

Dead Fish and Fat Cats

A No-Nonsense Journey Through Canada's Dysfunctional Fishing Industry

Eric Wickham

In this book, successful fishboat captain Eric Wickham explores how an industry that had flourished for decades and was supposedly being well-managed by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, could suddenly founder.

"It is filled with wicked humour, wisdom that can come only from personal experience and lots of cogitation, and a blunt indictment of our government bureaucrats and politicians who have driven our resources into near extinction. It is amazing that people haven't been sent to prison for the criminal way they have mismanaged fish stocks on both Canadian coasts. Read this book for a real insight into how we got into this mess and what should be done to get out of it."

— from the preface by **Dr. David Suzuki**, host of CBC's *The Nature of Things* and author of *Good News for a Change*

"Eric brings the fishing business alive. Many fisheries professionals are beginning to look at the Black Cod Association as a model for the future of fisheries management."

— **Carl Walters**, professor, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, FRSC

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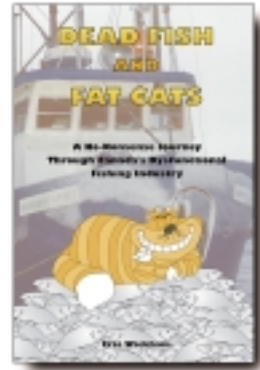
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He tells it like it is. His delightful book has an effective B.S. filter tightly in place.

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