

The fleet

The Pacific industry employs 17 300 fishermen and the 7 700-vessel fleet comprises mainly small, well-equipped ships, working in sheltered waters close to shore. The most common types are gillnetters and trollers, used to catch salmon. About 1 000 larger multi-purpose vessels use seine nets to catch salmon and roe herring. Another 1 200 small open motor boats use gillnets to catch roe herring. And 400 longliners concentrate on the halibut fishery.