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## **2005 British Columbia Seafood Processing Employment Survey Results**

### Jobs

A total of 5,501 person years of employment were reported by B.C. seafood processors in 2005. The survey indicated that average employment in the fish processing industry for all categories combined ranged from a low of 3,923 jobs in January to a high of 7,242 jobs in August.

Jobs in the seafood processing industry were attributed to one of three categories: executive, processing and maintenance. Seafood processing jobs accounted for 79% of all fish plants jobs with employee counts ranging from 2,846 in January to a high of 6,072 in July with an annual average of 4,343. Executive and maintenance job counts tended to be more year-round with less fluctuations from month to month. Executive positions made up 17% of the plant workforce with between 880 and 951 employees and averaging 917 for the year. Similarly, maintenance job counts ranged from between 197 and 273 with an average of 241 positions representing 14% of all processing plant jobs.

### Regional Data

The lower mainland accounted for 61% of all employment, followed by Southern Vancouver Island contributing 20%, Northern Vancouver Island and North Coast/Prince Rupert at 6% each with the remaining 7% distributed between plants located on West Coast Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, the Central Coast and the Interior of B.C.

### Processing Activity

Of the plants operating in 2005, a total of 157 (77%) operated year-round with the remaining 47 plants running between 1 and 11 months of the year. Many of these seasonal plants are up –river sport caught fish processors that are in operation during salmon season or cold-storage facilities utilized for temporary storage.

### Detailed Regional and Species Employment Results

Please refer to the attached table for detailed data on employment by regional districts and wild and cultured species employment shares.

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Regional District	Company Count	Annual Average Jobs*	Breakdown of Jobs by Major Species Groups**							Job Subtotal from Species Breakdown*
			Salmon-Wild	Salmon-Farmed	Halibut	Herring	Groundfish	Shellfish-Wild	Shellfish-Farmed	
Alberni-Clayoquot	11	334	11	76	1	-	244	3	1	334
Capital	12	181	63	17	17	-	75	9	-	180
Comox-Strathcona	16	465	62	215	3	27	1	25	134	465
Cowichan Valley	3	34	3	-	8	-	1	4	19	34
Fraser Valley	6	75	26	2	-	33	14	-	-	75
Greater Vancouver	101	3,299	967	264	126	519	723	583	100	3,279
Kitimat-Stikine	10	21	21	-	-	-	-	1	-	21
Mount Waddington	8	343	30	114	1	-	72	2	-	218
Nanaimo	12	229	94	8	24	8	61	23	12	228
Skeena-Queen Charlotte	12	448	215	-	37	24	111	62	-	448
Powell River / Sunshine Coast	6	55	3	25	-	-	1	27	-	55
All Other	7	17	11	1	-	-	6	-	-	17
<b>Total BC</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>5,501</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>1,309</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>5,354</b>

\*The survey collects the number of employees on the payroll in any given month. The monthly counts have then been totalled and divided by 12 to give an annual average job count. These are not FTE counts as full-time/part-time hours are not part of the survey or calculations.

\*\* Not all survey respondents provided the species breakdown information and therefore the totals for this section are lower than the Actual Annual Average Jobs column data in some instances.