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Officials from the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture will continue to be actively engaged with the Redfish Advisory Committee who are meeting in the coming weeks to determine quota allocations for each fleet, establish management measures, and consult on a Total Allowable Catch for the 2024 fishing season.

As Minister of Fisheries for Newfoundland and Labrador I will continue to impress upon the federal minister and officials the need for NL to obtain its fair share.

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Paul, as discussed, can you please share this information with Minister Howell's CA/EA? I have included the key messages, the federal and provincial news releases and the letter from Min Loveless in response to the decision. Let me know if they need anything else. I have informed the Branch/PO as well, btw.

- **Key Messages (attached)**
- **Federal NR:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2024/01/in-solution-mode-the-government-of-canada-launches-its-transition-plan-for-the-future-of-fisheries-in-quebec-and-atlantic-canada.html>
- **Minister Loveless Response NR:** [Minister Loveless Calls for Fair Share of Redfish Allocation - News Releases \(gov.nl.ca\)](#)
- **Minister Loveless Response Letter (attached)**

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Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Redfish Allocations February 7, 2024

Issue:

A recent announcement by the federal minister of fisheries detailed how they expect to open the redfish fishery. The Provincial Government subsequently issued a news release expressing concern over the commercial redfish quota share allocation for this province.

Questions:

- Why are you concerned with the commercial redfish quota allocation?
- How will you help ensure NL benefits from reopening the commercial redfish fishery?

Key Messages

- We are pleased to see a reopening of a commercial redfish fishery after so many years of closure. This represents new opportunities for both our harvesting and processing sectors.
- We are extremely disappointed with our province's share of the commercial redfish quota.
- DFO failed to appropriately take these principles into consideration in making their decision.
- We will continue to impress upon the Federal Government the need to obtain our fair share.
- We advised the Federal Government that redfish quota allocations should consider:
 - Newfoundland and Labrador's historical attachment to the fishery,
 - the longstanding principle of adjacency
 - reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Secondary Messages

- When Minister Loveless met with the federal Minister, they agreed on the need for federal management decisions to support the sustainability of rural communities and families.
- We have written the federal minister to express concern, request re-consideration of redfish quota allocations, and present options to support impacted shrimp harvesters.
- Given the significant quota reduction in Shrimp Fishing Area 8, we are calling for an increase in the redfish quota share for our shrimp harvesters in this province as well as consideration of a licence buyback program.
- Officials from our Government are actively engaged with the Redfish Advisory Committee that is meeting in the coming weeks to determine quota allocations for each fleet, establish management measures, and consult on a Total Allowable Catch for this fishing season.



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Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
Office of the Minister

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February 2, 2024

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Minister Lebouthillier:

I am writing to follow up on our recent meeting in St. John's where we discussed fishery and aquaculture issues that are important to Newfoundland and Labrador. I acknowledge your recent correspondence regarding the input provided by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador on a new access and allocation regime for the re-opening of a commercial Redfish fishery in Unit 1.

At our meeting we discussed the need for fair and equitable treatment for Newfoundland and Labrador in all federal fisheries and aquaculture decisions impacting harvesters and processors in this province. The re-opening of the Unit 1 Redfish fishery presented an opportunity to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador received a fair share of the allocation based on its historical attachment to the Redfish fishery and the long-standing principle of adjacency in fisheries management decisions. I am very disappointed that the provincial allocation for Newfoundland and Labrador did not increase to reflect these principles. Officials from my department will be actively engaged in the Redfish Advisory Committee to ensure our interests are represented as this exciting restart to the Redfish fishery in Unit 1 unfolds.

The Province supports a share of the allocation being provided for Indigenous peoples and shrimp harvesters. The announced reduction in Total Allowable Catch for Gulf shrimp is of great concern for shrimp harvesters in our province. I appreciate the intent of the 10% Redfish allocation for shrimp harvesters to help alleviate some of the impact of the Total Allowable Catch reduction. But given the number of harvesters who have licences for Shrimp Fishing Area 8, I am requesting your immediate consideration of an additional increase of the allocation impacted by the decline in the shrimp resource supplemented by a buyback program for harvesters who are able to leave the industry. This has an added benefit for the remaining harvesters who would have access to a greater share of the remaining quota.

