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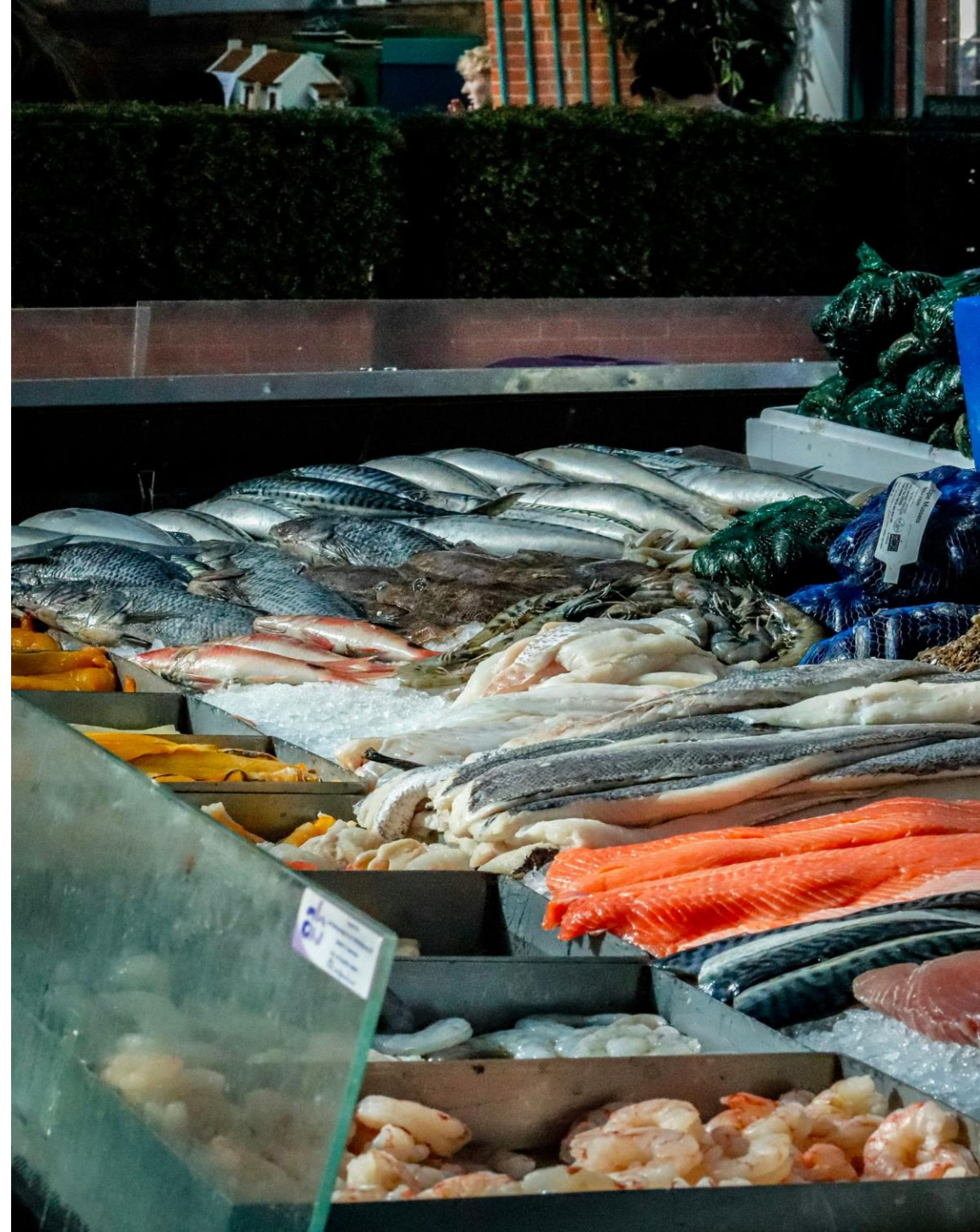
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U.S. Seafood Market Trends

