

- The decrease in flatfish and lobster imports in 1992 was due to the economic slowdown, which has had the most serious effect on expensive species such as these.
- Canadian exports of fish and fishery products to Japan increased by 9.4% from Cdn \$595.1 million in 1991 to Cdn \$650.8 million in 1992. However, the export quantity decreased by 9.0% from 87,160 metric tons in 1991 to 78,743 metric tons in 1992.
- Statistics on Japanese imports of fish from Canada for the past five years broken down by items are attached to this report. As is indicated in this attachment, such items as rockfish (redfish), fresh salmon (mainly farmed salmon), surimi, crab, frozen lobster, shrimp, salmon roes (both sujiko and ikura) and sea urchin roe recorded excellent increases in 1992.
- Japanese landings of fish continue to decline. In 1992, its catches are estimated to have decreased to less than 10 million tons and Japan has declined to the world's third largest fishing country.
- Of the species landed in mass in Japan, squid and saury recorded extremely high landings in 1992. However, the landings of sardine and mackerel went down significantly.
- The decreased landings of sardine have had a very serious effect on the fish farming industry as sardine is the major feed for fish farming in Japan.
- The decrease in landings of mackerel has kept the level of mackerel imports still at a high level, although imports of mackerel has decrease significantly as mentioned above.
- While the total 1992 stats have not yet been summarized to indicate the total value and volume of each country's exports to Japan, exports of fish and fishery products from Russia to Japan increased significantly in 1992.
- In this Report, exports from Russia have now been broken out for those species where Russian exports increased significantly in 1992.
- While the quality of fish and fishery products packed in Russia is said to be still inferior, the quality has been improving quickly, especially in those areas where Japanese industry has extended assistance by sending technicians.
- Of the various species Japan imported from Russia, such items as crab (both king and snow crab), salmon, salmon roe (both sujiko and ikura), pollack roe and surimi had big impacts on