

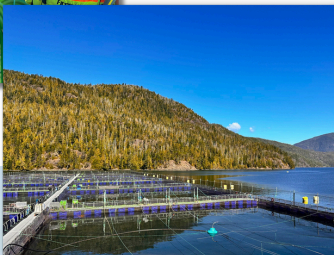
Economic Impact

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 BC salmon farming create?

A: The salmon farming sector in BC creates about 4,560 jobs across Canada with 3,840 jobs specifically 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 3,000 jobs mainly in remote coastal communities.



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



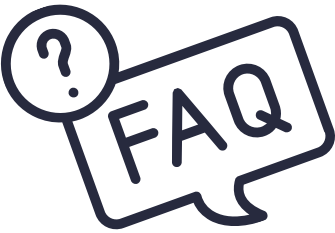
Region	Output (millions)	GDP (millions)	Labour Income	Jobs (FTEs)
Courtenay/ Comox/ Cumberland	\$63.4	\$22.0	\$15.2	241
Campbell River/ Sayward/ Discovery Islands	\$321.3	\$113.8	\$73.3	1,251
Port Hardy/ Port McNeil	\$54.5	\$19.4	\$12.3	214
Port Alberni/ Tofino/ Ucluelet	\$134.7	\$46.9	\$32.1	513
West Coast NVI	\$61.2	\$21.1	\$14.8	231
Central VI	\$36.2	\$12.6	\$8.6	138
South VI	\$16.1	\$5.8	\$3.5	64
Sunshine Coast / Metro Vancouver	\$225.3	\$84.8	\$43.2	946
Other regions in B.C.	\$33.0	\$11.8	\$7.3	130
Total Within B.C.	\$945.6	\$338.4	\$210.3	3,729
Impacts within other provinces	\$224.5	\$96.1	\$48.5	831
Canada Total	\$1,170.1	\$434.5	\$258.8	4,560

Q: What is the value of the BC salmon farming sector to the Canadian economy?

A: Based on 2024 data, the salmon farming sector in BC generates about \$1.17 billion in annual economic activity and \$435 million in GDP. Within BC, the sector generates about \$973 million per year and an annual GDP of \$348 million. This includes the value of the salmon produced, as well as the economic activity generated by related industries.

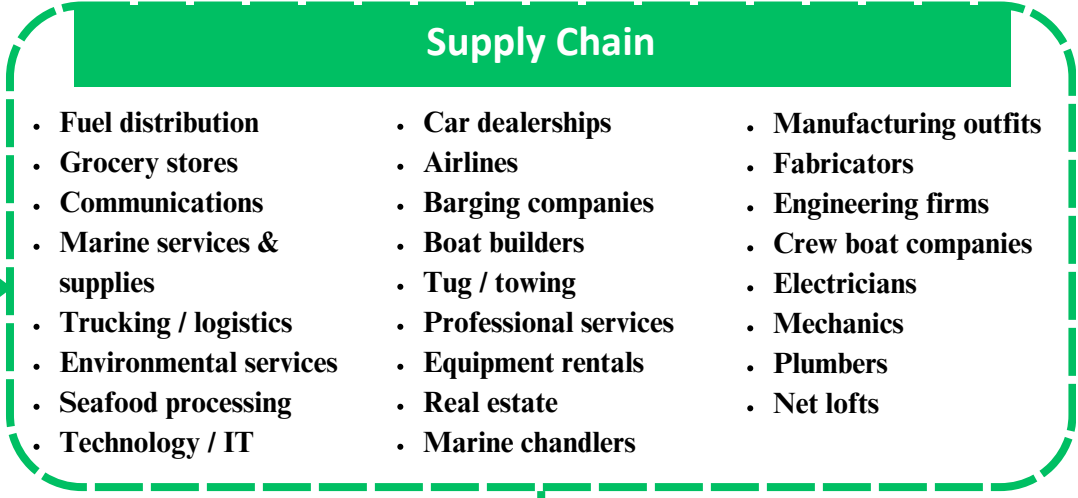
Q: Are there any environmental concerns related to salmon farming, and how are they addressed?

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.



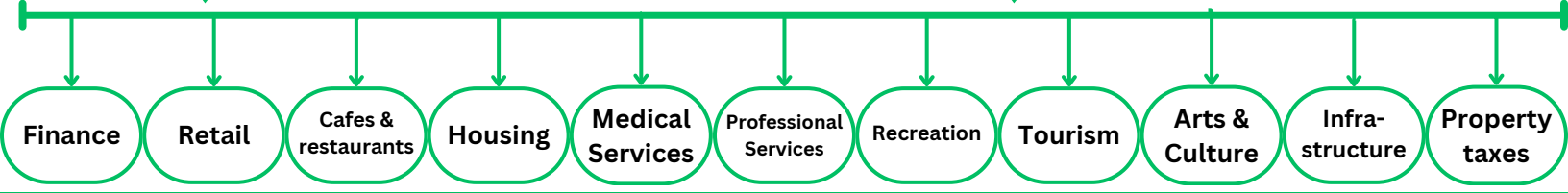
Economic Impact

Campbell River & North Island



Employees

Employees



Want to learn more?

Scan the QR code to check out "Modern Salmon Farming: A Review" for info on:

- 🐟 Indigenous Stewardship in Aquaculture
- 🐟 Feed Sustainability
- 🐟 Protecting Biodiversity
- 🐟 Sea Lice Management

and more!



"Modern Salmon Farming: A Review" Commissioned By



"Modern Salmon Farming: A Review" Prepared By

