

The West Coast Fishery

- ⇒ The most important catch on the West Coast is salmon
- ⇒ The Pacific harvest also includes herring, halibut, cod, crab, tuna, shrimp and oysters
- ⇒ Although salmon are found on both coasts, the West Coast catch has traditionally been over 400 times larger than the East Coast catch

The Collapse of the West Coast Fishery

- ⇒ The failure of the Atlantic fishery caused scientists and politicians to re-evaluate the West Coast fishery
- ⇒ In 1994 salmon stocks began to decline sharply

Reasons for the Collapse of the West Coast salmon fishery

- (1) Overfishing
- (2) Changes in the Environment
- (3) Lack of a Salmon Fishing Treaty

Freshwater Fishery

- ⇒ Canada's freshwater fisheries are located in the Great Lakes, Lake Winnipeg, Great Slave Lake, and 600 or so smaller lakes
- ⇒ The types of fish caught include whitefish, trout, pickerel, and perch
- ⇒ About 7000 people have jobs in the freshwater fishery
- ⇒ As a result, the freshwater fisheries are much less important to the Canadian economy than those of the East or West Coast

Sport Fishing

- ⇒ Sport fishing generates more money than all the commercial fishing in the country
- ⇒ About 4 million people every year fish for sport in Canadian waters
- ⇒ They spend approximately \$7 billion on such things as boats, fishing equipment, accomodation, meals, fishing guides and licences