

Total Export Value for 2008: \$63,120 million, and Revised 2007: \$38,456 million

Priority Species		Employment
Finfish:	Atlantic salmon Steelhead trout	Approximately 655 individuals are employed in aquaculture production or processing.
Shellfish:	Blue mussel	

Production (metric tonnes)			
Species	2007	2008	% Change
Salmonids	4,857	8,877	82.8
Mussels	3,390	2,667	-21.3
Total	8,247	11,554	40.0

Aquaculture Licenses		Approximate Water Area (hectares)	
Salmonid	53	Salmonid	1,698
Shellfish	59	Shellfish	3,689
Hatcheries	1	Hatcheries	N/A
Other	28	Other	285
Total Licenses:	141	Total Area:	5,387

- South coast salmonid aquaculture industry expanded significantly in 2008.
- Marine infrastructure and biosecurity are key issues for the salmonid and mussel sectors.
- Planning of a new Aquatic Animal Health and Development facility is going. Such a facility will enhance aquaculture development capacity along the south coast.
- Aquaculture Loan Guarantee Program and the Aquaculture Capital Investment Program provided incentives for new investment opportunities.

Source: DFA