

# Future of Seafood Industry in Newfoundland & Labrador

*It's Not all Doom & Gloom*

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# Outline for Today

- Seafood Sector Profile & Trends
- Global Trends Affecting NL Seafood Sector
- Role of MI in Advancing Seafood Value Chain
- Northern Peninsula Situation
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# SEAFOOD SECTOR PROFILE & TRENDS

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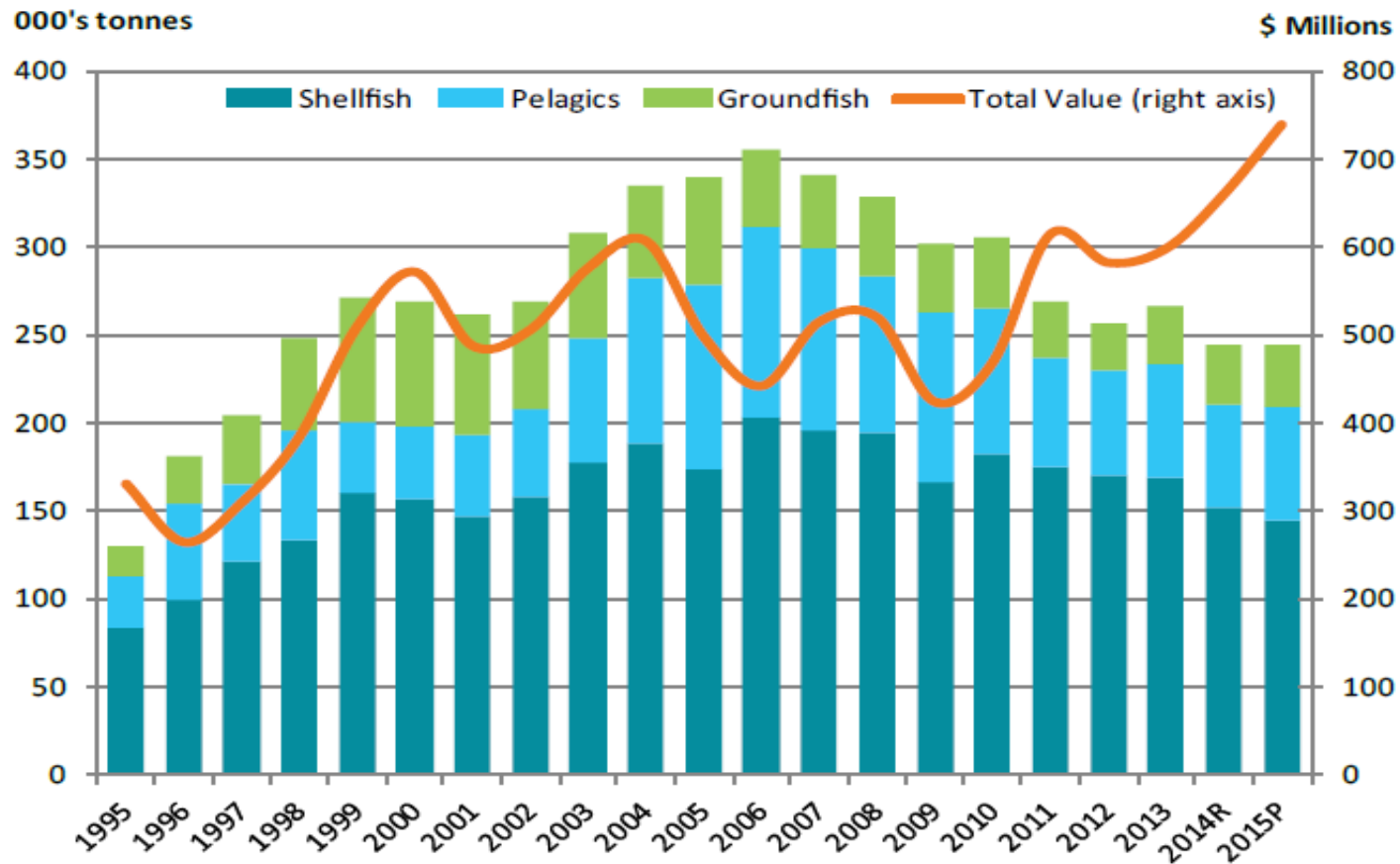
# Industry Snapshot

	1989	2014R	2015P
<b>Value of Production (\$ millions)</b>	650	953	1,266
<b>Volume of Landings (tonnes)</b>	506,000	244,787	240,785
<b>Value of Landings (\$ millions)</b>	242	661	738
<b>Harvesters (# registered)</b>	16,000	9,453	9,334
<b>Licensed Plants (primary)</b>	214	73	74
<b>Plant Workers (processing)</b>	21,000	7,881	7,721

R = Revised, P = Preliminary

Source: Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board; DFO; DFA

# NL Fish Landings by Species Group



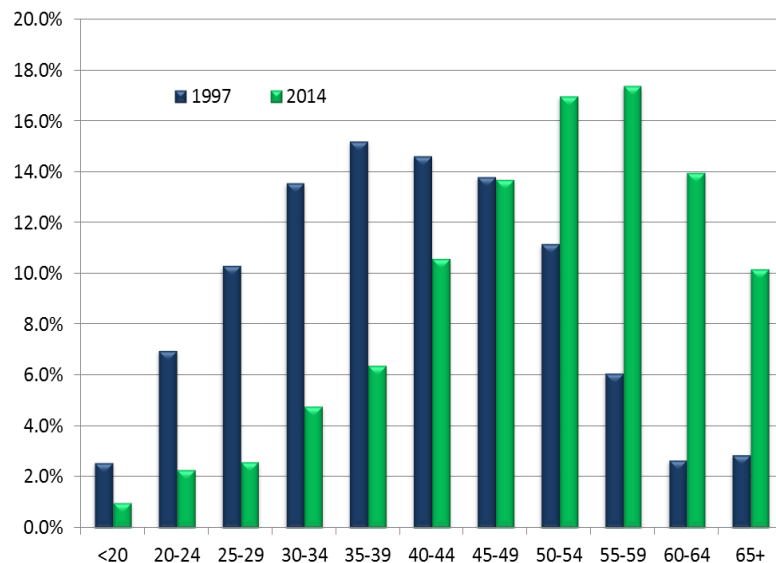
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*Shellfish represents approximately **82%** of industry landed value*