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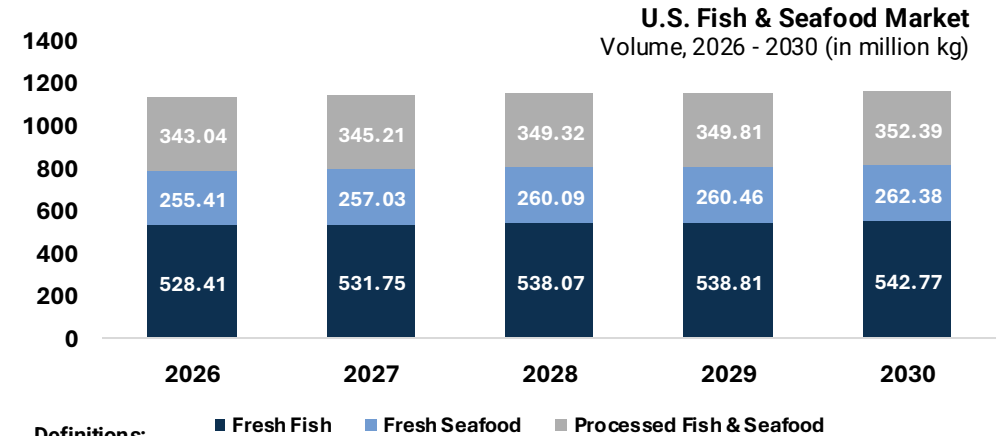
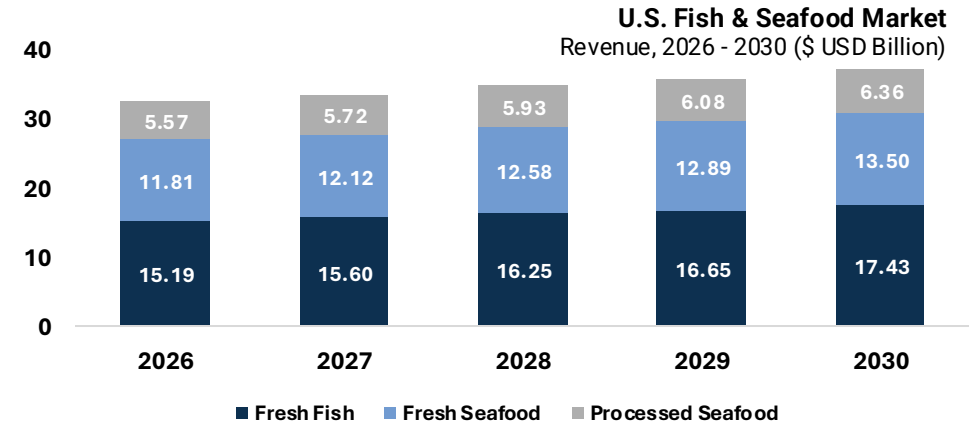
U.S. Seafood Market Analysis and Outlook

The U.S. seafood market is expected to show strong, sustained growth through 2030. From 2026 to 2030, total U.S. consumer spending on seafood is expected to grow at 3.4% CAGR, supported by pricing, premiumization, and product mix shifts, with revenue per capita growing 2.9% over the same period. Growth is expected to be driven by shifting consumer preferences, technological advances, and expanding production capacity.

Key dynamics:

- **Protein-rich Diets:** Rising consumer focus on high-protein, nutrient-dense options, especially those with high nutritional value.
- **Sustainability:** Stricter environmental regulation, traceability labeling, and the expansion of sustainable fishing and aquaculture practices.
- **Global Trade:** Increased seafood imports from the Asia-Pacific region and emerging markets supported by improved cold chain infrastructure.
- **E-commerce and Retail:** Expanded distribution channels and the growth of online seafood platforms.
- **Innovative Processing:** The value-add sector of processed fish and seafood has seen an uptick in frozen, ready-to-eat and shelf-stable product creativity to appeal to evolving consumer preferences.

Source: Statista (Jun 2026). Seafood Market Report 2026 | Research and Markets (Jan 2026).



Definitions:

- **Fresh Fish:** All types of edible fish that are fresh, chilled, or frozen.
- **Fresh Seafood:** All types of crustaceans and mollusks that are fresh, chilled, or frozen.
- **Processed Fish & Seafood:** All types of fish and seafood that have been dried, salted, brined, canned, or smoked.

Continued Trend in U.S. Seafood Sales

In the first half of 2026, U.S. seafood prices have increased across all categories year over year. While total dollar sales have risen in the fresh, frozen, and shelf-stable seafood categories, total volume has decreased, indicating the sales increase is likely driven more by inflation and not purchasing volume. Fresh seafood has continued to be the largest segment, totaling \$695M in sales through June 2026, but has experienced the slowest growth of the three categories with a total sales rising by only 1.4% and total volume decreasing by 2.2% year over year.

