

Methodology

The data in this publication are taken from the statistical system of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Quebec Region. The system consists of three components, all of which were used to produce this report: catch-effort-quotas, people-vessels-licences, and processing plant production and workforce.

Data on people, vessels and licences come from licensing paperwork. The number of licence holders corresponds to the number of people registered with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, who operated authorized fishing gears under the terms of a commercial fishing licence. The number of vessels is the number of fishing boats licensed. The number of licences is the total number of fishing licences issued, but not necessarily active.

Furthermore, to estimate the volume of fish eaten by commercial fishermen and their families, the volume of fish sold directly to the public or used as bait and processed by fishermen themselves, we use data supplied by DFO fishery officers and information from fishermen's associations. **This type of data, called "supplementary purchase slips" is being included only in tables where we added a note to that effect.**

Data are gathered, coded and entered locally in each of the maritime sectors: Gaspé, Sept-Îles and Cap-aux-Meules. The concepts and definitions used meet the standards set by the Statistical Coordinating Committee for the Atlantic Coast (STACAC) and are thus compatible with the systems of the other Atlantic regions (the Gulf, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland). Papers published by the STACAC provide more information on the concepts and definitions used here (see reference list). Some of them are available from Statistics Service at the Quebec City Regional Office.

Figures in the tables on landings have been rounded, so they may not add up to the totals shown.

It should also be noted that some data on salmon, eel, smelt, tomcod, capelin and sturgeon landings were supplied by the Quebec Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ).