

The inland waters of Newfoundland, although they provide excellent sport fishing, are not commercially exploited. The lakes and ponds actually remain under the authority of the Department of Tourism but, under federal-provincial agreement, these waters, including rivers and streams, are under federal control in matters of conservation and guardianship.

**Prince Edward Island.** The Prince Edward Island fishing industry ranks third in the island economy. The landed value of the 1975 catch was in excess of \$12 million and after processing, its value exceeded \$20 million. The industry involves 3,200 fishermen and helpers and between 700 and 800 people in the fish processing industry at 24 processing facilities.

The PEI Department of Fisheries, with six divisions, supplements the activities of the federal Fisheries and Marine Service and is responsible for the administration of programs aimed at upgrading the industry and increasing returns to those engaged in it.

An active program in the Aquaculture Division is aimed at diversifying opportunities in the fisheries sector through increased production, improved quality and broadening of the resource base in shellfish, salmonoids, seaplants and lobsters. The Resource Harvesting Division conducts exploratory fishing projects and resource assessment studies to locate and quantify new and existing species, and conducts gear technology studies relating to harvesting methods and equipment.

The Product Handling Division is responsible for port development programs designed to improve fish handling, processing and holding techniques and to ensure better fish quality. The Processing and Quality Control Division administers the PEI Fish Inspection Act and Regulations, enforces quality standards, assists the processing industry to improve methods and productivity and promotes new product development.

The Economics and Statistics Division provides technical assistance to the fishing industry in financial management, feasibility analysis and statistical studies. The Extension Division administers information programs, conducts field demonstrations, prepares fishermen's training programs and conducts technical upgrading projects.

Loans are made to fishermen and the fishing industry through the Prince Edward Island Lending Authority, a Crown corporation established in 1969, which is empowered to grant credit in the sectors of fisheries, industry, tourism and agriculture. Provincial responsibilities concerning freshwater fisheries are discharged by the Fish and Wildlife Division of the Department of Environment and Tourism.

**Nova Scotia.** The fishing industry in Nova Scotia is of major importance to the province's economy. Landed value of fish in 1975 was approximately \$92 million while the market value was in the order of \$225 million. Annual household income generated by the fisheries is in the vicinity of \$240 million including such "spin-off" industrial effect as derives from boat building and repair and gear manufacturing. Fish products account for more than 20% of Nova Scotia's exports. Over 11,500 fishermen and 4,500 plant workers are directly employed in the industry and 191 fish processing plants are in operation.

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries is engaged in almost all aspects of the fishing industry and has significant input into some of the policies and programs legislated and administered by the federal government.

The primary thrusts of the department are in industrial and resource development, training, and field service. The Industrial Development Division is responsible for programs related to fishing vessels, gear and equipment, harbours and wharves, port facilities and processing plants. It deals with equipment and facilities involved in catching, handling, processing and marketing fish and fish products, and provides technical assistance and direction to fishermen and processors, as well as incentive financial assistance to encourage improvement