



SALMON FARMING IN B.C. FAST FACTS

- The BCSFA represents 41 members, including producers and supporting businesses that provide services and supplies.
- BCSFA members operate an estimated 106 of the 109 licensed and tenured finfish aquaculture facilities across the coastal regions of B.C., with 60-70 operating and all others resting at any given time.
- Salmon farming is worth over \$1.14-billion to the B.C. economy and results in about 5,000 jobs.
- Jobs in salmon farming pay on average 30% higher than the provincial median employment income.
- The BCSFA represents 98% of the total provincial farm-raised harvest. Members of the BCSFA produce an average of 75,000 tonnes of salmon each year.
- The total average landed value of B.C. farm-raised salmon from 2012 – 2014 is \$426 million, making it B.C.'s highest valued seafood product and the second highest valued agricultural product behind Dairy. It is also B.C.'s #1 agricultural export.
- 78% of the salmon raised in B.C. is done so in partnership with First Nations.
- B.C. salmon farmers have 20 social and economic partnerships with coastal First Nations – and are working towards many more.
- About 25% of the total direct employment of B.C.'s four largest salmon farming companies is First Nations.
- All salmon farms in B.C. meet the requirements of stringent third-party certification standards B.C. salmon farmers are amongst world leaders in adopting the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) certification and now have six ASC certified farms in B.C. This stringent standard was developed by the WWF.
- No GMOs or hormones are used to enhance growth in B.C.'s farm-raised salmon.
- Salmon on farms in BC are extremely healthy with about 90% of salmon surviving through to market.

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