

Newfoundland and Labrador Aquaculture Industry Highlights 2008 (Revised) and 2009 (Preliminary)

Total Export Value for 2009: \$92,092 million, and Revised 2008: \$63,120 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	2008	2009	% Change
Salmonids	8,877	11,551	30.1
Mussels	2,667	2,076	-22.2
Total	11,544	13,627	18.0

Aquaculture Licenses		Approximate Water Area (hectares)	
Salmonid	68	Salmonid	1,698
Shellfish	51	Shellfish	3,689
Hatcheries	1	Hatcheries	N/A
Total Licenses:	120	Total Area:	5,387

- 2009 was a strong year for salmonids in terms of both production levels and market prices.
- Preliminary construction began on the new Centre for Aquaculture Health and Development in St. Alban's. The facility will enhance biosecurity, fish health and industry development capacity along the south coast.
- Design work was completed for the future construction of four wharves on the south coast
- Shellfish sector participated in the Atlantic region Mussel Industry Council to improve market access and consumer awareness (www.discovermussels.com).

Source: DFA