

The value of the equipment used in primary operations of the commercial fisheries increased by \$8,700,000 over the 1947 figure to \$67,300,000 in 1948. A rise in the total estimated value of craft of all types accounted for \$4,500,000 of the increase, and an addition of \$2,800,000 to the value of salmon and lobster gear was reported.

Of the total investment in the agencies of primary production, the sea fisheries employed 85 p.c., and engaged 47,366 men—117 more than in 1947. The inland fisheries, with a total of 18,749, showed an increase of 579 employed over 1947.

5.—Capital Investment in Sea and Inland Fisheries, 1947 and 1948

Kind of Equipment	1947		1948	
	No.	\$'000	No.	\$'000
Sea Fisheries—				
Steam trawlers and vessels.....	7	1,175	8	1,075
Draggers.....	108	2,037	113	2,968
Vessels—gasoline, diesel and sail.....	1,919	14,257	2,028	17,506
Boats—gasoline, diesel, sail and row.....	28,232	15,953	27,710	15,429
Packers, carrying boats and scows.....	363	1,009	772	1,807
Herring nets.....	45,956	871	46,796	999
Mackerel nets.....	32,156	639	30,457	643
Salmon nets, traps and seines.....	14,769	3,178	15,335	4,644
Smelt nets.....	14,320	460	16,650	535
Other nets, weirs and seines.....	5,555	2,091	5,592	2,407
Tubs of trawl, skates of gear, hand lines.....	90,813	1,394	83,935	1,258
Lobster traps and pounds.....	1,833,811	4,262	1,845,074	5,608
Other gear.....	...	220	...	250
Premises—piers, wharves, freezers, ice-, small fish- and smoke-houses.....	7,335	2,039	7,303	2,330
Total Values, Sea Fisheries Equipment.....	...	49,585	...	57,459
Inland Fisheries—				
Fish carriers and tugs.....	145	1,322	136	1,392
Boats (gasoline and diesel), skiffs, canoes.....	7,060	1,937	7,293	2,013
Gill nets.....	...	3,660	...	3,874
Other nets, weirs and seines.....	6,338	840	7,341	1,049
Other gear.....	...	81	...	258
Premises—piers, wharves, freezers, ice-, small fish- and smoke-houses.....	2,229	1,166	2,722	1,244
Total Values, Inland Fisheries Equipment.....	...	9,096	...	9,830
Grand Totals.....	...	58,591	...	67,289

6.—Persons Employed in the Primary Fishing Industry, 1946-48

Item	Sea Fisheries			Inland Fisheries		
	1946	1947	1948	1946	1947	1948
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Persons Employed in—						
Steam trawlers and vessels.....	162	164	132	—	—	—
Draggers.....	439	509	521	—	—	—
Vessels.....	7,809	8,751	9,030	10,402	11,511	10,782
Boats.....	38,097	34,459	34,007			
Packers, carrying boats and scows.....	693	346	593	117	132	112
Fishing, not in boats.....	4,761	3,020	3,083	11,034	6,527	7,855
Totals, Fishermen.....	51,961	47,249	47,366	21,553	18,170	18,749

Subsection 2.—The Fish-Processing Industry

The products of the fish-processing industry were valued at \$115,800,000 in 1948, an increase of \$10,600,000 over the 1947 figure; of the total value, the 27 salmon canneries reported 35 p.c., other canneries (of which 124 dealt wholly or mainly with lobsters) 17 p.c., the fish-curing establishments 27 p.c., and fresh fish freezing and reduction plants 21 p.c.