U.S. seafood pricing inflation rose again in June of 2026, with the steepest percentage increase in the frozen and shelf-stable categories. Year over year, frozen seafood saw 12.5% inflation, shelf-stable saw 7.8%, and fresh seafood experienced a more moderate 4.1% rise in prices. Seafood pricing outpaced overall U.S. inflationary rates in the first half of 2026 as the U.S. CPI Inflation Index rose just 3.5% over the 12 months ending in June 2026.

Category	Sales Jun 2026 vs. 2025	Volume Jun 2026 vs. 2025	Price/Unit Jun 2026 vs. 2025
Fresh Seafood	+1.4%	-2.2%	+4.1%
Frozen Seafood	+6.0%	-5.3%	+12.5%
Shelf-Stable Seafood	+12.6%	-1.3%	+7.8%

Source: Inflation on Seafood Prices | Saving Seafood (Jun 2026). See how Fresh, Frozen, and Shelf-Stable Seafood Stacked Up in June | IntraFish (Jul 2026).

Consumer Trends

Canned Seafood Renaissance

Canned seafood has experienced a revival in 2026, especially in the U.S., with consumers turning to tinned seafood to fulfill their protein needs. Key characteristics of this growing market include:

- Interest in flavorful, shelf-stable options
- Convenient protein sources to supplement meals
- Social media driven trends pushing health benefits
- Premium offerings emphasizing texture and flavor
- Increased demand for sustainable and traceable products

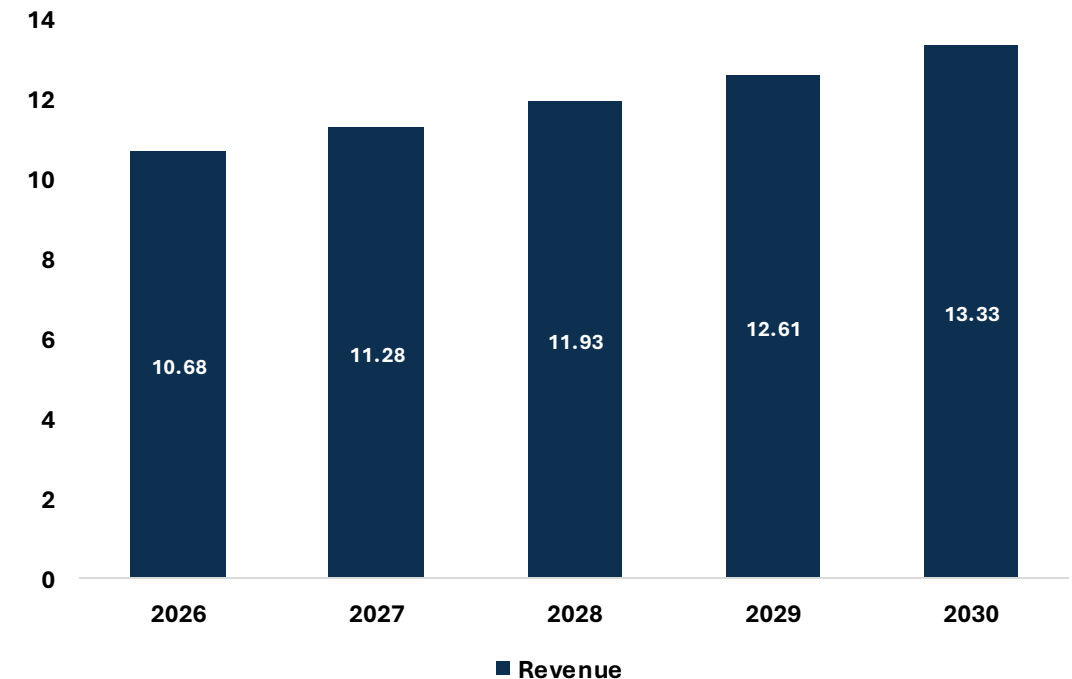
Growth Opportunities

The global tinned fish market was valued at \$10.1B in 2025, with a CAGR of 5.7%. The expansion of canneries and continued product innovation that offers modern and high-quality at-home convenience drives trends such as:

- Premiumization -- higher tier product demand is growing at nearly double the rate of the overall canned seafood category
- Packaging innovation serves as differentiator to signal higher quality

Source: Canned Seafood Renaissance: Home Cooking Trends 2026 | ContentWave (Apr 2026). Tinned Fish & Seafood Report | DiMarket (Feb 2026).

