

Lobster:

There is some demand for 1-1.25 lb, 1.25-1.5 lb, 1.5-2 lb and 2+ lb cooked and wrapped, in addition to a weaker market for frozen in brine 200, 250, 300, 350, and 400 gm sizes. Demand is now very limited for frozen in 11.3 oz cans, but a possible demand exists for the smaller meat packs not canned. Also, live chicks of 1.25, 1.5, 1.75-2.5 lb and small jumbo lobster.

Shrimp:

The U.K. market for cold water cooked and peeled shrimp is split approximately 50/50 between catering and retail. Demand for cold water whole cooked with the shell-on is split approximately 60/40 between catering including the snack trade, and retail for cap and chill counters. Warm water shrimp demand is split approximately 75/25 between all sectors of catering and retail including cap and chill counters.

Herring:

The U.K. is a massive exporter of round fresh herring mainly in over-the-side sales, thus any export market for Canada has everything to do with specifications. The fish must be of high fat content and have good size: round 320 gm and up, fillets 150 gm and up, also, small proportions of 125-150 gm sizes. Packing for round herring should be 10 kg with container sizes varying between customers, and milts in 10x5 lb cartons.

Dogfish:

Demand in the U.K. is for backs, skinless, with the bloodline out. They should be individually wrapped and frozen in 28 lb containers of sizes less than 2 lb and over 2 lb, with the latter receiving the better prices.

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