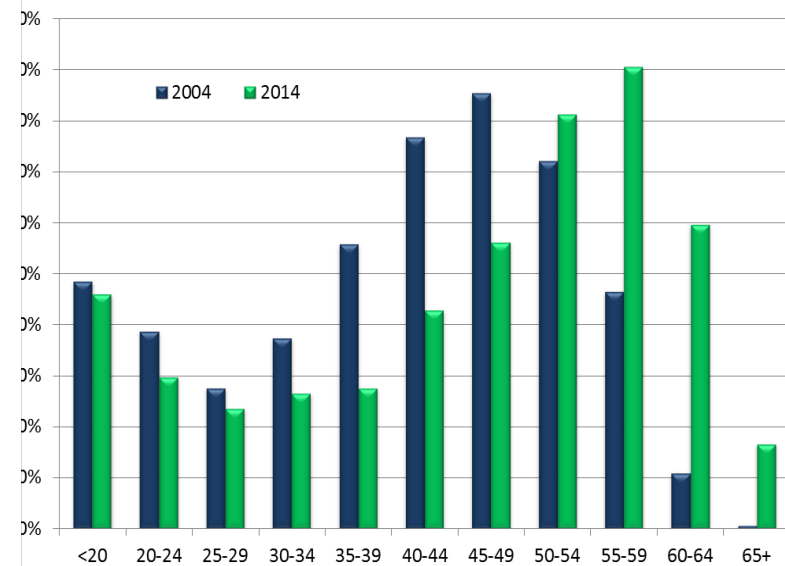
# Age Profile of Industry

## Fish Harvesters



Source: PFHCB; DFA

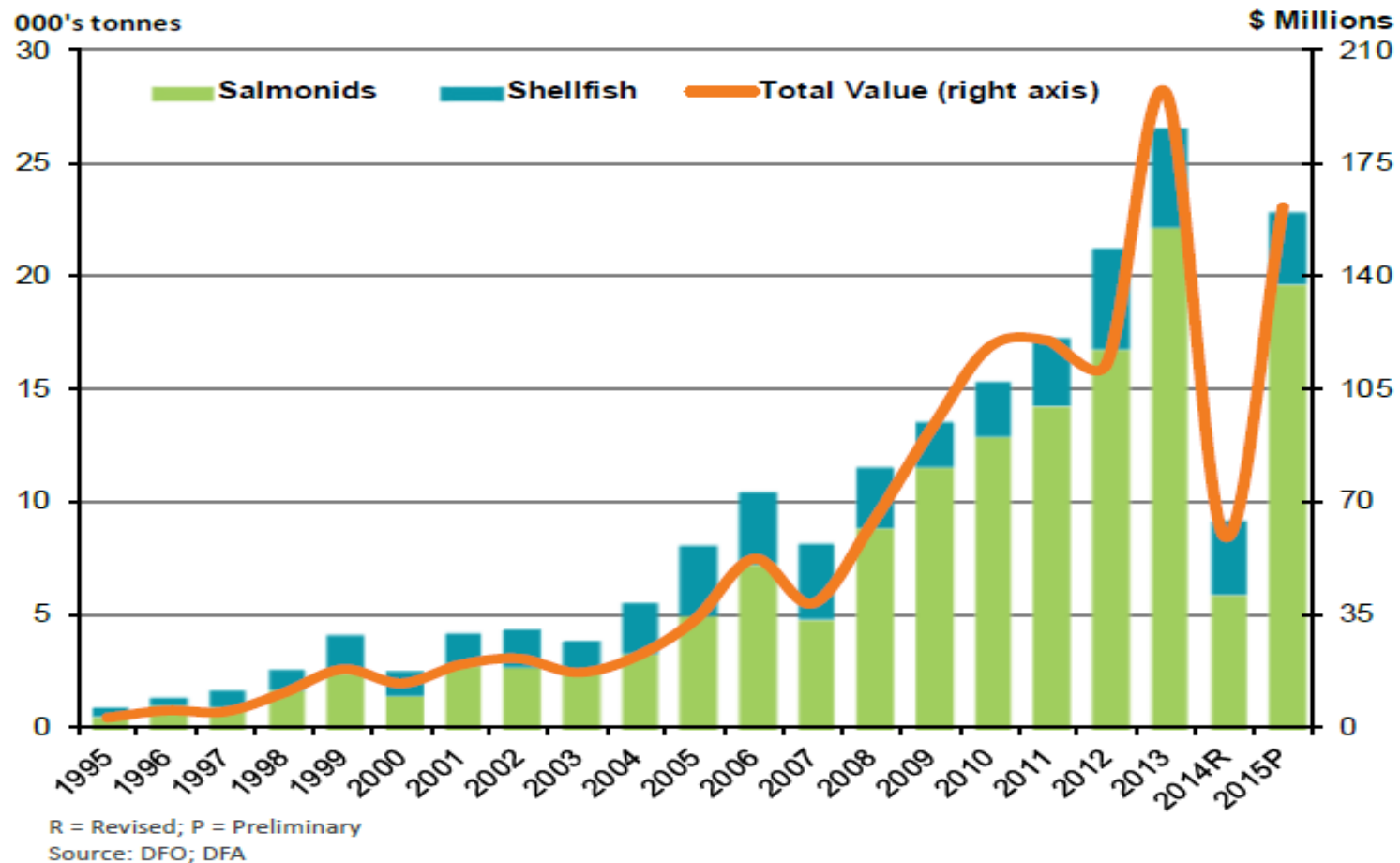
## Processing Workers



Source: DFA

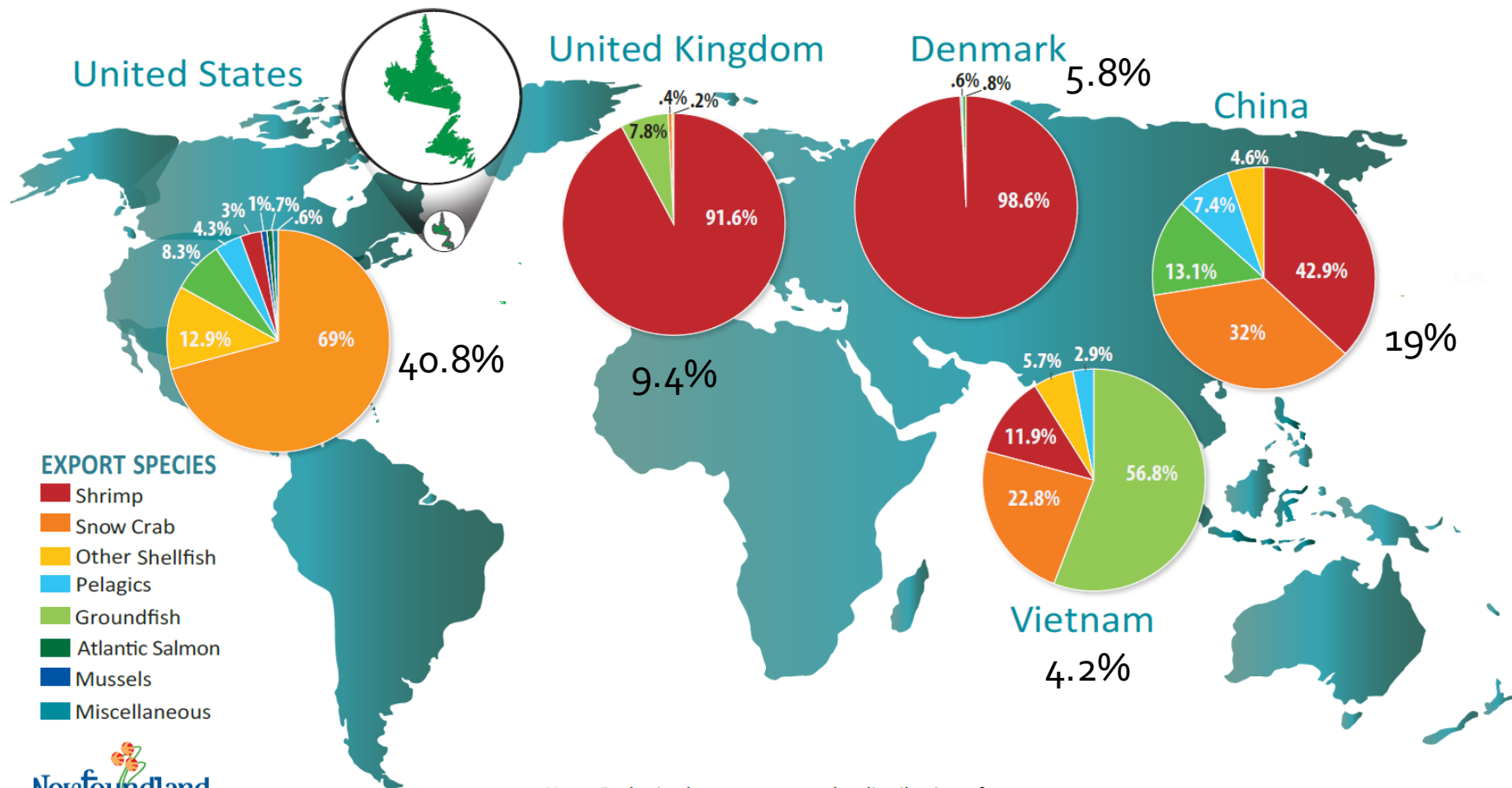
**Labour Market Outlook 2025 - Projected labour supply of fishing masters/fisherman is expected to lag projected job openings. Significant labour supply responses will be required to meet demand**

# NL Aquaculture Production



*Total aquaculture employment of approximately **439** workers in 2015*

# Top Five World Market Destinations for NL Seafood Products 2015



**Note:** Each pie chart represents the distribution of products within the identified country based on export value.

Data source: Statistics Canada

*Export value exceeding \$1 billion in 2015 with products sold in more than 40 countries*



# 2015 Record Year for NL Seafood

- Record Prices for Northern Shrimp
- Near record prices for Snow Crab
- Rebound in aquaculture production
  - Salmonid production increases over 2014
    - Aided by weak CAN\$
- Production value for 2015 well over \$ 1.2 billion
  - Significant revenue generation in rural NL in particular

