



BACKGROUND: Amendments to the Aquaculture Act

Campbell River is the centre for sport, recreational, commercial and aquaculture fisheries on Northern Vancouver Island. These play a significant role in local economic diversity and tourism. Additionally, the City of Campbell River's Strategic Plan focuses on economic growth and support for our tourism industry.

The following are statistics on the economic impact of the BC aquaculture industry and current practices:

Aquaculture Employment Impact

The City of Campbell River has a long history of aquaculture industry being a part of the local economy and a large contributor to the economy of British Columbia. The aquaculture industry employs more than 400 people in Campbell River alone (source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census), with thousands more employed from smaller communities on the North Island. Five aquaculture employers are based in Campbell River, including three international producers: Cermaq, Mowi and Grieg Seafood. Mowi has reported that the employment impact of the fish farm closures in the area is approximately 1500 for their company.

There are approximately 7,000 total full-time equivalent (FTE) positions supported by the BC salmon farming industry, including direct employment (directly related to the production of farmed fish), indirect employment (related to the supply of goods and services) or induced employment effects (when the direct and indirect generated incomes are spent and re-spent in the broader economy). Employment is typically year-round and includes numerous benefits including a salary of approximately 30% more than the median employment income in the province. (Source: <https://bcsalmonfarmers.ca/economic-impact/#benefits>)

AQUACULTURE SECTOR EMPLOYMENT

SHARE OF CAMPBELL RIVER JOBS	2.4%
SHARE OF BC JOBS	0.2%

EMPLOYED CAMPBELL RIVER RESIDENTS'

AQUACULTURE	320
SEAFOOD PRODUCT PREPARATION AND PACKAGING	85
TOTAL	405

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census



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North Island College provides local training for the Aquaculture industry. Currently they offer Aquaculture Technician Certificate, Aquaculture Technician Diploma, Hatchery Operations Certificate, Shellfish Aquaculture Technician Certificate. The closure will affect the viability of offering these certificates in the region, further reducing employment opportunities for residents working at the college.

Aquaculture Economic Impact

BC's seafood sector—which includes aquaculture and commercial fishing operations—generated sales with a landed value of \$1.29 billion (Source: Fast Stats 2018: British Columbia's Agriculture, Food and Seafood Sector). The BC Salmon Farmers Association states that the annual landed value of BC farm- raised salmon in 2018 was \$772.5 Million – up 94% from 2014. (Source: <https://dashboard.bcsalmonfarmers.ca/annual-landed-value-of-bc-farm-raised-salmon>)