

Total Market Value for 2014: \$59 million, and 2015: \$161 million

Priority Species		Employment
Salmonid:	Atlantic salmon Steelhead trout	Approximately 439 individuals are employed through aquaculture hatchery and grow-out activities.
Shellfish:	Blue mussel	

Production (metric tonnes)

Species	2014	2015	% Change
Salmonid	5,980	19,684	229.2
Shellfish	3,260	3,130	-4.0
Total	9,240	22,815	146.9

Aquaculture Licenses

Approximate Water Area (hectares)

Salmonid	87	Salmonid	2,402
Shellfish	51	Shellfish	4,090
Hatcheries	4	Hatcheries	N/A
Other	10	Other	145
Total Licenses:	152	Total Area:	6,637

- Atlantic salmon production rebounded following lower production levels in 2014. A full recovery to 2013 production levels is anticipated by the end of next year.
- Mussel production experienced a small decline, compared to 2014. Lower production was mainly due to decreased access to product during winter months. Production is expected to grow in 2016.
- The lower value of the Canadian dollar had a positive impact on market demand and commodity prices for both finfish and shellfish. The lower exchange rate partially offset declining market prices for salmonid products.
- In 2015, the first commercial oyster sites were licensed in the province with commercial production anticipated in the next two to three years.

Source: DFA