

Specifically, all tidal or sea fisheries, except those of Quebec, are administered by the Federal Department of Fisheries while the fresh-water or non-tidal fisheries, with some exceptions, are administered by the provincial departments. The exceptions are the Yukon and Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island where the fresh-water fisheries are federally administered.

The work required in the conservation, development and general regulation of the nation's coastal and fresh-water fisheries is performed by three agencies under the Minister of Fisheries:—

- (1) The Department of Fisheries proper, with headquarters at Ottawa and area offices under Chief Supervisors at Vancouver, Winnipeg, Halifax and St. John's.
- (2) The Fisheries Research Board of Canada, with headquarters at Ottawa and seven stations across Canada.
- (3) The Fisheries Prices Support Board, with headquarters at Ottawa.

**The Department of Fisheries.**—The chief responsibilities of the Department of Fisheries throughout Canada are, in brief, to conserve and develop Canada's primary fishery resources; to encourage the development of the fishing industry in the national economy; to inspect fish products, establish standards of quality and promote the optimum utilization of the resource; and to develop a proper public understanding of the resource and the industry.

The larger part of the Department's staff is stationed in the field, working in the four above-mentioned spheres, and is comprised mainly of a protection staff and an inspection staff. The protection officers, including those on the Department's 74 patrol and protection vessels, are concerned with the enforcement of the conservation regulations under the Fisheries Act and other Acts designed to ensure a continuing maximum yield of fish. The inspection officers are responsible for the inspection of fish products and processing plants under the Fish Inspection Act and relevant sections of the Meat and Canned Foods Act.

The conservation program of the Department is carried out by the Conservation and Development Service. Protection officers not only enforce regulations pertaining to restricted areas, close seasons, limitations in location and types of gear, but they inspect spawning streams and keep them clear of obstructions. Engineers of this Service construct fishways to enable fish to by-pass dams. Hatcheries are maintained to restock waters where the fisheries are under federal administration.

To ensure a high standard of quality, inspection of fish and fish products is carried out by the Inspection and Consumer Service. Fish inspection laboratories are maintained on the Atlantic and the Pacific Coasts. The Service also has a staff of home economists at Ottawa who operate a test kitchen and carry out demonstrations and lectures on methods of preparing and cooking fish and fish products.

Through the mediums of printed material, films, radio and exhibitions, the Information and Educational Service informs the public on the various aspects of the industry and the work of the fisheries service with the object of developing a better understanding of the resource and those engaged in its exploitation. The Service works closely with the Conservation and Development Service in matters concerning conservation of fisheries, and with the Inspection and Consumer Service toward encouraging increased consumption of Canadian fish products in both North American and export markets.