products include both primary seafood production products and post-vessel and post-farm processed seafood products.
➢ In 2018, B.C. exported $1.4 billion in seafood products to 78 markets, an increase of 8 percent in value from 2017.
➢ Top Five Seafood Export Markets: United States $769 million (55 percent); China $306 million (22 percent); Japan $122 million (nine percent); Ukraine $39 million (three percent); and Hong Kong $35 million (three percent).
➢ The fastest growing export markets of the top 10 markets were South Africa (364 percent); Ukraine (109 percent) and Lithuania (39 percent).
➢ Top Five Seafood Exports: $541 million in farmed Atlantic salmon; $159 million in crabs; $103 million in hake; $56 million in Sockeye salmon; and $55 million in geoduck clams.