

Economic Impact

Q: What is salmon farming, and why is it important in British Columbia and Vancouver Island?

A: Salmon farming involves growing fish at hatcheries on-land, in the ocean, as well as processing harvested fish at several locations in the province. Even though BC products are sold around the world, many benefits are realized locally as the industry provides jobs, supports local communities, and contributes significantly to the economy.

Q: How many jobs does salmon farming create in British Columbia?

A: In 2020, there were about 7,000 jobs in BC, including both direct jobs like working on the farms and indirect jobs in related industries like transportation, feed production, and equipment supply. The recent decisions by the Federal Government have seen a decrease of approx 1,500 jobs mainly in remote coastal communities.



Location	Jobs (FTE)	Labor Income (\$M)	GDP (\$M)	Revenue (\$M)	Number of local vendors	Annual spending on local vendors (\$M)
Comox Valley	193	14.3	17.4	48.1	178	27.2
Campbell River, Sayward, Discovery Islands	1,274	93.9	115	324.3	678	132.6
Port Hardy, Port McNeill	512	37.7	46.6	135.1	145	25.7
Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet	215	15.9	19.5	55.3	104	20.3
West Coast Vancouver Island	181	13.4	16.4	47.3	56	13.3
Sunshine Coast, Metro Vancouver	1,373	101.2	122.1	325.7	447	282.9
Other Coastal	114	8.4	10.4	29.3	112	9
Additional Un-allocated Economic Impacts	2,507	185	229.6	650.1	N/a	N/a
Total	6,370	469.8	576.8	1,615.10	1,720	511

On Vancouver Island, salmon farming is a major industry. It generates millions of dollars each year, helping local businesses thrive and providing stable employment in many coastal communities.

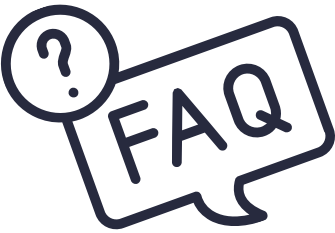


Q: What is the value of the salmon farming industry to British Columbia's economy?

A: In 2019, salmon farming revenues in BC were \$819M and the total economic activity generated by the salmon farming sector across the province amounted to almost double that amount (\$1,615.1M). This includes the value of the salmon produced, as well as the economic activity generated by related industries.

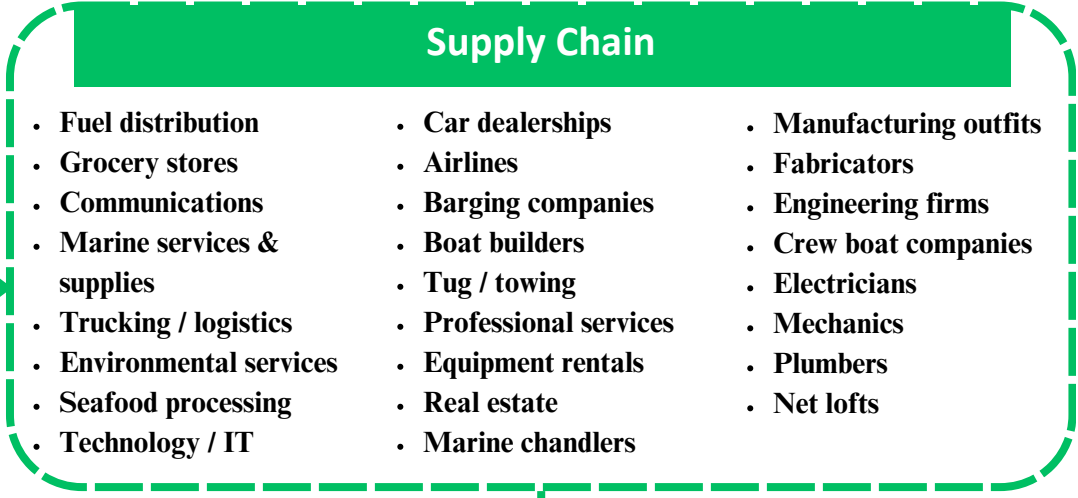
Q: Are there any environmental concerns related to salmon farming, and how are they addressed?

A: Yes, there are concerns like water pollution and the impact on wild salmon. However, the industry is working on sustainable practices, such as using better waste management systems and developing new farming technologies to wild salmon interactions and reduce environmental impact.



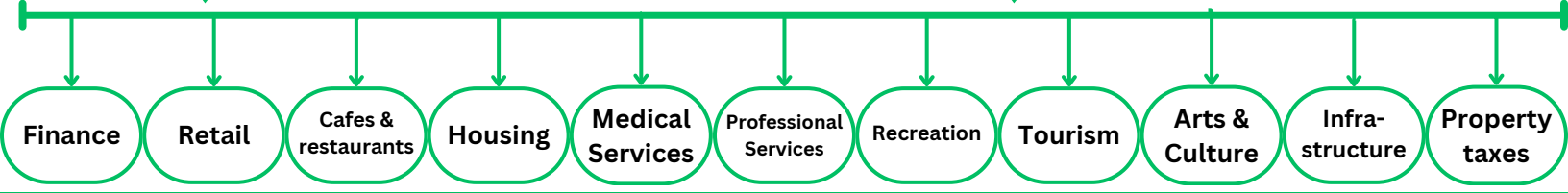
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