

# Seafood Industry Year in Review 2023



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# Industry Performance and Employment



**1.42**  
**Billion**  
Total Market Value

**232**  
**Million**  
Aquaculture

**1.19**  
**Billion**  
Wild Fisheries

The fish and seafood industry employed more than



## Distribution of Employment



**523**

Aquaculture



**6,510**

Fish Processing



**9,282**

Registered Fish Harvesters



Fish Processing Plants

Primary



In-province Retail



Aquaculture



Secondary



## Production

**100,026**

approximate tonnes of total (wild) seafood production were reported

## Inspection/Patrols

**2,400**

inspections and patrols performed in 2023

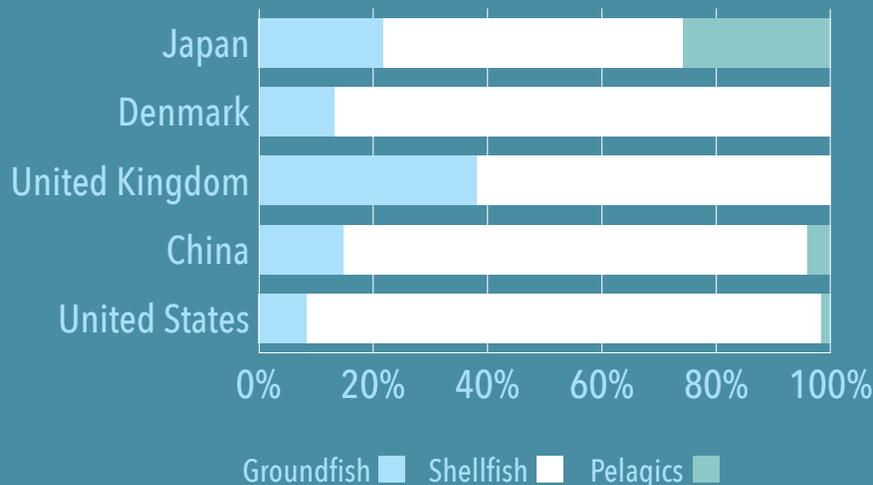
## Exports (\$Millions)



**\$1.09 Billion** from **38** countries around the world

<b>\$733</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b>\$215.4</b>	<b>China</b>
<b>\$36.3</b>	<b>United Kingdom</b>
<b>\$21.9</b>	<b>Denmark</b>
<b>\$14</b>	<b>Japan</b>
<b>\$71.9</b>	<b>Other</b>

## Exports by Species Group (% by Value)



# Wild Fisheries



In 2023 **195,126** tonnes of fish landings in the commercial wild fishery were reported at a value of **\$730 Million**