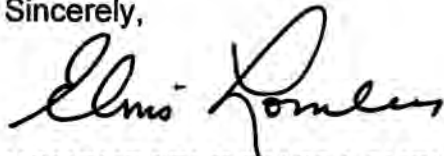
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As the Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture, I am committed to working with you to advance our common goals. At our meeting we talked about our shared vision, the importance of the fishery to sustaining the way of life of rural communities and families. As I stated in our meeting, which I think bears repeating, in order to do that it requires our fair share. I believe a positive response to my requests would support communities and families throughout Newfoundland and Labrador, and particularly those on the Great Northern Peninsula.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will continue to collaborate with Fisheries and Oceans Canada as we work towards a modern, sustainably managed Redfish commercial fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence that will benefit the people and communities of our province.

I ask for your consideration of my requests and a timely response. As always, I am available to continue our discussions on this important matter.

Sincerely,



HONOURABLE ELVIS LOVELESS, MHA
District of Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune
Minister

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Subject: [MORNING MEDIA - Feb. 8, 2024](#)

VOCM

FFAW Members to Protest Redfish Quota Decision in Corner Brook Today

Feb 8, 2024 | 6:00 AM

A demonstration is planned in Corner Brook today to protest the federal government's decision to allocate the lion's share of redfish quotas in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the offshore fleet based in Nova Scotia.

There were high hopes that the fishery could be the solution to pressures faced by inshore shrimp harvesters in the Gulf who have seen a steady cut in quotas.

But that was not to be.

Corner Brook MHA Gerry Byrne came out swinging yesterday accusing Ottawa of moral dishonesty in its approach to the fishery, reopened for the first time in three decades.

Byrne says the fleet and processing capacity already exists, but instead the federal government is involved in building a new offshore fleet with taxpayers dollars.

FFAW President Greg Pretty says they're robbing from workers to give to the rich. He wants to hear from local MPs.

It's time from them to come out in front says Pretty about this travesty all brought on, not because of the principles of resource or adjacency, but because somebody interfered.

CBC

N.L. fishery leader Blaine Sullivan emerges as preferred bidder for Harbour Grace shipyard

Insolvency monitor PWC will ask N.L. Supreme Court for sale approval Thursday

Terry Roberts 7 CBC News 7 Posted: Feb 07, 2024 5:32 PM NST | Last Updated: February 7

A company owned by Blaine Sullivan, a well-known leader in Newfoundland and Labrador's fishing industry, has emerged as the preferred bidder for the insolvent shipyard in Harbour Grace.

The advisory firm that's monitoring the court-supervised restructuring and sales process, PricewaterhouseCoopers, revealed in documents published this week on its website that it supports a sale of the yard to Green Skiff Investments.

Green Skiff is owned by Sullivan, who is best known as the president of Ocean Choice International, one of the province's largest seafood harvesting, processing and marketing companies.

Sullivan confirmed, when reached by phone in Toronto on Wednesday afternoon, that he has been told by PWC that he is the successful bidder.

PWC is expected to seek approval for the sale during a hearing at the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador on Thursday morning.

If the sale is approved, Sullivan said, he plans to work hard to rejuvenate the yard, which is owned by a company called Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises.

"There's a lot of good people there, and I think the business is there for this type of yard and the location is there," Sullivan said.

Sullivan would not disclose the purchase price but said he plans to make future investments to expand the shipyard.

"It wouldn't be fair really to do that without good collaboration with management and laying out a more carefully thought-out plan," Sullivan replied when asked about his vision for the yard.

Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises, with nearly \$16 million in debt, was granted court protection in early November from creditors who were demanding payment. The yard has continued to operate, with more than 40 employees on the payroll as of Wednesday.

PWC, appointed monitor under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, initiated a sale and investment solicitation process.

Sullivan, the highest bidder, is poised to become owner of one of the largest shipyards in Atlantic Canada if a judge signs off on the deal.

Sullivan said he's previously done business with the yard through his affiliation with Ocean Choice and an aquaculture service company called N.L. Marine and is impressed with the facility and its people.

"I think it's certainly interesting to continue on with the type of work in the Harbour Grace area," said Sullivan.

When asked what his message is to the workers at the yard, Sullivan said, "I'm there to work with them and want to continue to build on some of the great projects they've already done."

4 bids received by deadline

According to PWC documents, the monitor received four bids for the yard by the Jan. 29 deadline. The monitor asked the bidders to resubmit their best bids, and two of the four raised their offers. The monitor then asked the remaining two bidders to again improve their bids, and only Sullivan's company responded.