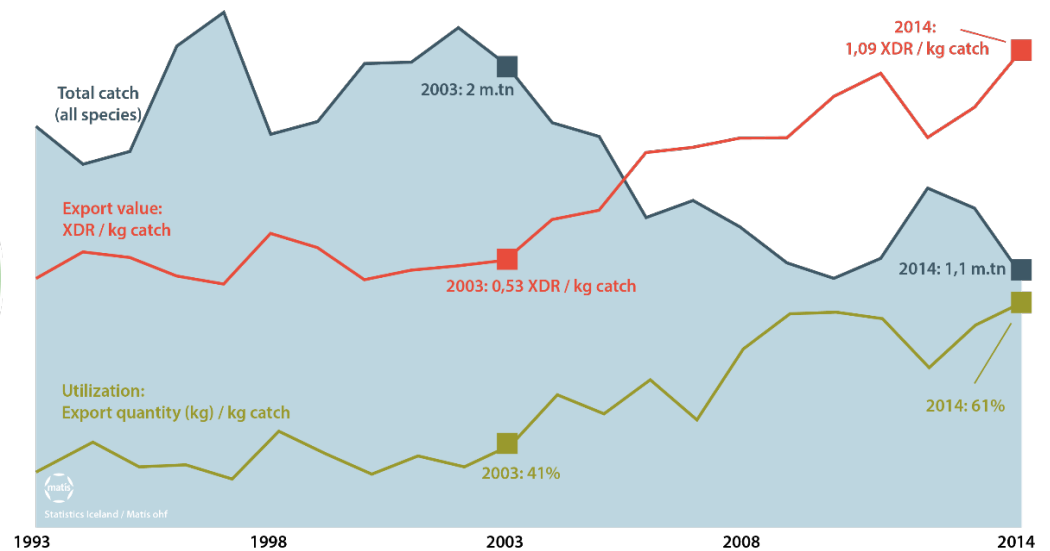
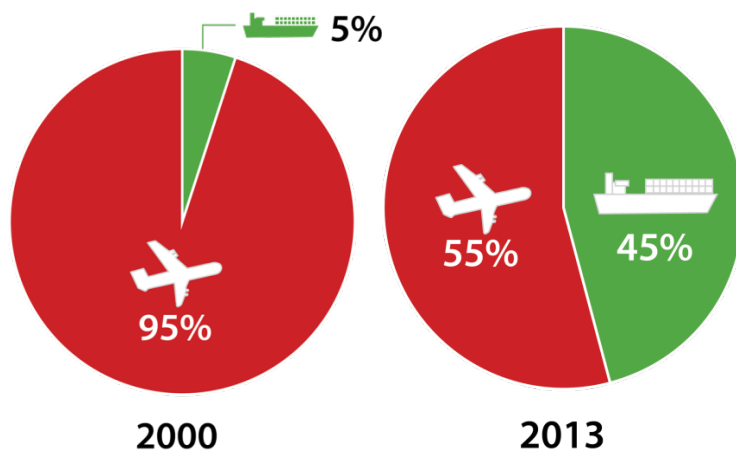
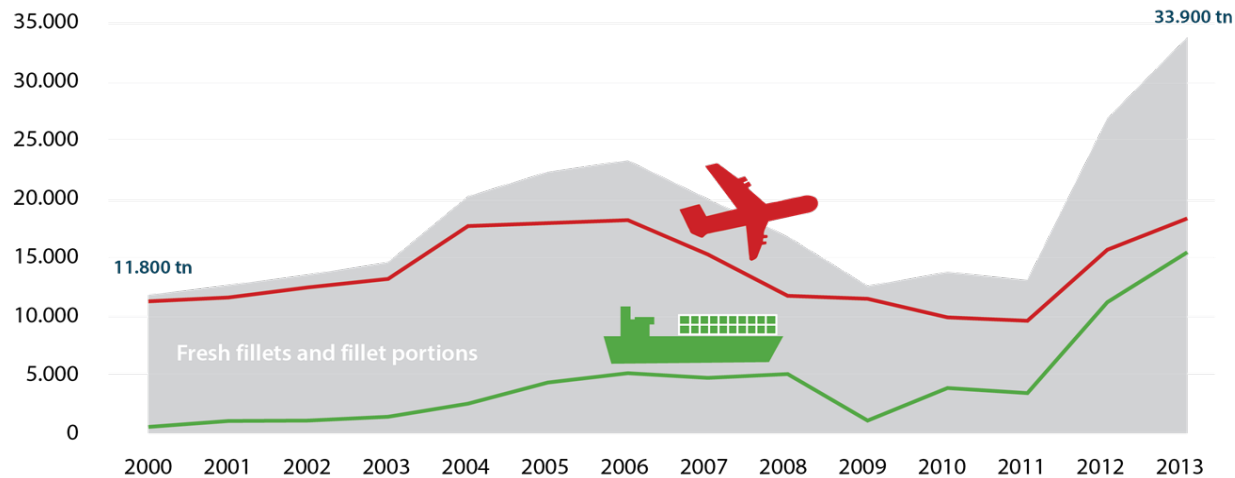
*Interesting to note that in a period where many other sectors are struggling seafood is contributing significantly to the provincial economy*