Global Tinned Fish Market
Revenue, 2026 - 2030 (\$ USD Billion)



Geopolitics Reshaping the U.S. Seafood Market

In H1 2026, geopolitical tensions, including trade wars, tariff policies, and regional disputes, have redirected seafood trade flows rather than suppressing demand outright. In the U.S., shrimp and tilapia are facing the most significant tariff impacts.

1. Trade Barriers & Tariff Policies

- The U.S. has imposed high tariffs on seafood imports from key trading partners like India, Vietnam, and China, particularly shrimp and tilapia, which are among the most consumed in the U.S. market, forcing a redirection of trade.
 - A 75% tariff on Chinese tilapia has made it uncompetitive in the U.S. market
- Tariffs on North and South American countries have affected major exports from Chile and Brazil, particularly salmon and tilapia
 - Seafood exempt from 25% Brazilian tariffs

2. Shipping & Logistics Risk

- Despite overall geopolitical instability, container shipping lines have begun reintroducing Red Sea transit in 2026 after more than two years of Asia-Europe traffic. Higher structural costs persist as seafood relies heavily on fresh logistics making it vulnerable to disruption.

3. MMPA Import Restrictions

- Fish and fish products from foreign fisheries that do not meet U.S. bycatch standards are now barred from U.S. markets.
- Certificate of admissibility and comparability comparability is required for foreign fishery products.

4. Sustainability Initiatives

- Trends have strengthened in 2026 with MSC-certified products growing on U.S. grocery shelves and ASC farmed fish certifications launching on labels in March 2026.

Source: Resilient demand propping up seafood prices as early 2026 supplies tighten, Rabobank report | SeafoodSource (Feb 2026). Marine Mammal Protection Act Import Provisions | NOAA Fisheries (Mar 2026). Quality, Health and Trusted Certification Reshaping Seafood Purchasing, New Global ASC Research Reveals | Perishable News (Jul 2026).

Summary





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Sectoral Trends

Wild-Caught

The wild-caught sector is facing structural scarcity despite resilient demand. Businesses holding quota rights are structurally advantaged players, while certification has moved from marketing differentiator to an operating baseline.

Aquaculture

Aquaculture is a growing segment with increasing economic impact across the globe. Opportunities in the industry include engineering and technology development, artificial intelligence integration, and environmental forecasting.

Processing/Value-Add

Value-added and convenience formats remain the primary growth and margin channels. Labor scarcity is driving automation with AI-enabled systems becoming a primary response.

Distribution

Distribution is experiencing rising demand for cold storage logistics. Innovations focus on distributing seafood more sustainably with automation as a key lever. Documentation is now formalized as a compliance mandate.

Wild-Caught - United States

The U.S. wild-caught seafood industry is experiencing a period of active governmental deregulation to expand commercial fishing access. Fishery-specific quota management continues to be evaluated on a real-time basis, capping the U.S. wild-caught supply growth, regardless of demand.

Key Metrics

- U.S. commercial fishermen landed 7.6 billion pounds valued at \$4.9 billion in 2024 (latest data available as of June 2026)
- The U.S. accounts for roughly 5% of global marine capture production, ranking among the world's top ten capture producers.

Key Trends

- Technological advancements deploying artificial intelligence, biotechnology, robotics, and advanced manufacturing throughout the seafood supply chain.
- Expanded access to commercial fishing areas across the country.



Source: Landings | NOAA Fisheries (Jul 2026). New England seafood initiative secures \$15 million NSF investment | Intrafish (Jul 2026).

Wild-Caught - Global

Early closures, proposed cap cuts, existing quotas, and low volumes have limited global wild-caught production. Demand remains high pushing prices upward reflecting ecological limits. Businesses with quota rights and access agreements are key players in this sector.

Key Metrics

- East Asia and Pacific volumes totaled ~38.6 million metric tons in 2024.*
- Europe and Central Asia totaled ~14 million metric tons in 2024.*
- Latin America and the Caribbean totaled ~10 million metric tons in 2024.*
- Global capture production reported at ~92 million metric tons in 2024.*

Key Trends

- Geopolitical volatility is redirecting pollock trade flows pulling Alaska volumes toward Europe and pushing Russian product to Asian markets.
- Electronic monitoring and AI-enabled technology is being deployed to reduce bycatch, with scaling across fleets remaining the constraint.
- Traceability and certification have shifted from a differentiator to industry standards driven by regulatory mandates and buyer demand.



Source: SOFIA 2026 | Food and Agriculture Organization (Jun 2026). FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean | FAO (Jun 2026). Capture Fishery Production | Our World in Data (Jul 2026).