"The proposed transaction allows for the continuation of the company's business as a going concern, preserving employment, as well as customer and supplier relationships for the benefit of the Harbour Grace community and the Newfoundland and Labrador economy generally," the PWC document reads.

The two secured creditors, BMO and BDC, are "supportive of the transaction," according to the document.

NTV

Qalipu First Nation Expresses Concern Over Redfish Fishery Allocation

Qalipu First Nation is expressing disappointment and concern about the recent announcement on the reopening of the Unit 1 redfish fishery.

In a letter addressed to Fisheries Minister Diane Debouthillier, Jenny Brake, the Interim Chief of Qalipu First Nation highlighted the community's shock upon learning the details of the allocation of the fishery.

Most of the allocation will be directed to interests in Nova Scotia and Quebec, primarily the offshore fleet.

Qalipu First Nation has made attempts to engage with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to ensure Indigenous communities are prioritized in the allocation process but feels its concerns have been disregarded.

Qalipu First Nation is requesting an immediate, in-person meeting with the Minister.

The FFAW to host demonstration in Corner Brook today

FFAW-Unifor will be holding a demonstration today at 1:00 p.m. outside of the DFO Building located at 1 Regent Square in Corner Brook.

The union says the demonstration is meant to call attention to the mismanagement of fisheries. It will also protest the recent decision by Federal Fisheries Minister Diane Lebouthillier to allocate over half of the newly commercialized Unit 1 Redfish fishery to corporate offshore draggers, instead of inshore owner-operator vessels.

Lebouthillier has failed in her capacity as Minister to make decisions based on her mandate and the federal Fisheries Act, the FFAW alleges.

By allowing dragger vessels the FFAW is also raising conservation concerns.

Marine Institute celebrates 60 years of nautical education

<https://ntv.ca/marine-institute-celebrates-60-years-of-nautical-education/>

The marine industry is in the midst of a workforce shortage, even as Canadian shipbuilding is picking up steam with massive contracts for shipyards from coast to coast.

In this province, the marine is training skilled workers, but more are needed to meet the growing demand. NTV's Jodi Cooke reports.

Petition calls for changes to the upcoming food fishery

A petition for changes to the upcoming food fishery this summer is gathering names faster than anticipated.

<https://ntv.ca/petition-calls-for-changes-to-the-upcoming-food-fishery/>

BayFM

Fish harvesters to hold a rally over the redfish quota in Corner Brook today

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has announced a cut in the quota for shrimp harvesters and processors from 4,222 tonnes in 2023 to 1,757 tonnes this year.

Fish harvesters from the west coast and northern Peninsula will hold a rally today at the Smallwood building in Corner Brook. It gets underway 1 o'clock at Regent Square. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has announced a cut in

the quota for shrimp harvesters and processors from 4,222 tonnes in 2023 to 1,757 tonnes this year. Jason Spingle is the secretary-treasurer with the Fish, Food, and Allied Workers union. He says there are about 40 licensed harvesters on the west coast who catch groundfish, and they have been suffering for years. These fishers have been hanging on for this decision. Spingle says fishers are looking for a fair share and they expected to get it, especially since shrimp has declined and redfish has increased. He says most of this quota has been given to the big corporate offshore dragger fleets. Spingle says it will also affect plant workers. Meanwhile, discussions are underway with the Redfish Advisory Committee to determine quota allocations for each fleet.

Headlines

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND OCEANS: You may think the anti-sealing movement is a thing of the past but it's harder than ever to separate truth from fiction when it comes to the seal hunt. [Clip of standing committee on fisheries and oceans from December, 2023]

CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:10:13pm Duration: 00:10:09 Reporter:

Ref Id: W8w-6T3-7

FOOD INSECURITY GROUP: A group called The Lived and Living Experiences Advisory Group is using their personal knowledge of poverty and food insecurity to partner in conversations and to inform policies and programs across the province. ["Laurel Huget", "Anna"]

VOCM - St. John's - Morning Show @ 08:36:44am Duration: 00:08:33 Reporter:

Ref Id: A2F-6n8-8

NATIONAL SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM: A group that is raising money to feed children in schools says it's about time the federal government got moving on a national school food program. ["Celina Stoyles", Kids Eat Smart Foundation]