# Industry Competitiveness Issues

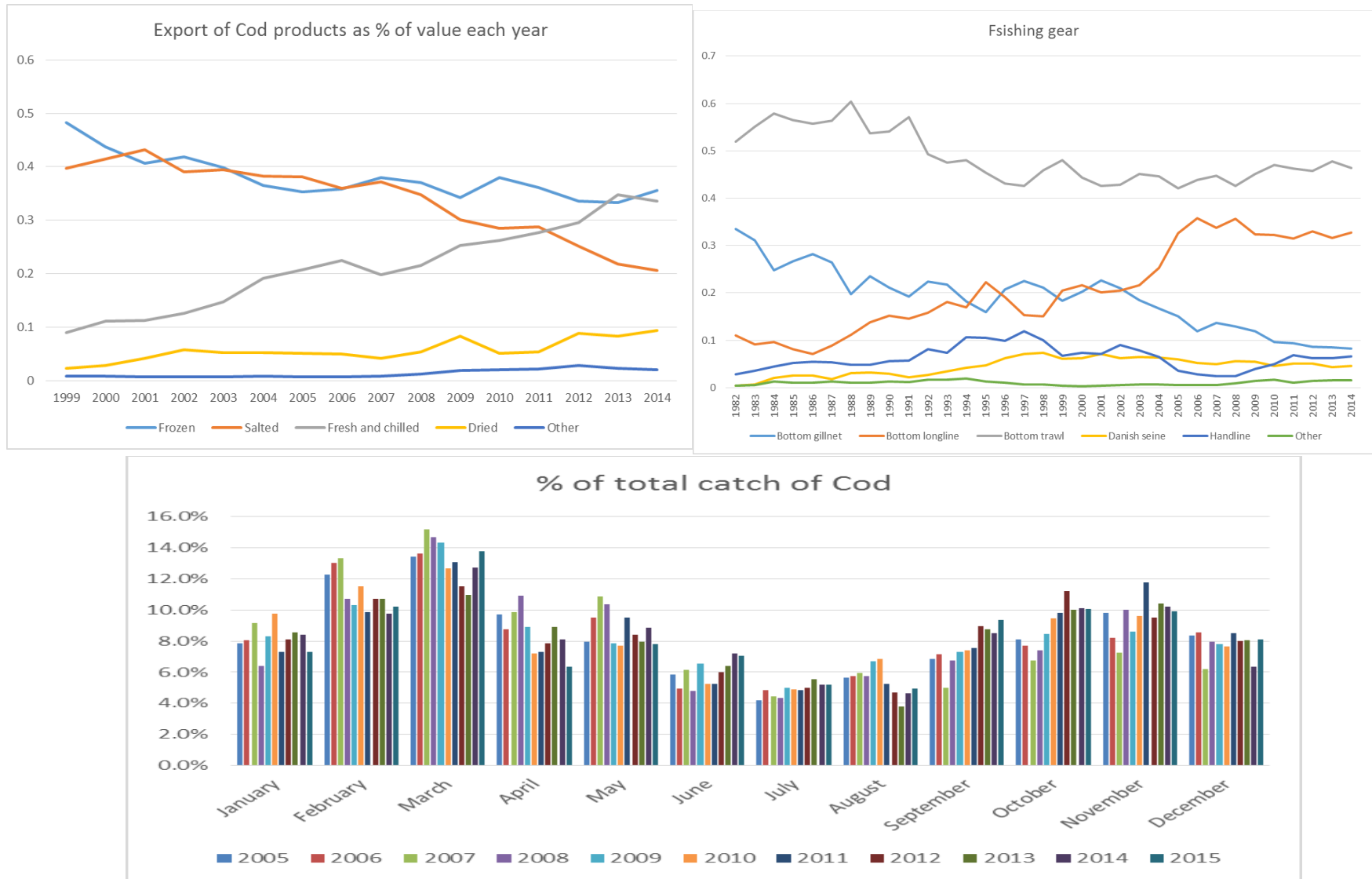


# The Icelandic Cod Story

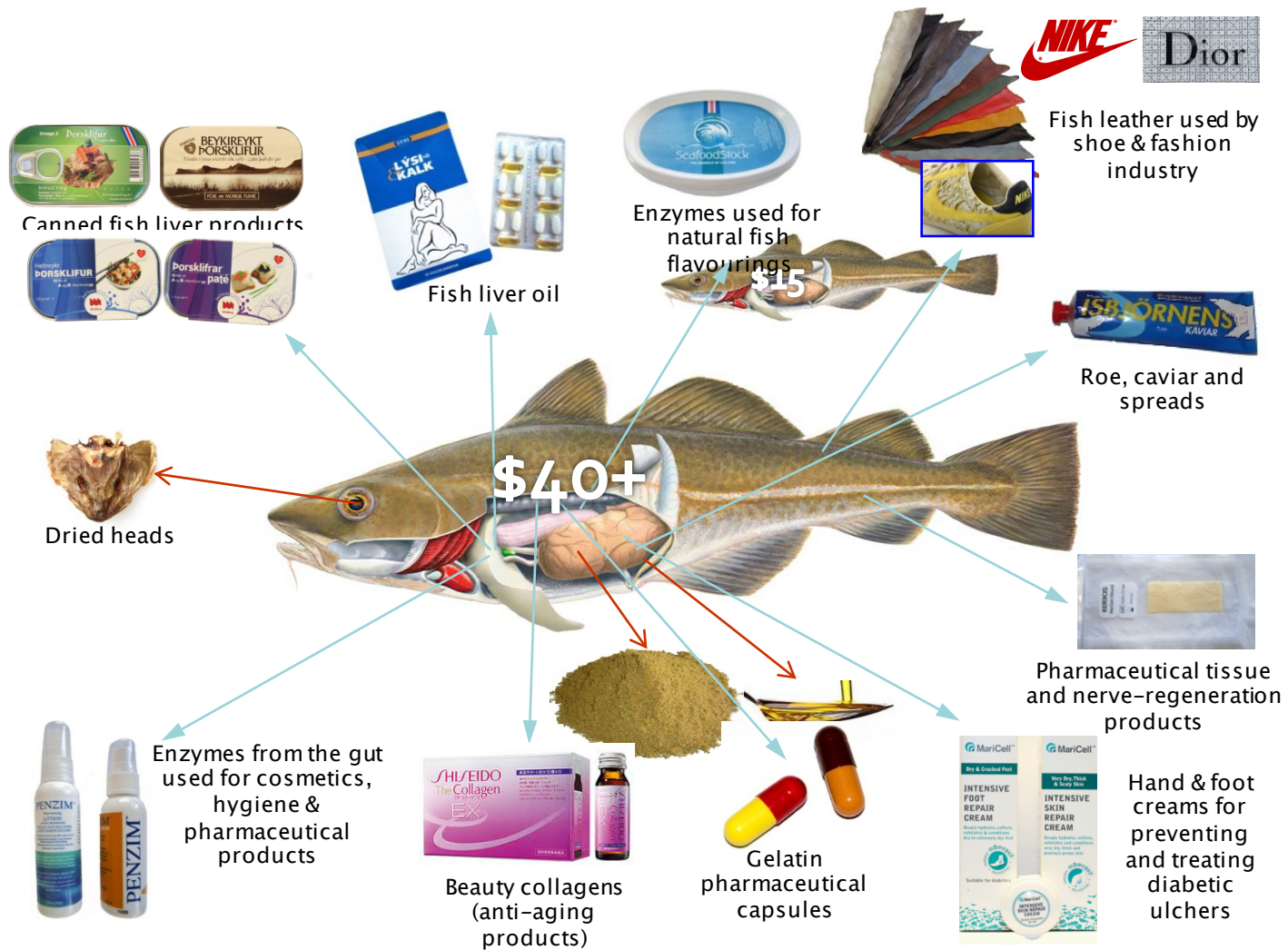
## Growth in fresh cod production



# Icelandic Trends



Source: Dr. Ögmundur Knutson UNAK



# UK Supermarket Visit – September 2015



£17.39 per kg Chilled £14.62 per kg

← Fresh

£13.50 per kg

Frozen →





# London Billingsgate Fish Market – Sept 10, 2015



Icelandic Cod – 12-16 oz

Production date – 08/09/15

Use By Date - -14/09/15

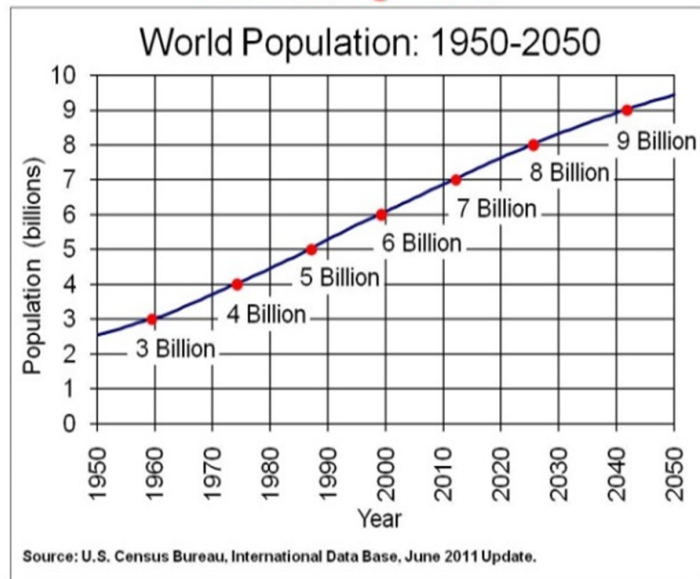