*Based on latest available data as of June 2026

Aquaculture - United States

U.S. aquaculture is well-positioned for advancement with support from the NOAA. The NOAA's new Cooperative Institute Fostering Aquaculture Research and Markets (CIFARM) has made funding available for new projects in support of advancing American seafood competitiveness. According to the 2023 USDA census of aquaculture, the top food fish species produced in the U.S. are Catfish, Trout, and Tilapia.

Key Trends:

- Increased domestic aquaculture framed as a food security strategy amongst trade uncertainty.
- Governmental and administration support of aquaculture expansion initiatives (MARA, CIFARM, NAAP).
- Land-based recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) development expected to increase production scale.
- Growth in the global market attributed to rising affordability concerns and increased consumer interest in seafood.



Source: NOAA launches 'first-of-its kind' cooperative institute to grow aquaculture industry | IntraFish (Jun 2026). NADP | USDA (Dec 2024). MARA Act of 2025 | US Congress Senate Bill (Jul 2025).

Aquaculture - Global

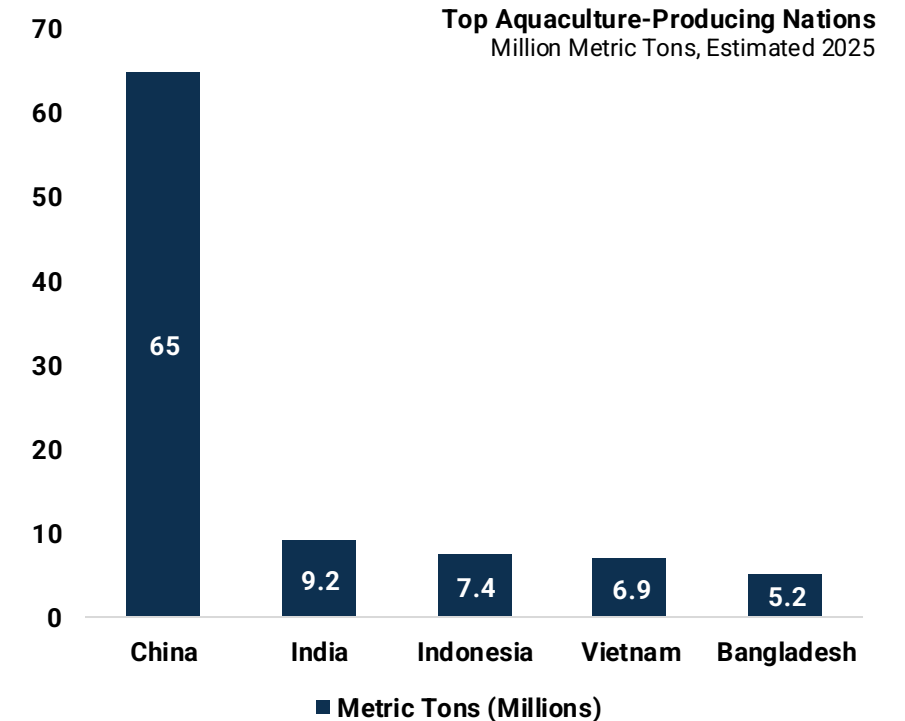
Aquaculture is the fastest-growing food production sector, supplying nearly 60% of the world's seafood. Aquaculture technology and marine biology companies are working together to shape the future of innovation in the industry.

Key Trends:

- RAS continue to scale as they reduce environmental impact, support food security strategies, and enhance resilience against global trade disruptions.
- Technology and digitalization are becoming the standard for aquaculture companies with AI powered feeding systems and IoT based water quality monitoring.
- Institutional capital and ESG-linked investment are accelerating as consolidation continues based heavily on technology and capacity.
- The ability to adapt to environmental changes acts as a competitive differentiator with warmer water temperatures and low oxygen levels around the world.

M&A Example: Sjøbol, Kobbvågslaks, and Selsøyvik Havbruk have joined forces to buy salmon producer Arctic Seafood Group in totality.

Source: Three Helgeland aquaculture operators buy Arctic Seafood Group | We Are Aquaculture (Jul 2026). Top 10 aquaculture producing countries in the world | Maritime Education. Aquaculture Industry Trends and Growth Outlook for 2026 (Jun 2026). Aquaculture – Top Global Industry Trends in 2026 | Newstrail (Nov 2025).