**Total Shellfish Landed Value**  
(\$Millions)

**\$606 Million**



**Total Shellfish Landings**  
(Volume)

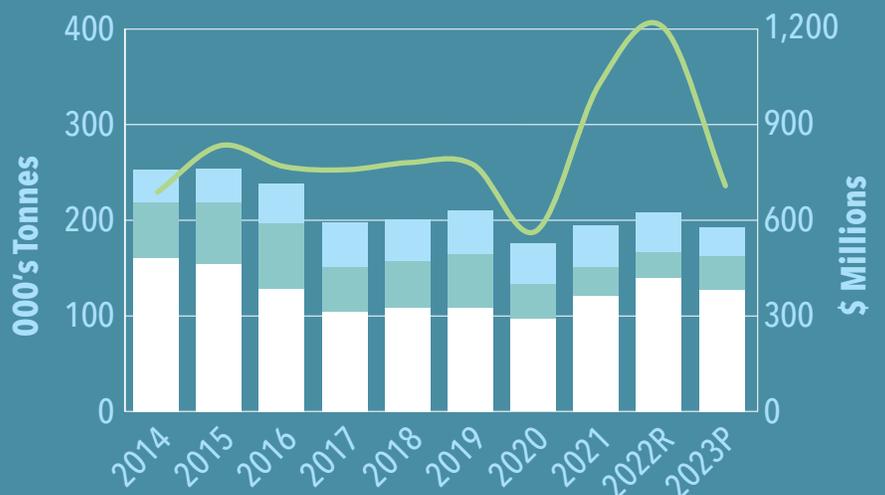
**Snow Crab**  
51,638

**Shrimp**  
26,382

**Lobster**  
7,230

**127,411**  
**Tonnes**

**Fish Landings by Species Group**



Shellfish ■ Pelagics ■ Groundfish ■ Total Value (Right Axis) ■

R: Revised P: Preliminary

Source: DFO

Shellfish: sum of crustacean and molluscs

Total value = DFO species category total



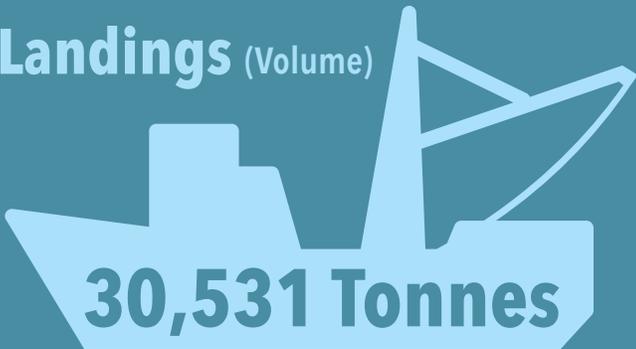
## Shellfish Landings (000's Tonnes)



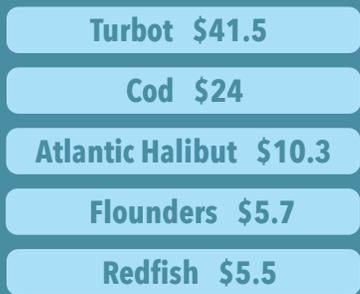
## Groundfish Landings



## Groundfish Landings (Volume)



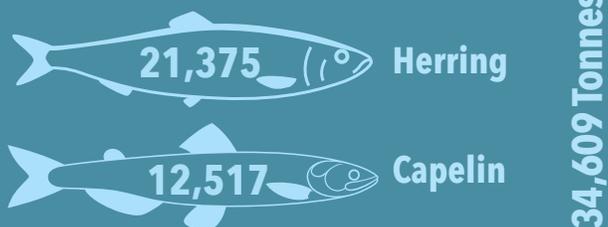
## Groundfish Landed Value (\$Millions)



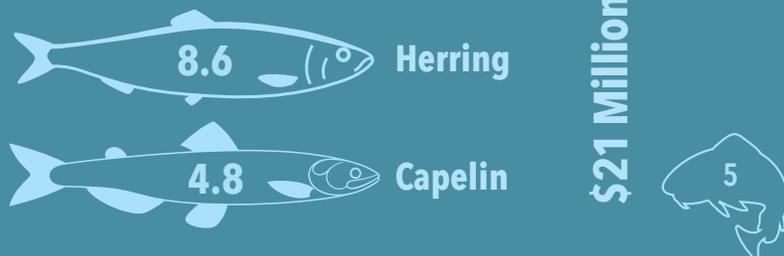
## Pelagics Landings (000's Tonnes)



## Pelagics Landings (Volume)



## Pelagics Landed Value (\$Millions)



# Exports



## Shellfish Exports (\$Millions)



### Shell-On Shrimp

China	\$87.7
France	\$6.6
Denmark	\$6.4
Other	\$24.4

### Snow Crab

United States	\$567.4
China	\$26.2
Vietnam	\$7.8
Indonesia	\$6.6
Other	\$7.5

### Lobster

United States	\$16.4
China	\$10.5
Denmark	\$3.5
Other	\$3

### Other Shellfish

China	\$49.5
United States	\$26
Japan	\$2.9
Other	\$6.6

### Cooked Peeled Shrimp

United Kingdom	\$19.7
Denmark	\$9
United States	\$2.9

## Exported Pelagics

(\$Millions)