CBN - St. John's - 6am News @ 06:03:08am Duration: 00:00:59 Reporter:

Ref Id: b5T-8F9-8

RIGOLET LAND LEARNING PROGRAM: Torngat Wildlife, Plants and Fisheries Secretariat is starting up a new program in Rigolet for youth in the community. ["David Boris", Researcher]

CFGB - Goose Bay - Labrador Morning Show @ 07:13:10am Duration: 00:05:04 Reporter: Heidi Atter

Ref Id: e4f-4U8-8

CONCERN OVER BIRD POPULATIONS: The common crow with its loud harsh cry picking through your garbage can be a nuisance and they seem to be everywhere. Bird scientists are concerned that the crow population and other bird species dropping greatly. ["Allison Findlay", Bird Expert]

CFGB - Goose Bay - Labrador Morning Show @ 07:21:00am Duration: 00:07:12 Reporter: Leigh Anne Power

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This is very well received, thank you Carla!

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Subject: RE: URGENT: FFAW-Unifor Demonstration Feb 8th

Good morning Courtney,

Minister Loveless is currently out in Corner Brook and will be attending the Rally @ 1:00 p.m. to speak.

Best,

Carla

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Importance: High

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Minister Loveless,

On behalf of Greg Pretty, FFAW-Unifor President, and Jason Spingle, FFAW-Unifor Secretary-Treasurer, we wish to advise of a **Rally taking place Thursday February 8th, beginning 1pm at the DFO building in Corner Brook (Smallwood Building, Regent Square)**. This will be an opportunity for members of the 4R fleet to express their displeasure with the recent Unit 1 Redfish decision.

Please accept this email as an invitation for you to speak and address concerned harvesters and community members. Kindly confirm your commitment at your earliest convenience.

Rally for Resolve:

The 4R Fleet will be holding a demonstration to their displeasure for the Unit 1 Redfish decision. Please accept this invitation to address concerns of harvesters and community members.

When: 1PM Thursday February 8, 2024

Where: DFO Corner Brook (Smallwood Bay)



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Thank you,

Courtney Langille

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duplicate attachments included in previous records have been removed

Hi Carla and/or Stephanie, Jamie is requesting that you have these printed for the minister in Corner Brook. I have included all materials as attachments, with the exception of the DFO news release (the link is below). Let me know of any issues! [REDACTED]

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- **Basic Key Messages (attached)**
- **Minister's Speaking Points (prepared for NTV interview and in larger font) (attached)**
- **Federal NR:** <https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2024/01/in-solution-mode-the-government-of-canada-launches-its-transition-plan-for-the-future-of-fisheries-in-quebec-and-atlantic-canada.html>
- **Minister Loveless' Response Letter (attached)**
- **GNL News Release from Feb 2 (attached)**

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Minister's Speaking Points (Prepared for NTV on Feb 5)

We are pleased to see a reopening of a commercial redfish fishery after so many years of closure. This represents new opportunities for both our harvesting and processing sectors.

We had advised the Federal Government that redfish quota allocations should appropriately consider Newfoundland and Labrador's historical attachment to the fishery, the longstanding principle of adjacency, and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. I was able to raise this issue directly with the federal Minister on her recent trip to St. John's.

In that meeting the federal Minister and I agreed on the need for federal management decisions to support the sustainability of rural communities and families.

Having said that, I am extremely disappointed with our province's share of the commercial redfish quota.

DFO failed to appropriately take these principals into consideration when making their decision.

Given the significant quota reduction in Shrimp Fishing Area 8, I am calling upon the federal minister for an increase in the redfish quota share for shrimp harvesters in this province as well as consideration of a licence buyback program.

I have written Minister LeBouthillier to express our concerns, request re-consideration of redfish quota allocations and present options to support shrimp harvesters impacted by quota cuts. I reiterated our position that Newfoundland and Labrador's share of the redfish quota allocation should fairly reflect our historic attachment and close proximity to the resource.

Officials from the Department will continue to be actively engaged with the Redfish Advisory Committee who are meeting in the coming weeks to determine quota allocations for each fleet, establish management measures, and consult on a Total Allowable Catch for the 2024 fishing season.

As Minister of Fisheries for Newfoundland and Labrador I will continue to impress upon the federal minister and officials the need for NL to obtain its fair share.

