



ONTARIO AQUACULTURE

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FOR
GROWTH.



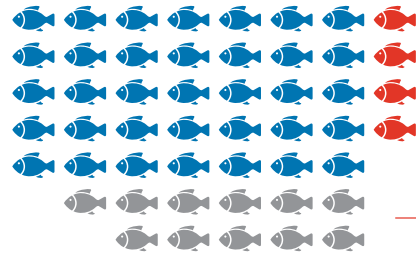
Ontario Aquaculture Association

EAT ONTARIO FARMED SEAFOOD

THE ONTARIO AQUACULTURE INDUSTRY TODAY

WHERE WE CAN BE IN 4 YEARS

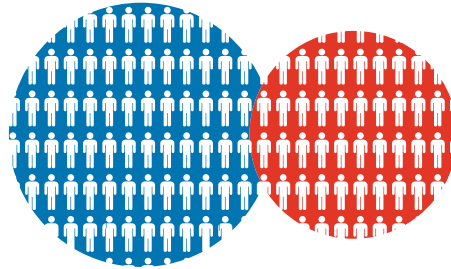
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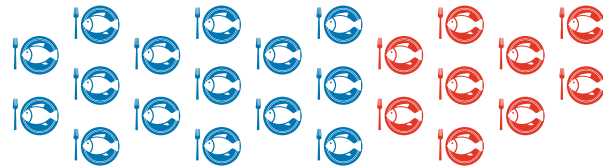
+30%
INCREASED CAPACITY
AT EXISTING FARMS

550
JOBS



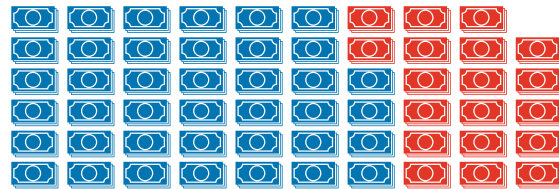
825
JOBS

15M
POUNDS OF SEAFOOD
PRODUCED



24M
POUNDS OF SEAFOOD
PRODUCED

\$40M
FARM-GATE
SALES



\$59M
FARM-GATE
SALES

\$142M
CONTRIBUTION TO
ONTARIO'S ECONOMY



\$222M
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+ NEW FEED MILL

Aqua-feed companies have committed to manufacturing feed in Ontario if demand continues to grow, rather than bringing in aqua-feeds from out-of-province.



+ INCREASED MARKET POTENTIAL

Ontario wild-caught and farmed seafood producers combined do not produce enough fresh local seafood to meet Ontario demand. We could meet local demand and develop export markets in several species with support from government.



+ ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATIONS

Ontario rainbow trout is farmed responsibly and sustainably, which is why the industry is under consideration for Best Aquaculture Practices certification, the world's most trusted fish farming certification program.

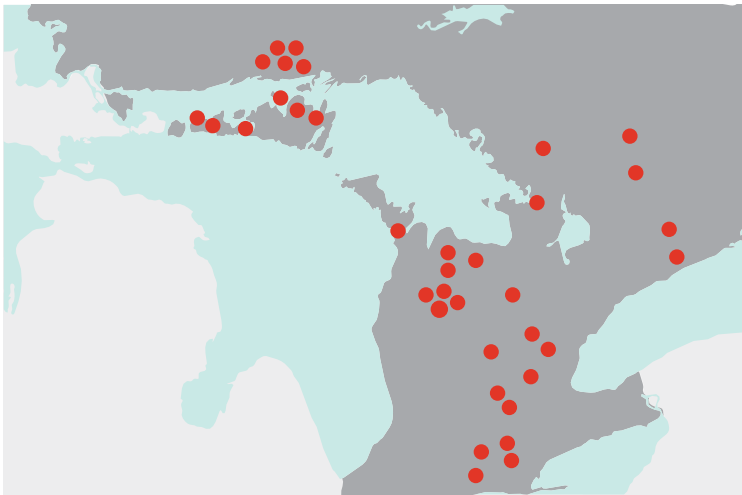


+ ECONOMIC SPIN-OFF BUSINESSES

Industry growth brings new business to Ontario, including specialized equipment manufacturing, trucking, and technology companies.



LOCATION OF ONTARIO SEAFOOD FARMS



WE NEED TO PARTNER WITH GOVERNMENT TO GET THERE

FOR NET-PEN FARMS

- Update 5-year land use permits to 20-year land leases, which will encourage long-term investment in the industry
- Update 5-year aquaculture licences to 20-year licences, with opportunities to renew and appeal them
- Finalize objectives for sediment and water quality (Draft EBR #012-7186), and publish to Ontario's Environmental Registry
- Dedicate policy resources at MNR towards these and other aquaculture-specific opportunities

FOR LAND-BASED FARMS

- Standardize the regulatory frameworks for aquaculture-specific Environmental Compliance Approvals, including:
 - › Removal of production limits if water quality limits are established
 - › Exemptions for Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) farms to acknowledge limited contributions
- Remove 10% requirement for aquaculture-specific Permits To Take Water in recognition farms are legal non-consumptive users of water
- Dedicate policy resources at MECP towards these and other aquaculture-specific opportunities, including participation in inter-governmental Aquaculture Management Committee

ALL INDUSTRY

- Establish breeding program based on Ontario genetics, in collaboration with industry and Alma Aquaculture Research Station (partnership between OMAFRA and University of Guelph)
- Streamline ability to add species to the Aquaculture Licence List, Schedule B, which includes changing the list to a policy framework, rather than requiring Order in Council
- Provide access to agricultural grant opportunities currently denied to aquaculture



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