***Strong markets continue to exist for top quality cod that can be supplied on a consistent basis***

# GLOBAL TRENDS AFFECTING NL SEAFOOD SECTOR

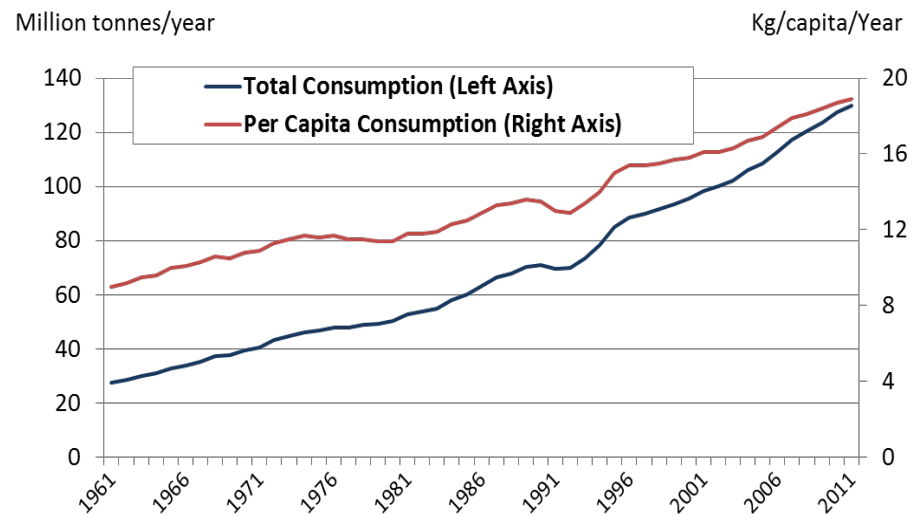


# World Population Growth      Global Seafood Consumption

## A Growing Planet



*FAO estimates that 40 million tonnes of aquatic food needed by 2030 just to maintain current per capita consumption*

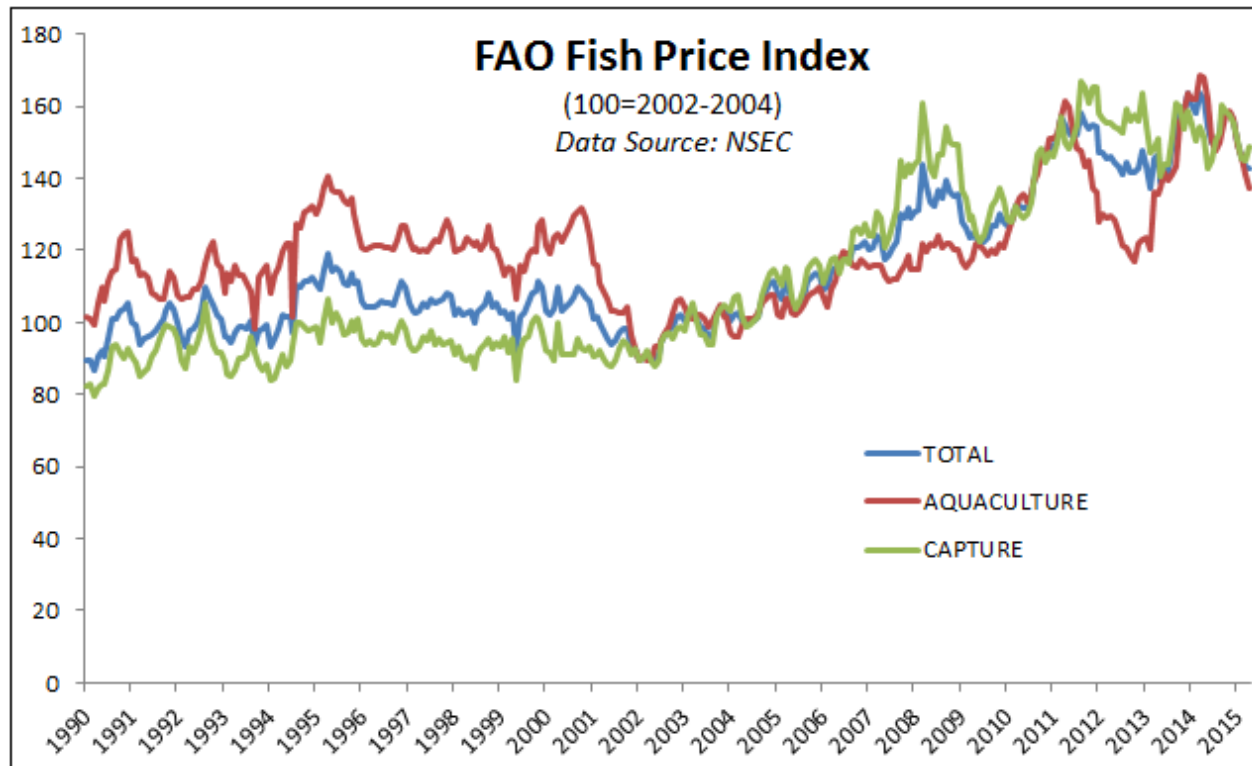


Source: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

*Per-capita seafood consumption rose from 9.0 kg/year in 1961 to 19.9 kg/year in 2014*

