

salted herring roe products. Approximately 1,000 mt of Pacific roe is estimated to have been sold in pails without processing and 700 mt of Pacific roe (mainly small and extra small sizes from Sitka) were processed into seasoned herring roe products.

- While most Canadian Pacific roe was processed for the best quality gift boxes, it is estimated that 350 mt was sold in pails, 100 mt processed into seasoned herring roe products and 320 mt was used as materials for chimmi and other products.
- It is estimated that approximately 1,100 mt of Pacific roe was carried over to 1993.
- Key factors in the 1992 market for Pacific herring roe were: (1) the decrease in supply of Canadian roe, (2) a decrease of special large and large sizes, (3) an abundant supply from Alaska, (4) an increase in roe extracted in Japan due to increased imports of abundant Bristol Bay roe herring, (5) an increase in imports of US roe and a decrease in imports of roe extracted in Korea and China and (6) a significant increase in imports from Russia.
- Prices at the first auction of the Osaka Central Wholesale Market were as follows:
Canadian roe: LL Yen 6,000-6,7000 (5,200-6,300 in 1991); L 5,800-6,500 (5,000-6,200); M 4,600-5,100 (4,500-5,500); L broken 4,800-5,600 (4,500-5,500); Broken 4,600-5,500; 2 broken 4,000-5,300; 3 broken 3,500-4,800

Alaska local roe: L 4,700-5,100

Bristol Bay roe: LLL/LL 4,200-4,850 (4,400-5,000)

European roe: 2,300-2,800 (1,800-2,600)
- Sales of salted herring roe in 1992 were successful for the following reasons:
(1) As a result of the decrease in supply from Canada, approximately 60% of total supply from Canada was processed only by major processors. The other 40% was processed by second-tier processors but each of those processors used Canadian roe only in such a quantity as they thought could be sold as gifts.

(2) Small sizes were used by sushi restaurants and as materials for seasoned herring roe products, chimmi and other seafood products (ie. in daily use), which contributed to decreasing the quantity sold as salted herring roe products toward the year end.

(3) More than 1,500 metric tons (700 mt in 1991) were