NLIS 8
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture
February 2, 2024

Minister Loveless Calls for Fair Share of Redfish Allocation

The Honourable Elvis Loveless, Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture, is [calling on the Federal Government](#) to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador receives its fair share of the newly announced Unit 1 redfish quota allocations. The Provincial Government has requested a share that appropriately reflects Newfoundland and Labrador's historical attachment to the redfish fishery, the longstanding principle of adjacency, and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

On January 26, 2024, the Federal Government's Department of Fisheries and Oceans announced plans to re-open the Unit 1 commercial redfish fishery in 2024 for a two-year transitional period with a minimum Total Allowable Catch of 25,000 tonnes. Important discussions will take place in the coming weeks with the Redfish Advisory Committee to determine quota allocations for each fleet, establish management measures, and consult on a Total Allowable Catch for the 2024 fishing season.

The Federal Government's department also recently announced significant reductions in Northern Shrimp quotas that will have a devastating impact on this province's shrimp harvesters and processors. The quota for Shrimp Fishing Area 8, located adjacent to the province's west coast, has been reduced from 4,222 tonnes in 2023 to just 1,757 tonnes for 2024.

While the Federal Government's Department of Fisheries and Oceans has allocated 10 per cent of the redfish quota to shrimp harvesters to help offset impacts of the quota reduction, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is calling for those affected to receive a greater share of redfish quota given the extent of the cut.

Quote

"We are pleased with the re-opening of the commercial redfish fishery and the opportunities for the fishing industry in this province. In saying that, I am disappointed that the provincial share of the quota does not reflect the historic attachment and adjacency of Newfoundland and Labrador to the redfish fishery. Further, given the significant quota reduction in Shrimp Fishing Area 8, I call upon the federal minister for an increase in the redfish quota for shrimp harvesters and consideration of a licence buyback program for impacted harvesters."

Honourable Elvis Loveless
Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture

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BACKGROUND

1. The reopening of the Unit Redfish fishery will take place in two phases. A first two-year transitional phase will allow for data collection, give fish harvesters time to prepare, further develop markets, and strengthen the sector's capacity to transform.
 2. A second phase of long-term development aimed at establishing a redfish fishery with a modernized allocation key. A phase that, in view of the current scientific data, would be one of expansion.
1. Commercial redfish quota share by fleet:
 1. Offshore mobile gear (MG) fleet sector (vessels >100') - 58.69%
 2. Inshore MG fleet sector (vessels <65') - 14.84%
 3. Midshore MG fleet sector (vessels 65-100') - 5.72%
 4. Inshore fixed gear (bycatch) - 0.75%
 5. Estuary and Gulf of St. Lawrence (ESGL) Shrimp Harvesters - 10.00%
 6. Quota dedicated to Indigenous communities - 10.00%
1. Commercial redfish quota share by province as proposed by DFO:
 1. Newfoundland and Labrador: 19%
 2. Nova Scotia: 33%
 3. New Brunswick: 11%
 4. P.E.I.: 5%
 5. Quebec: 32%

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Please find attached the translated letter.

If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and have a great day!

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Hi Linda,

Please see the original. Can I get my afternoon tomorrow? Im so sorry for the last minute request.

Best,
Carla

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Hi Carla,

Could you send me the original that we can refer to by replying to this email? The Word copy is full of typos. Also, please be more specific about when you need this? I cannot guarantee that it will be done before the end of the day.

Thank you.

Regards, / Cordialement,

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French Language Services Policy :

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Dear Ministers:

I received your letter dated December 20 about scheduling a meeting to discuss the renewal of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF) program.

I am delighted to learn that the AFF has had such a positive impact on innovation, economic development and sustainability in the Atlantic region's fish and seafood sector. Thank you for working so diligently with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to make this important program a joint success. I am proud of our investments and achievements across the sector and in the Atlantic region, made possible through our collaborative efforts.

I realize that time is running out to receive and approve projects under the program, but I am very pleased that we have been able to work together to extend the AFF program's framework agreement to March 31, 2026. This extension will give AFF recipients up to two more years to implement their projects and receive reimbursement for eligible expenses.