*OECD-FAO estimate total consumption to increase to 165 million MT in 2023*

# Growth in Global Seafood Prices



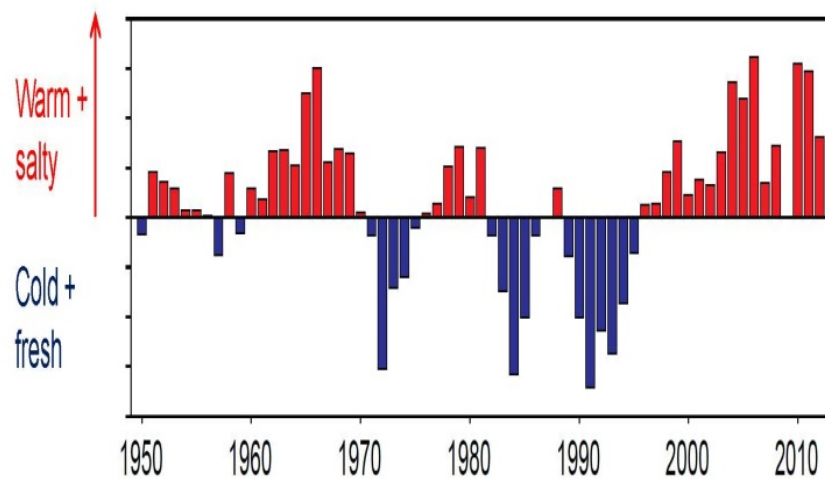
*FAO estimates that average price of traded seafood products is expected to grow by 30% by 2022*

# Sustainability Certification Schemes



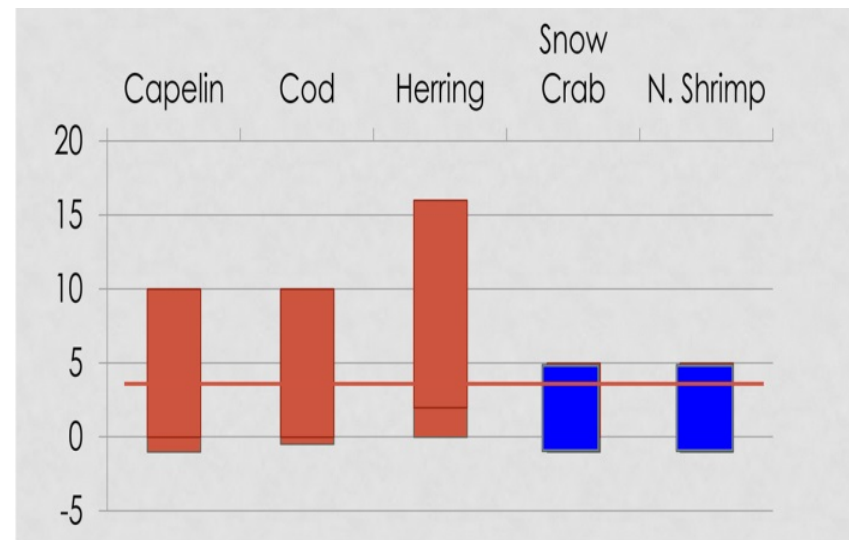
# Potential Ecological Shift

Water Temperature



Source: Colbourne

Temperature - Production



Source: G. Rose

# CETA Agreement

- Agreement in Principle on October 18, 2013
  - Final Agreement Signed October 2016
  - Ratification expected in early 2017
  - Elimination of Tariffs
    - 99.1 % upon signing
    - Up to \$25 million in gains on signing
    - \$100 million potential through new opportunities
  - Removal of end-use restrictions (branding opportunities)
  - \$400 million Fisheries Investment Fund?
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- *EU largest seafood market (32.2 billion in imports in 2015) in the world with a population of 500 million & per capita seafood consumption in the range of 24 kilos. This is a game changer for CAN seafood industry*

# Other Global Trends



# ROLE OF MI IN ADVANCING NL SEAFOOD VALUE CHAIN

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# MI School of Fisheries

## Structure

- 3 applied research centres
- 1 industrial training centre
- 2 undergraduate programs
- 4 Graduate diplomas
- 2 Post-graduate certificates
- 2 Masters programs
- Supporting research based graduate students

*Offers complete seafood value chain approach*

## By the Numbers

- More than 90 employees
- Manage 90-100 applied research projects per year
- Approximately \$8 million research & training project value
- Excess of 1000 participants in industrial training programs annually
- More than 100 diploma/degree students

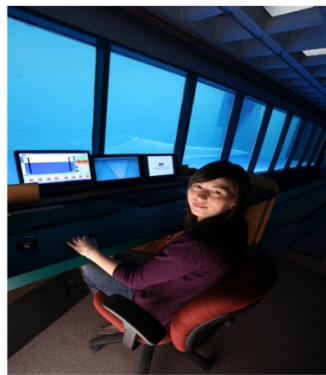
*Most comprehensive academic and research capacity in Canada*



