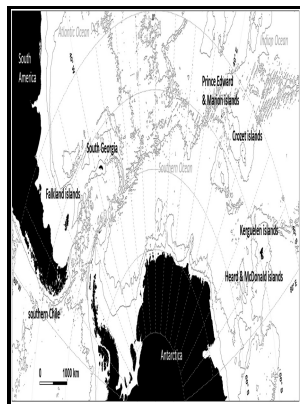


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Approximately 4,300 tons of herring have been caught by commercial fishing boats, so far a small percentage of the allowable 21,000 tons. A long-standing directed fishery for North Pacific Spiny Dogfish *Squalus suckleyi* has occurred and dominated shark landings and discards. Fishery based on science Though Greg Thomas has never been a roe herring fisherman himself, he has worked with the federal government and the industry in various capacities.

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Minke-Martin says along with the behaviours of the fish, the structure of the population has also changed.

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The number of licences was limited in 1993, a total of eighteen fishers qualified. Each licence allows the catch of 9. The organization works with DFO to ensure the herring stock is well managed and harvested at sustainable levels.

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*Euphausia pacifica* accounts for 70 to 100 % of the euphausiid biomass in the Strait of Georgia where the commercial fishery occurs. The herring fishery takes place at a time of year when no other fisheries are open in the Strait of Georgia, making it an important source of income for many in the industry, including fishermen and plant workers.

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Photo courtesy of Pacific Wild Under the shadow of Mount Arrowsmith, 10 commercial fishing boats bob in the turquoise water near shore, hoping for a change in the weather to get their nets in the water.

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Photo courtesy of Quincy Sample Used to opposition Throughout his career, Sample has heard every argument against the fishery, but he remains confident the herring stock is being managed properly and sustainably. Not only does the water have to be relatively calm, the fishermen need to catch the female herring before they have spawned, but when their eggs are at maturity. There are also limited and developing markets for uses of euphausiids as a human food product in Canada and abroad.

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Quota system Before the fishery opens each year, DFO scientists estimate the number of herring that will return — this year they forecasted 130,000 tons — but throughout the fishery, the numbers are updated as they collect physical samples.

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