

Based on 2007 Canadian Aquaculture Statistics, commercial aquaculture production has become an increasingly significant sector in Canada, valued at \$902 million. Seafood is the largest single food commodity exported by Canada. Aquaculture now accounts for 14% of total Canadian fisheries production and 33% of its value.



#### Coating Company repainted a 12 cage fish farm



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#### 4.2. Aquaculture Development in Canada

The Government of Canada announced a \$70 million investment over five years in Budget 2008. This funding will create the conditions for a successful and sustainable aquaculture industry across Canada.

This investment will streamline the regulatory process, strengthen science to create performance-based environmental standards, spur innovation to enhance the sector's competitiveness and productivity, and develop a certification scheme to meet rigorous quality standards in international markets.

#### 4.2. Aquaculture in BC

British Columbia is the fourth largest producer of cultured salmon in the world after Norway, Chile, and the United Kingdom. Farmed salmon is B.C.'s largest agricultural export product. Equipment must be constantly maintained to high standard to prevent contamination to the seafood as a food source. Care must be taken to ensure that there is no rust or toxins on the supplies including basins and containers for fish farming.

- In 2007, the B.C. aquaculture sector produced 88,900 tonnes of fish and shellfish and generated \$387.9 million in farmgate value.
- Atlantic salmon and chinook are the predominant salmon species cultured in B.C.