History

John Risley and Colin MacDonald

In 1976, John Risley and Colin MacDonald established Clearwater with a pickup truck, a vision and a lot of entrepreneurial drive. Today the Nova Scotia company has grown to become the largest holder of shellfish licenses in Canada and one of the world's leading seafood companies.



Though methods change, and the creaking of oars and wind-filled sails have been replaced by state-of-the-art vessels, the spirit of fishing remains in one of the world's oldest and most abundant fishing grounds. We operate a fleet of traditional and state-of-the-art factory vessels and processing plants throughout Eastern Canada.

Our focus has always been to provide premium quality, wild, sustainable seafood, second to none. We will always strive to find new and innovative ways to serve our customers and responsibly harvest shellfish – but you can rest assured our focus will never change.

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