

## FISHERIES MARKET REPORT - JAPAN

### General Outlook

- Canadian exporters of fisheries products should take note of this year's Tokyo International Seafood Show, which will be held June 10-12, 1993 in Tokyo. Please contact the Japan Trade Development Division of External Affairs and International Trade Canada in Ottawa at 613-995-8619 for further details.
- Total Japanese imports of fish and fishery products decreased from Yen 1,688 billion in 1991 to Yen 1,679 billion in 1992. This was only the second time in the past ten years that the value of fisheries imports dropped, the last time being 1986. However, imports in terms of quantity increased from 2,850 thousand metric tons in 1991 to 2,969 thousand metric tons in 1992 which was the highest level of imports ever. On the other hand, reflecting the stronger yen position in 1992, Japanese fish imports in terms of US dollars increased from US\$12.505 million in 1991 to \$13.248 million in 1992, a 5.9% increase.
- Japan's 10 largest import items in 1992 were (in Yen million):

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>
Shrimp	322,067	363,701
Tuna	165,914	143,105
Salmon	129,915	101,479
Crab	96,946	93,080
Eel, prepared	74,586	69,078
Pollack surimi	65,860	58,049
Pollack roe	52,973	45,546
Octopus	52,829	63,882
Lobster	43,014	49,227
Fish meat	36,143	41,955