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SUMMARY OF VESSEL AND GEAR SPECIFICATIONS OF THE  
CANADIAN TRAWL FLEET ON THE BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST, 1972

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The size composition of the Canadian trawl fleet in 1972 differed slightly from that in 1971. A number of vessels in the 8-49 ton class which fished in 1971 did not do so in 1972. In addition, one new vessel of 277 gross tons entered the fishery. As a result the average tonnage of all vessels which fished rose from 60 to 66 gross tons in 1972, and the average of those fishing for a period of 6 months or longer during the year increased from 61 to 71 gross tons. Gear in use remained unchanged.

Table 1. Size distribution (gross tons) of vessels engaged in the west coast Canadian trawl fishery, 1971, 1972.

Tonnage Class	Year	
	1971	1972
<u>A. All vessels</u>		
8-24	13	10
25-49	19	15
50-74	18	18
75-99	6	6
100-124	2	0
125-195	5	5
264	1	1
277	0	1
<b>Total vessels</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>56</b>
<b>Average gross tons</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>66.1</b>
<u>B. Vessels fishing 6 months or longer during the year</u>		
14-24	4	3
25-49	13	7
50-74	14	11
75-99	3	4
100-124	0	0
125-184	4	3
264	0	1
<b>Total vessels</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Average gross tons</b>	<b>61.1</b>	<b>70.9</b>

Gear: Stern trawl

Trawl nets: Headrope, 21.9 m  
Groundrope, 28.7 m

Mesh size: Intermediate, 112 mm  
Codend, 112 mm