### Capelin

China	\$9.1
Japan	\$3.6
United States	\$2.6
Other	\$3.3

### Herring

United States	\$9.5
Poland	\$0.09
Mexico	\$0.05
Other	\$0.04



## Turbot Exports (\$Millions)



## Flounder Exports (\$Millions)



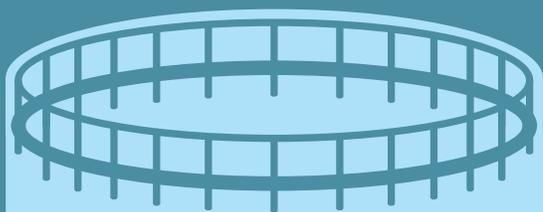
## Cod Exports (\$Millions)



## Redfish Exports (\$Millions)



# Aquaculture



## Aquaculture Production

(Approximate Volume)

**19,942 Tonnes**

for a value of

**\$232 Million**

**Salmonid species cultured:**  
Atlantic salmon and steelhead trout



**15,645  
Tonnes**

for a market value of

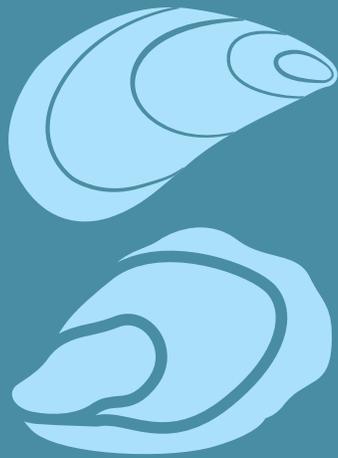


**515 T**

Steelhead Trout  
Production



# Shellfish aquaculture sector: Blue mussels and American oysters



**4,062**

hectares of water

utilized for commercial  
production in

**32**

licensed sites



**Shellfish  
Production**  
was



**4,297**  
**Tonnes**  
with a value of



**\$26**  
**Million**

# Landed Volume and Value

## Landed Volume and Value by Species

Species	2022 Revised			2023 Preliminary			Comparison	
	Volume (tonnes)	Value (\$000's)	Avg Price/lb	Volume (tonnes)	Value (\$000's)	Avg Price/lb	Volume	Value
Snow Crab	49,971	\$756,735	\$6.87	51,638	\$253,067	\$2.22	3.34%	-66.6%
Shrimp	31,149	\$125,427	\$1.83	26,382	\$125,321	\$2.16	-15.3%	-0.08%
Lobster	6,052	\$105,015	\$7.87	7,230	\$120,187	\$7.54	19.5%	14.4%
Sea Cucumber	6,084	\$8,007	\$0.60	5,964	\$9,729	\$0.74	-1.97%	19.5%
Squid	-	-	-	117	193	\$0.75	100%	100%
Whelk	586	\$1,494	\$1.16	1,723	\$4,018	\$1.06	194.0%	168.9%
Other Shellfish*	45,128	\$156,894	\$1.58	34,357	\$98,797	\$1.77	-	-42.49%
<b>SHELLFISH</b>	<b>138,970</b>	<b>\$1,153,572</b>		<b>127,411</b>	<b>\$611,312</b>		<b>-8.3%</b>	<b>-47.0%</b>
Turbot	9,972	\$53,625	\$2.44	7,621	\$41,526	\$2.47	-23.6%	-22.5%
Flounders	11,593	\$20,009	\$0.78	3,297	\$5,653	\$0.78	-71.6%	-71.7%
Cod	13,424	\$24,348	\$0.82	13,783	\$24,271	\$0.79	2.67%	-0.32%
Halibut	993	\$10,868	\$4.96	1000	\$10,337	\$4.69	0.70%	-4.89%
Redfish	4,032	\$5,434	\$0.76	4,519	\$5,538	\$0.56	12.1%	1.91%
Hake	135	\$161	\$0.54	150	\$132	\$0.40	11.1%	-18.0%
Haddock	43	\$93	\$0.98	61	\$121	\$0.91	41.9%	30.1%
Skate	220	\$54	\$0.11	17	\$7	\$0.18	-92.3%	-87.0%
Pollock	44	\$26	\$0.27	53	\$33	\$0.28	20.45%	26.9%
Other Groundfish	46	\$47	\$0.47	30	\$0.700	\$0.11	-	-98.5%
<b>GROUNDFISH</b>	<b>40,502</b>	<b>\$114,665</b>		<b>30,531</b>	<b>\$87,672</b>		<b>-24.6%</b>	<b>-23.5%</b>
Capelin	4,935	\$1,773	\$0.16	12,517	\$4,829	\$0.18	153.6	172.4%
Herring	21,314	\$9,393	\$0.20	21,375	\$8,576	\$0.18	0.29%	-8.69%
Mackerel	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0%	0%
Other Pelagics	531	\$5,593	\$4.78	121	\$730	\$2.73	-77.2%	-86.9%
<b>PELAGICS</b>	<b>26,780</b>	<b>\$16,759</b>		<b>34,013</b>	<b>\$14,135</b>		<b>27.0%</b>	<b>-15.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206,252</b>	<b>\$1,284,996</b>		<b>195,126</b>	<b>730,006</b>		<b>-5.4%</b>	<b>-43.2%</b>

