

expansion, seaplant resource development, pelagic species development and lobster resource development.

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. Water systems, offloading ramps, fishermen's bait sheds, weather shelters and unloading systems and wet fish storage facilities were to be provided at additional ports in 1977-78. 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 programs.

Loans are made to fishermen and the fishing industry through 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 environmental conservation services division of the environment department.

**Nova Scotia.** The fishing industry in Nova Scotia is of major importance to the province's economy. Landed value of fish in 1976 was approximately \$102 million while the market value was in the order of \$235 million. Fish products account for more than 30% 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 fisheries department 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 and new technology aimed at greater productivity. Loans are available to fishermen and processors through the Nova Scotia Resources Development Board.

The resource utilization division is involved in a broad range of projects directed toward making the greatest use of all fishery resources, processing these to the highest level, and marketing the products at a good price. It includes efforts in aquaculture aimed at producing fishery resources in a controlled environment. Activity is also directed to development of under-utilized and unexploited species, recovery and use of fish presently discarded, and encouragement of production of more food fish and less fish meal.

The training and field services division is responsible for extensive training programs for commercial fishermen. It operates the fisheries training centre in Pictou as well as courses held in fishing communities throughout the province. The division also provides a field service consisting of nine fisheries representatives who act in liaison with fishermen and all segments of the fishing industry.

**New Brunswick.** Commercial fishing is one of the most important industries of New Brunswick, employing about 5,000 fishermen with annual earnings of \$25.5 million and 7,000 plant workers. The annual marketed value of all fish and shellfish products is about \$120 million; 73% of exported production goes to the US. New Brunswick's commercial fisheries, both tidal and inland, are under the jurisdiction of the federal government, while angling in Crown waters is the responsibility of the provincial natural resources department. The New Brunswick government plays a major role in resource assessment and development, fisheries training, financial assistance to the industry and