Processing & Value-Added Manufacturing

Processing and manufacturing is being squeezed from both ends due to high input prices due to tariff and labor cost inflation and consumers seeking convenience at lower prices. Value-added and convenience formats are leading the growth in sales and overall margin with shelf-stable seafood outperforming other categories in value and volume. Consolidation is defining U.S. processing with divestiture of distressed companies by large acquirers.

Key Trends:

- Focus is on margins, not volume, with growth driven by price inflation.
- Plant closure risk driven by lack of fish, not demand.
- Tariff exposure as a variable input influencing pricing and margin in secondary processing, raw materials supply, cold chain costs, and fuel.
- Labor scarcity forcing automation with AI-enabled sorting and robotic filleting systems.

M&A Example: Seafish UK, a value-add processor acquired by Fastnet Fish Holdings.



Source: Surimi Market Size and Forecast | Coherent Market Insights (Jan 2026). Industrial Processed Seafood Market | Congruence Market Insights (May 2026).

Distribution

Distribution is the thin-margin, high-turn link in the seafood supply chain. In 2026 it is where the sector's consolidation is happening fastest because scale in trucks, cold storage and customer density helps mitigate the risk of the raw material market's volatility by expanding and diversifying customer bases. Key innovations aim to distribute fresh seafood more sustainably through cold chain logistics improvements.

Key Trends:

- Sensors, predictive use of AI, network redesign, and warehouse automation to improve the supply chain.
- Tariffs shaping distributor margins as they sit on the import line.
- Push toward domestic investment to vertically integrate with harvesters and processors.
- FDA passes final rule on Requirements for Additional Traceability Records.

M&A Example: Inland Distribution's Houston and New Orleans operating divisions acquired by Fortune Fish & Gourmet.



Source: Cold Chain Logistics in 2026 | Olimp Warehousing (May 2026). FMSA Final Rule on Requirements for Additional Traceability Records | FDA (Jul 2026).



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Value-Added Seafood Products

Value-added seafood products

- Fillets, pre-marinated seafood, or fully prepared meals
- Cleaned, portioned, and ready to cook options
- Ready to eat seafood noodle and rice bowls

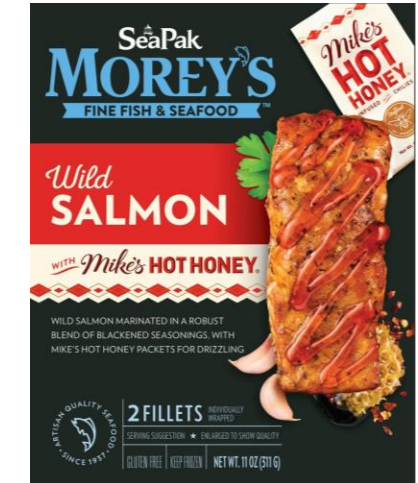
Shrimp as a stand-out in value-add sector

- Shrimp continues to be the #1 frozen seafood in the U.S.

Popularity Drivers

- **Convenience:** Pre-processed and ready to cook or eat, often come pre-marinated
- **Shelf Life:** Extended shelf life compared to fresh seafood, reducing spoilage and food loss
- **Predictable Quality:** Vacuum packaging and high-pressure processing ensure food safety and preserve texture and flavor
- **Health & Nutrition:** Value-added products retain key nutrients and protein quality

Source: Value-Added Seafood Products: Beyond Raw Shrimp and Fish | Pishva Holding (Jun 2026). See how Fresh, Frozen, and Shelf-Stable Seafood Stacked Up in June | IntraFish (Jul 2026).



Tinned Seafood

Shelf-stable seafood stands out in the U.S.

- 12.6% year over year growth in reaching \$300M in sales
- 1.3% increase in volume vs. last year

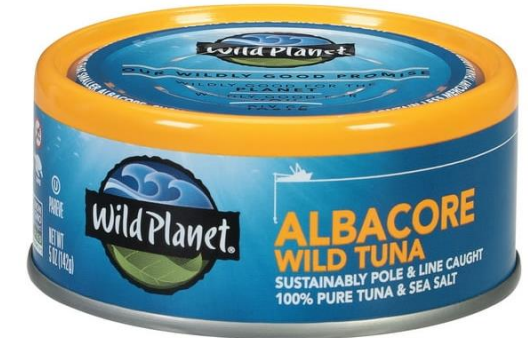
Tuna and Sardines major players in the shelf-stable category

- Tuna sales generated \$209M through first half of 2026 with steady demand.
- Sardines delivered double-digit growth through the end of 2025 with annual sales exceeding \$423M and a 19.3% year over year increase in unit sales

Popularity Drivers

- **Convenience:** Busy lifestyles are driving demand for options requiring minimal preparation
- **Sustainability:** Consumers are seeking out sustainable sourcing and environmentally friendly packaging
- **Premiumization:** Gourmet flavors, oils, and unique packaging are elevating the category
- **Health & Nutrition:** Valued for high-protein, omega-3s, and essential nutrients

Source: See how fresh, frozen and shelf-stable seafood stacked up at US retail in June | Intrafish (Jul 2026).