Note:

Species components may not sum to total due to independent rounding.

The value of flounders may be understated as they may not be representative of port prices.

Total volume does not include the number of seals.

Price is calculated based on value/volume

Data prepared: April 30, 2024

Source: DFO; FFA



\* Other shellfish includes Sea Scallop, Iceland Scallop, Other Mollusks and Other Crustaceans

# Total Allowable Catch (Tonnes)

Species Group	2022 (tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	2023 (tonnes) <sup>1</sup>
<b>Snow Crab</b>	50,470	54,727
2HJ	951	951
3K	9,840	11,591
3LNO	30,940	32,224
3Ps	7,768	8,898
4R3Pn	522	613
3Ps trap survey	450	450
<b>Shrimp</b>		
Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence (4R) NL allocation (65%)	3,136	4,222
SFA 6 (NL inshore)	6,563	6,563
Canadian offshore/special allocations (SFAs 0 to 6)*	73,527	79,214
<b>Turbot</b>		
2+3KLMNO Turbot (Canada 38%)	15,864 (6,028)	15,156 (5,759)
0B Turbot	8,592	7,797
Gulf Turbot (4RST)	2,400	2,400
<b>Flounders</b>		
3LNO Yellowtail Flounder (Canada 97.5%)	20,000 (19,500)	20,000 (19,500)
3NO Witch Flounder (Canada 60%)	1,175 (705)	1,295 (777)
<b>Cod</b>		
4RS3Pn Cod (NL and QC)	ndf <sup>2</sup>	ndf <sup>2</sup>
3Ps Cod (Canada 84.4%)	1,346 (1,136)	1,304 (1,101)
2J3KL Northern Cod stewardship fishery**	12,999	12,999
<b>Redfish</b>		
Redfish Unit 2 (Canada 96.4%)	8,500 (8,194)	8,500 (8,194)
3LN Redfish (Canada 42.6%)	18,100 (7,712)	18,100 (7,712)
3O Redfish (Canada 30%)	20,000 (6,000)	20,000 (6,000)
<b>Pelagics</b>		
Capelin (NL stocks and 4R)	23,339	24,748
Herring (NL stocks and 4R)	34,842	34,842
Mackerel (Atlantic-wide)	ndf <sup>2</sup>	ndf <sup>2</sup>

