



Marine Harvest Canada (MHC) - Fast Facts

- Marine Harvest Canada (MHC) operates salmon farms and processing plants in British Columbia, Canada, where 600 people raise 45,000 tonnes of sustainable Atlantic salmon each year. Marine Harvest Canada is part of the Marine Harvest ASA group, the worlds largest producer of Atlantic salmon.
- MHC employs 600 people and is one of the largest private employers on northern Vancouver Island.
- 461 jobs (direct, direct, induced) are associated with MHC's Broughton area production. Overall salmon farming in B.C. supports 6,600 jobs.
- MHC has operated salmon farms in the Broughton Archipelago for the past 30 years. Overall, the salmon raised on 12 farms in the area generate approximately \$200-million towards the economy. In total, the salmon farming sector generates \$1.5-Billion in average annual economic benefit for B.C.
- MHC spends an average of \$51-million each year with suppliers, which include 174 businesses located on northern Vancouver Island. 86% of all MHC supplier spending is with B.C. based businesses.
- The fish grown in the 12 sites in the Broughton region begin life in hatcheries on Vancouver Island (12 to 17 months), grow-out to harvest in marine net-pen farms (17 to 21 months), and undergo primary processing in Port Hardy. Whole fish are either shipped direct to customers or undergo further processing at MHC's value-added processing plant in Surrey.
- MHC operates within the traditional territories of 24 First Nations and has formal agreements with 13 of these Nations. MHC has been developing agreements for 20 years.
- Approximately 20 per cent of the MHC workforce is First Nations. Marine Harvest has contracts with eight First Nations owned businesses that supply services.
- Marine Harvest operates four land-based hatcheries where fish spend the first 12-17 months of their lives. MHC operates between 30 to 40 marine salmon farms at any one time where fish spend 17 to 21 months. Farms not operating are left fallow.

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- MHC sells 31% of the annual harvest in Canada, 68% is exported to the United States, 1% is sent by air freight to Asia (2018 breakdown).
- Marine Harvest Canada has certified 100% of its operations to the Best Aquaculture Practices Four Star standards. <https://www.bapcertification.org/>
- MHC has committed to 100% certification to the Aquaculture Stewardship Council salmon standard by 2020. Today 60% of MHC production is certified to the standard The standard requires over 150 individual criteria be met to earn certification. <https://www.asc-aqua.org>
- All of MHC's harvest is recommended by the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Watch program as a "good alternative (yellow)" www.seafoodwatch.org

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