H1 2026 M&A Transactions

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Seafood M&A Activity H1 2026

H1 2026 has seen high deal activity continue from 2025 with significant vertical integration of producers and distributors. Tight seller supply and consistent buyer demand has been fueling distribution and processing consolidation as buyers seek to mitigate market volatility through vertical integrative add-ons.

- **H1 2026:** Seafood M&A in the first half of 2026 leaned heavily toward distribution and value-added processing consolidation aimed at expanding regional footprints and manufacturing capability. Deal pace has held steady throughout the first half of 2026.
 - **Aquaculture Dynamics:** Investment in aquaculture infrastructure has risen to meet growing global seafood demand in an effort to gain greater control over cost, quality, and timing of seafood production (Ex. Investment in the Kingfish Company by Eyrir Invest and Ocean 14 Capital).
 - **Geographic Concentration:** High deal volumes in Europe and Asia-Pacific through the first half of 2026, with North America close behind, suggest a distinct wave of consolidation likely driven by succession-driven sales in the mature, but fragmented, processing sector.
 - **Distribution and Value-added Processing:** Buyers are pushing for scale to overcome structural inefficiencies and strengthen resource access. Instability is driving vertical integration with companies actively seeking targets that give them more control over their supply chain (Ex. Fortune Fish & Gourmet acquiring Inland Distribution, Pacific Seafood's announced acquisition of Ocean Beauty's distribution arm).
- **Outlook for H2 2026:** Although the second half of 2025 was slower than expected, H1 2026 saw the continuation of major trends and deal activity. Announced deals for H2 2026 continue to focus on the distribution and processing sectors with the overall economic environment stabilizing.
 - Geopolitical uncertainty, inflationary pressure, and volatile operating costs suggest a more moderate pace of mergers
 - Lower cost of capital in the industry should support more M&A activity through the end of 2026
 - H2 2026 is likely to see continued deal flow, but weighted toward smaller, strategic transactions rather than megadeal transactions seen in other industries

Source: Pitchbook (Jul 2026). M&A Seafood Transactions. Economic environment stabilizing, but seafood companies interested in M&A should still be diligent, experts caution | SeafoodSource (Mar 2026). Pacific Seafood, Ocean Beauty to merge distribution teams | Intrafish (Jul 2026).

Select Seafood M&A Deals in H1 2026

Date	Target/Issuer Name	Description	Buyers/Investors	Geography
Jan-26	Fish Partners	Distributor of seafood products across the Netherlands and Germany.	Ras Echt Vis	Europe
Jan-26	United Fresh Consortium	Supplier of fresh food products including seafood intended for foodservice and distribution in the UK.	Blackstone, Buyers Edge Platform, General Atlantic, Morgan Stanley	Europe
Feb-26	Fortune Fish & Gourmet	Provider of processed seafood and specialty foods.	Patagonia Financial Holdings	North America
Feb-26	Seamaq	Distributor of processed seafood based in Japan.	OIC Group	Asia-Pacific
Feb-26	Eastern Fish	Supplier of seafood products based in Teaneck, New Jersey.	Highwood Harbor	North America
Feb-26	Marui Sato Kaisan	Operator of a seafood company offering scallops, salmon, yellowtail, clam, and mackerel based in Tokyo, Japan.	Hanwa	Asia-Pacific
Feb-26	Central Lomera Portuguesa	Producer of precooked tuna products based in Vila Nova Cerveira, Portugal.	WOFCO	South America
Feb-26	Lenger Seafoods Vietnam	Provider of processing and export services intended for clams and other seafood products.	Congalsa	Asia-Pacific
Mar-26	Fujiyama Suisan Kako	Producer of marine products and frozen food items for seafood processing.	Ecomott	Asia-Pacific

