

General Public Survey

Question 1: Do you think that the following statement is true or false? The commercial fishery in this province generates an average of a billion dollars in revenue annually.

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| Answer: True | 56.0% |
| False | 32.0% |
| Unsure | 12.0% |

Question 2: How many people do you think are directly employed by the commercial fishing industry in this province?

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| Answer: Under 10,000 people | 25.0% |
| 10,000 to less than 20,000 people | 39.0% |
| 20,000 to less than 30,000 people | 18.0% |
| 30,000 or more people | 13.0% |
| Unsure | 5.0% |

Question 3: How many species of fish are commercially harvested in this province?

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| Answer: Less than 10 species | 20.0% |
| 10 to less than 20 species | 47.0% |
| 20 to less than 30 species | 19.0% |
| 30 or more species | 12.0% |
| Unsure | 2.0% |

Question 4: What do you think is the average annual income of a commercial fish harvester in this province?

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| Answer: Less than \$25,000 | 9.0% |
| \$25,000 to less than \$50,000 | 47.0% |
| \$50,000 to less than \$100,000 | 34.0% |
| \$100,000 or more | 7.0% |
| Unsure | 3.0% |

Question 5: Please tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statements:

1. Commercial fish harvesting is a professional occupation.

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| Answer: Agree | 91.0% |
| Disagree | 7.0% |
| Other | 2.0% |

2. Commercial fish harvesters require a high level of skill.

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| Answer: | Agree | 87.0% |
| | Disagree | 11.0% |
| | Other | 2.0% |

3. Commercial fish harvesters require post-secondary education.

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| Answer: | Agree | 48.0% |
| | Disagree | 47.0% |
| | Other | 5.0% |

4. Most commercial fish harvesters are committed to safe fishing practices.

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| Answer: | Agree | 90.0% |
| | Disagree | 9.0% |
| | Other | 1.0% |

5. The commercial fishery is an important part of our history in this province.

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| Answer: | Agree | 99.0% |
| | Disagree | 1.0% |
| | Other | 0% |

6. The commercial fishery currently makes an important economic contribution to this province.

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| Answer: | Agree | 94.0% |
| | Disagree | 5.0% |
| | Other | 1.0% |

7. The commercial fishery is an important part of our future in this province.

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| Answer: | Agree | 89.0% |
| | Disagree | 10.0% |
| | Other | 1.0% |

Question 6: To your knowledge, are commercial fish harvesters in this province required to obtain professional certification?

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| Answer: | Yes | 62.0% |
| | No | 24.0% |
| | Unsure | 14.0% |