
Production in the Pacific fishery totalled \$767 million in 1986 with exports of \$579 million. The Pacific fishing industry is dominated by the harvest of salmon, which accounts for over 50 per cent of total landings. Herring, groundfish and shellfish resources are also fished. The commercial fishing fleet harvests approximately 90 per cent of all salmon landings and the remaining catch occurs in the recreational and native food fisheries. The harvesting sector consists largely of independently owned fishing vessels, although some processing companies source part of their raw material from company-owned fleets. Native fishermen harvest nearly 30 per cent of total commercial salmon landings.

The processing sector is dominated by nine large firms which account for almost 80 per cent of total production. The primary products are salmon and herring roe, which are largely exported to offshore markets including Japan, Australia and Britain.

The freshwater fishery has two distinct components. On the Great Lakes, the industry consists of many private operations while in

northwestern Ontario, the Prairies and the Territories, the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC), a Federal Crown Corporation, is the major processor with the exclusive right to process and market freshwater fish. In the Ontario fishery, integrated operations account for 30 per cent of landings while independent fishermen land the remaining 70 per cent. On the Prairie provinces, the fishing fleet consists of large vessels concentrated on Lake Winnipeg and smaller vessels distributed on lakes throughout the northern prairies. Some of the fleet is composed of vehicles engaged in the winter ice fishery. The processing segment of the Prairie fishery is centralized in one large processing operation in Manitoba and is supported by approximately 100 packing stations distributed throughout the Prairies.