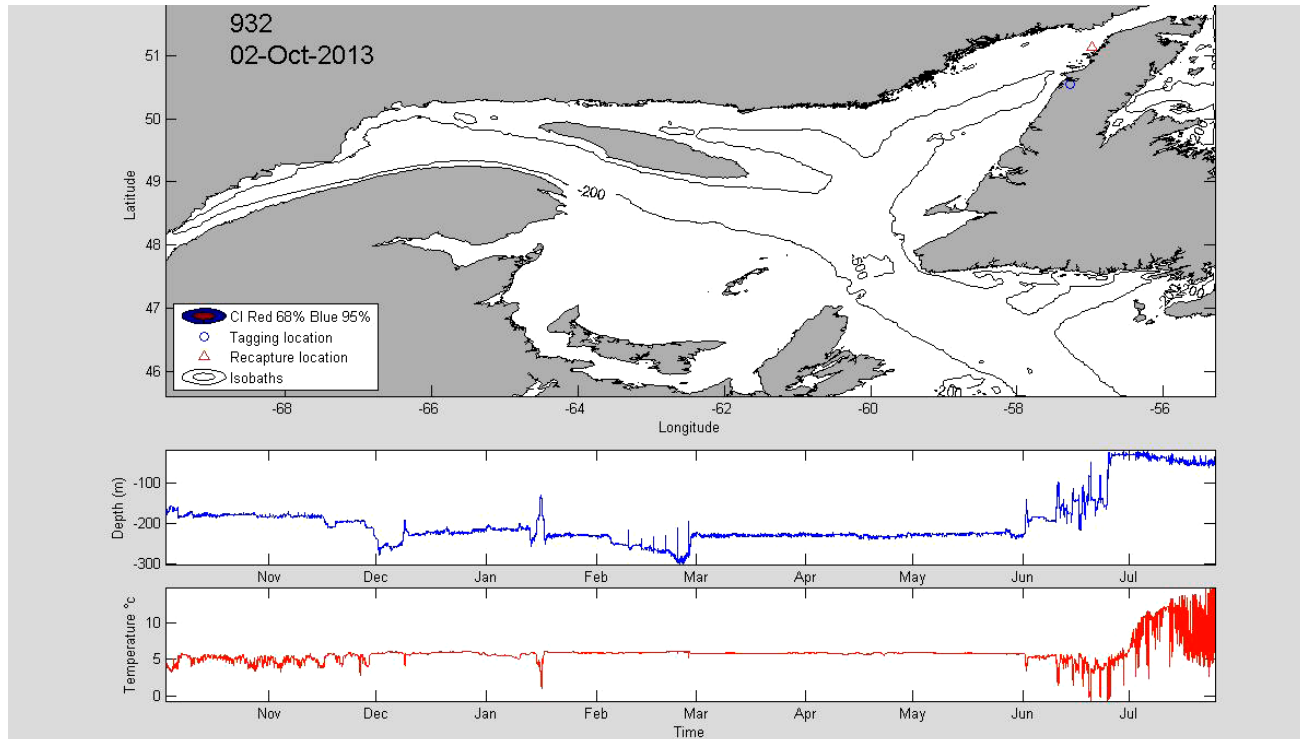


# Specialized Research Centres

- **Centre for Fisheries Ecosystems Research** - Largest non-government research capacity in Canada that studies fisheries ecosystems
- **Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Resources** - Global leader in sustainable harvesting technology & houses largest flume tank in the world
- **Centre for Aquaculture & Seafood Development** - Comprehensive industrial response unit focused on seafood processing, sustainable aquaculture and marine bioprocessing.
- **Centre for Community Based Education Delivery (CBED)** – Supports the industrial response education and training needs of industry



# Case Study: Halibut Research



- Results will guide development of new survey for the stock
- The survey will allow setting quotas based on abundance of the resource and increasing value through MSC certification



# NORTHERN PENINSULA SITUATION

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# Northern Peninsula Industry Snapshot

- Harvesting – 40,000 tonnes of fish landed at 62 ports (2012 data)
  - Diverse fleet sector from small multi-species vessels to larger shrimp fleet
  - Significant offshore sector employment and trans-shipment of product
  - Hundreds of inshore sector harvesters
- Processing – 13 Active fish processing plants processing nearly 11,000 tonnes of end-weight fish and employing 750 workers (2015 data)
  - 4 active shrimp processing facilities

# Northern Peninsula Industry Advantages

- Critical mass in shrimp processing sector
  - Despite resource decline NP operations likely to remain as strategic locations and operations
  - Access to both gulf and northern stocks critical
- World Class Cold Storage operation and trans-shipment facility
  - Eimskip provides direct access to global markets
    - Europe & US in particular (former critical with CETA)
- Strategic proximity to recovering Northern cod resource
  - Above infrastructure critical to maximize opportunity
- Emerging opportunities with other recovering resources
  - i.e. Gulf redfish, Atlantic halibut, etc.

# Northern Peninsula Industry Strategic Considerations

- Regional hub for Northern Shrimp fishery
  - Ensure critical support services are in place i.e infrastructure, servicing, etc.
- Strategic opportunities around groundfish recovery i.e. N. cod, redfish, halibut, etc..
  - Align value chain to support this;
- Become an innovation hub demonstrating best practices for industry success
  - Quality initiatives, marine bioprocessing, etc.
  - Better utilization of available resources
- Place particular focus on the needs/future of the inshore fleet
  - Requirements for viable operations
  - Assess best practices elsewhere
- Focus on needs of next generation
  - What will attract/keep youth interest in this industry
    - Consider future industry leaders forum

# Outlook

- Harvesting & Processing sector continued employment decline
  - Those remaining should see improved economic returns
    - Decline in non-renewable sector may drive renewed interest in seafood
- Continued growth in Aquaculture sector particularly on south coast
  - Grieg Aquaculture expansion in Placentia Bay could be game changer
- Continued groundfish recovery (cod in particular)
  - Focusing on quality and value will be critical
- Fisheries regime shifts due to climate change will require adaptive strategies
- Global seafood consumption will continue to expand
  - NL seafood sector can capitalize on this through market based approach
- Continued expansion of innovation and technology adoption
  - Driven by demographics & competitiveness requirements
  - Direct role for government in supporting and enabling this

# Final Thought

- The historical public policy consideration of the fishery in our province was one of a high volume and low value approach that was focused primarily on employment maximization.
- The future public policy consideration will have to be one that is focused on value over volume and places resource sustainability and economic viability for participants as its primary objectives.
- Northern Peninsula can play a significant role in the fishery of the future but it has to be a value based approach