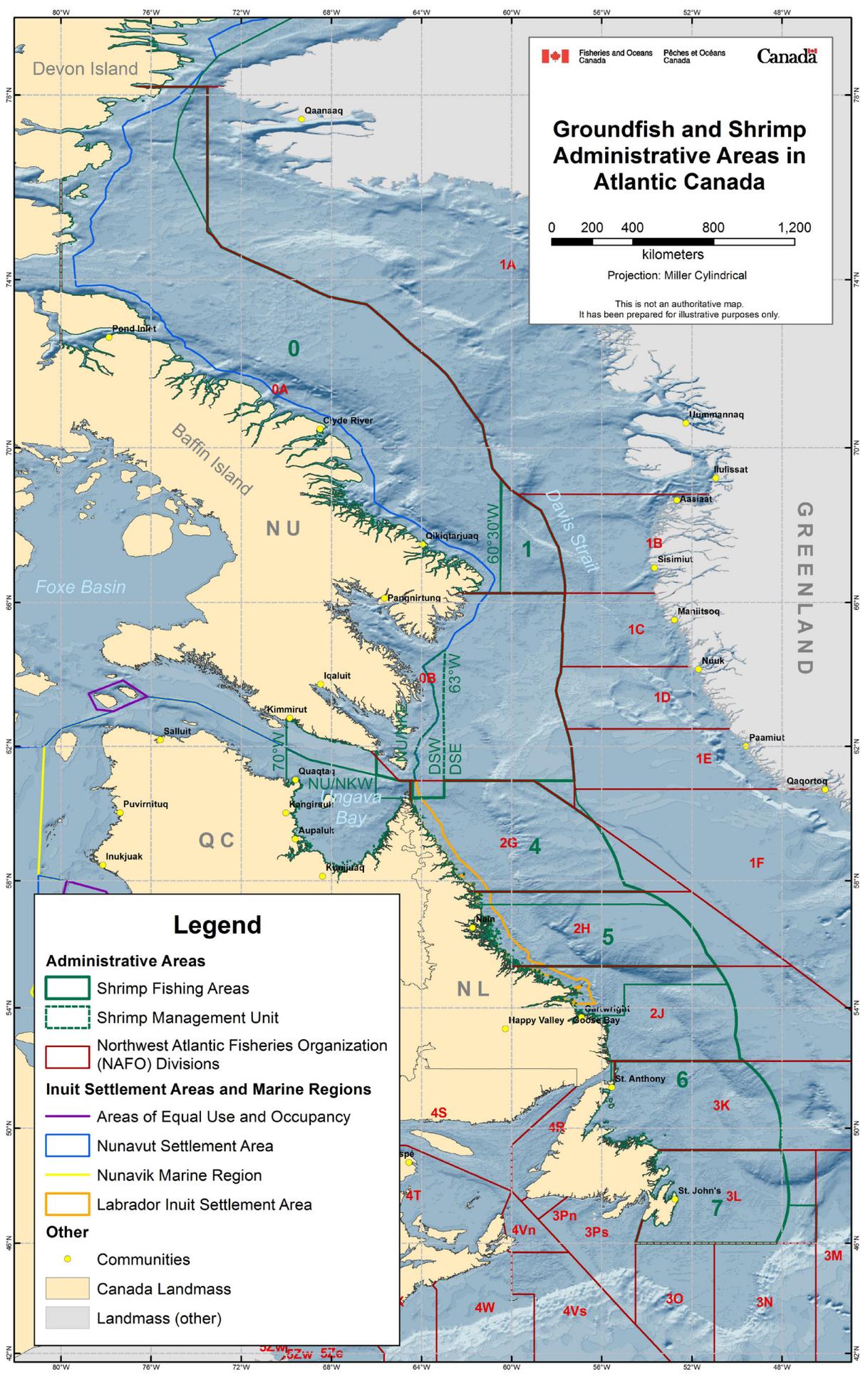
<sup>1</sup>Overall TAC. Canada/Newfoundland and Labrador share as indicated.

<sup>2</sup>No directed fishing

\* Total includes *Pandalus borealis* and *Pandalus montagui*.

\*\*The 2J3KL northern cod stewardship fishery is managed as a maximum catch rather than a Total Allowable Catch.

Source: DFO, FFA



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## Groundfish and Shrimp Administrative Areas in Atlantic Canada

0 200 400 800 1,200  
 kilometers

Projection: Miller Cylindrical

This is not an authoritative map.  
It has been prepared for illustrative purposes only.

### Legend

**Administrative Areas**

- Shrimp Fishing Areas
- Shrimp Management Unit
- Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Divisions

**Inuit Settlement Areas and Marine Regions**

- Areas of Equal Use and Occupancy
- Nunavut Settlement Area
- Nunavik Marine Region
- Labrador Inuit Settlement Area

**Other**

- Communities
- Canada Landmass
- Landmass (other)

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