

Definitions of terms used in this publication

Active fisherman	Fisherman or fisherman's helper who has made at least one landing in the season.
Active fishing enterprise	Fishing enterprise that has made at least one landing in the season.
Active registered licence holders	Any person registered with DFO who uses fishing gear authorized by a commercial fishing licence. This definition does not cover fishermen helpers.
Active vessel	A vessel for which at least one landing in the reference year has been counted.
Actual deviation	Difference between data for the year under consideration and the preceding year.
Administrative regions	Regions defined by DFO. In this publication, we refer to the Atlantic administrative regions: Quebec Region: Encompasses the province of Quebec Gulf Region: Encompasses coastal areas of the Gulf in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, as well as the Province of Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia: Encompasses the waters of the Bay of Fundy, the Scotian Shelf and Georges Bank which is the ocean side of Nova Scotia Newfoundland Region: Encompasses the geographic sector of the same name.
Atlantic Coast	Covers the Quebec, Gulf, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland regions.
Average Price	Total value of all landings sold divided by the total weight landed.

Buyer	Person or firm that commercially purchases fish directly from fishermen.
Certified plant	Any place that fish is processed for export or stored before exporting.
“Commercial fisherman” (southern Gulf)	In the Gulf, a commercial fisherman is a registered fisherman who does not take part in the fisheries fished by vessels with an LOA of 15.2 m (50’) or longer and does not meet the requirements of a bona fide full-time or part-time fisherman.
Commercial fishing licence	Designate an instrument by which the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans authorizes, pursuant to his discretionary authority under the Fisheries Act, grants permission to a person including an Aboriginal organization to harvest certain species of fish or marine plants subject to the conditions attached to the licence. This is in no sense a permanent permission; it terminates upon expiry of the licence. The licensee, is essentially given a limited fishing privilege rather than any kind of absolute or permanent “right or property”.
Conversion factor	Ratio used to convert the weight of a product or form of a product on landing into equivalent live weight.
Core	<p>In order to qualify as a member of the core group, a person must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - be the head of an active fishing enterprise, i.e., have fished full time for the previous two years (1994 and 1995) and have a vessel in the fishery; and - hold either two key licences, OR one key licence and in two of the years 1993, 1994 and 1995, have fished for 10 weeks with minimum reported landings of \$5,000 from their own licences for vessels less than 35’ and of \$10,000 from their own licences for vessels longer than 35’, OR one key licence and, in two of the years 1993, 1994 and 1995, have earned at least 75% of their income from fishing <p>License holders who meet the eligibility criteria for the Atlantic</p>

Groundfish Strategy (TAGS) or the Northern Cod Adjustment and Recovery Program (NCARP) may use the TAGS or NCARP qualifying years instead.

Key licences are defined as shrimp, crab, lobster, groundfish other than handline, scallop, herring and, on the Lower North Shore, capelin.

Division	NAFO (Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization) divisions.
Fishing day	Day in which fishing gear was used with the goal of catching fish to sell.
Gear	Any equipment used to catch fish.
Gulf of St. Lawrence	Coastal areas of the Gulf in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, western Newfoundland and southern Labrador, as well as Prince Edward Island and Quebec.
ITQ	Individual transferable quota
Landed value	Monetary value of the recorded landed quantity, that is, the landed quantity multiplied by the unit price, or the value supplied by the buyer.
Landing	Quantities of fish and shellfish (molluscs and crustaceans) landed, excluding discards, measured as live weight.
Live weight	Weight (round weight) of a live fish, which can be estimated, if necessary, on the basis of the form at landing using a standard conversion factor.
Non-core	Any fisherman not qualified for membership in the core group.
Non registered licence holders	Non registered holders of active licence refer only to companies, aboriginal fishermen, successions and to licences bought back by DFO.
Other items	Includes sea urchins, lumpfish caviar, scallop roe, other seafood, and seal products.

Outside the Gulf of St. Lawrence	Waters of the Bay of Fundy, the Scotian Shelf and Georges Bank that is, the ocean side of Nova Scotia as well as the province of Newfoundland, not including the west coast and southern Labrador.
Quota	For a given species and fishing area, the catch limit set for a segment of the commercial fleet.
Specialized enterprise	Fishing enterprise that has recorded at least 25% of the average value of landings of its reference fleet.
Supplementary purchase slips	<p>These data are used to compile all landings not recorded on general purchase receipts. This information comes from estimates from four different sources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fish processed by fishermen Direct sales to the public Fish used as bait by fishermen Other landings (including personal consumption by fishermen and their families and sport fishing)
Value	Statistics on value are expressed in current Canadian dollars.