Source: Pitchbook (Jul 2026). M&A Seafood Transactions

Select Seafood M&A Deals in H1 2026

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Mar-26	Marine Products Scotland	Producer of salmon products in Glasgow, UK.	Private Investor(s)	Europe
Mar-26	Sokan	Japanese processed seafood product manufacturer.	D Capital	Asia-Pacific
Mar-26	Lucky Fish	Producer of sea bass and sea bream products, fish feed, and juvenile production.	E20	Europe
Mar-26	Kaviari	Distributor of seafood products designed to supply processed fish and related items.	Bpifrance, IdiCo, IRD Invest, UI Investissement	Europe
Mar-26	Innovative Fishery Products	Provider of shellfish harvesting and seafood processing products intended to serve commercial seafood markets.	Private Investor(s)	North America
Mar-26	Cofima Maree	Distributor and processor of seafood products designed to supply fresh fish, crustaceans, and mollusks to business customers.	Ocealliance	Europe
Apr-26	Silca Import	Distributor of directly sources food and beverages to commercial buyers.	TRADINEO Group	Europe
Apr-26	Colabor Group	Wholesaler and distributor of food and related products in Canada.	Fianciere Outremont	North America
Apr-26	KuNa Fish	Provider of fish filleting and packaging services.	Salty John	Europe

Source: Pitchbook (Jul 2026). M&A Seafood Transactions

Select Seafood M&A Deals in H1 2026

Date	Target/Issuer Name	Description	Buyers/Investors	Geography
May-26	Dawasco Meat and Seafood	Distributor of meat and seafood products in the United States.	Sole Source Capital	North America
May-26	Ocean Brands	Producer and supplier of seafood products based in Canada.	TriWest Capital Partners	North America
May-26	Sapore di Mare	Operator of a seafood retail chain specializing in frozen fish and ready-to-eat dishes.	Clessidra Capital Credit	Europe
Jun-26	Galciar Pesquera	Patagonian scallop harvesting and processing services.	Newsan	South America
Jun-26	Seafish UK	Value-add processor acquired by Fastnet Fish Holdings.	Fastnet Fish Holdings	Europe
Jun-26	Inland Distribution	Distribution company acquired by Fortune Fish & Gourmet.	Fortune Fish & Gourmet	North America
Jun-26	Shokuzai	Producer of processed seafood products designed for institutional meal programs.	Central Forest Group	Asia-Pacific
Jun-26	The Kingfish Company	Land-based recirculating aquaculture producer.	Eyrir Invest, Ocean 14 Capital	Europe
Jul-26	Endeavor Seafood	Importer and distributor of frozen seafood products from global fisheries.	Mark Foods	North America

Source: Pitchbook (Jul 2026). M&A Seafood Transactions

Private Equity Investment in Aquaculture, Processing & Distribution

Private equity investment remains focused on capital with less underwriting risk and specialized strategic impact.

Aquaculture Production

- **Trend:** Aquaculture attracts targeted and impact-driven private equity money built around long-term sustainability.
 - **Reason:** Wild-catch is biomass capped, so production needs to come elsewhere. Investing directly in established aquacultures is less capital intensive due to existing licenses and operational knowledge.
- **Example:** The Kingfish Company supported by Eyrir Invest and Ocean 14 Capital, a blue-economy/ocean sustainability focused fund.

Processing

- **Trend:** Selective private equity investment in value-added processors as they offer higher margins than commodity processing. Private equity firms are looking for companies with a clear premium offering or diversified products.
 - **Reason:** Consumer demand shift toward convenient seafood formats and directly owning value-added processors with established manufacturing allows for higher margin capture. Additionally, as new value-added products come on the shelf, acquiring an existing brand with established markets and buyer recognition is key.
- **Example:** Soka, a Japanese processed seafood company, received backing from D Capital.

Distribution

- **Trend:** Distribution offers predictable, recurring cash flow, and a fragmented market primed for roll ups, perfect for private equity acquirers.
 - **Reason:** Rising demand for cold storage and logistics infrastructure with the opportunity to generate substantial synergies in acquisition versus direct infrastructure investment due to high barriers of entry.
- **Example:** Dawsco Meat and Seafood backed by Sole Source Capital .

Source: The Kingfish Company secures multi-million restructuring deal with Icelandic investor to take largest stake | IntraFish (May 2026). Buyers Edge Platform Makes Its First European Fresh Produce Acquisition with United Fresh Consortium | Buyers Edge Platform (Jan 2026). Sale of Soka Co., Ltd by NSSK II | NSSK (Jun 2026).



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