DFO has also been examining options for renewing the fisheries funds available as both the sector's needs and our needs evolve. On January 26, 2024, I announced that I was actively seeking to extend the AFF and the Quebec Fisheries Fund to 2026, subject to ongoing negotiations with your governments. Please note that this will allow projects to continue to be approved past the current deadline of March 31, 2024. At the time of the announcement, I also indicated that during this extension period, federal priority would be given to innovative projects related to the industry's transition to the redfish fishery. I look forward to discussing the extension, this federal priority and our other mutual priorities when we meet so that we can finalize a collaborative way forward.

I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the recommended course of action and our mutual priorities. I would like to propose a meeting on February 13 at 7:30 a.m. EST. A member of my team will be in touch with your contact person shortly to confirm the details of this meeting.

Yours sincerely,

[Original French version signed]

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier P.C., M.P.

From: Chippett, Jamie
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 12:00 PM
To: Renouf, Craig
Cc: Shea, Erin, Hanlon, Bren M.
Subject: RE: MR for APPROVAL: The Broadcast/Redfish

Good

From: Renouf, Craig <CraigRenouf@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 2:44 PM
To: Chippett, Jamie <JamieChippett@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Shea, Erin <ErinShea@gov.nl.ca>; Hanlon, Bren M. <brenhanlon@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: MR for APPROVAL: The Broadcast/Redfish

Hi Jamie,

Todd O'Brien is requesting to interview the Minister regarding the province's position on redfish quota allocation either tomorrow or Friday. Please see the following MR for approval. Messages are same as those recently approved for the Minister's NTV interview except for a couple of small edits. Thanks, Craig.

MEDIA REQUEST

Date: February 7, 2024

Media:

Todd O'Brien
The Broadcast

W: [REDACTED]
C: [REDACTED] 40(1)

Reporter's Deadline: February 8, 2024

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Cc: Chippett, Jamie, Shea, Erin, Baldwin, Paul
Subject: MR FOR APPROVAL: Redfish/The Broadcast

Hi Minister,

Todd O'Brien with The Broadcast is looking to speak with you regarding concerns with the redfish quota allocation. He noted he is available today or tomorrow. Please advise how you wish to proceed and we can schedule accordingly. Key messages below have been approved by Jamie. Thanks, Craig.

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Subject: VOCM OPEN LINE - Feb. 8, 2024
Attachments: OPEN LINE - Graham Wood on Food Fishery Petition - Feb. 8, 2024.m4a, OPEN LINE - Owen on Redfish Quota - Feb. 8, 2024.m4a

Please find attached audio of following calls to Open Line today

SIGNATURES FOR PETITION: "Graham Wood" is calling to talk about the recreational food fishery petition that they started. They have over 1200 signatures and they have until the end of this month.

VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 10:55:26am Duration: 00:06:05 Reporter:

Ref Id: W8V-8P4-8

REDFISH QUOTA: "Owen" is calling to talk about the fishery in Burgeo. He says that their quota was taken by the Barry Group and that was given to Nova Scotia. He says that the redfish quota here should be more and we need to make sure that the work is happening here, in this province.

VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 11:14:03am Duration: 00:07:16 Reporter: Paddy Daly

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Subject: MORNING MEDIA - Feb. 9, 2024

CBC

Protesters gather at DFO office in Corner Brook to voice frustration over redfish quota

Fisheries Minister Elvis Loveless wants 19 per cent share of quota to go to 30 per cent

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/ffaw-redfish-protest-1.7109506>

Here & Now

Fish harvesters upset with redfish quotas protested in Corner Brook today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewHBNDV8bc> (Story starts at 12:36 mark)

NTV

Fish harvesters, processors hold demonstration in Corner Brook on recent redfish quota allocation

<https://ntv.ca/fish-harvesters-processors-hold-demonstration-in-corner-brook-on-recent-redfish-quota-allocation/>

Fish harvesters, processors, politicians and indigenous leaders held a demonstration outside the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans offices in Corner Brook today. They were voicing their concerns over a recent decision by the department giving a large portion of a commercial redfish quota to offshore vessels.

The Telegram

FFAW demonstrators demand change in redfish quota

CORNER BROOK Guy Gallant has been waiting 30 years for the commercial redfish fishery to resume in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Redfish is all we had to survive on for a number of years until we were forced out of the Gulf. Thats it, we were shut down, said Gallant.

For a little while after he was able to still have a role in the fishery doing surveys for the government.

Thats all we had to depend on. Thats it, he said.

The Benois Cove fisherman has been fishing since he was 18 and said hes managed to make a go of it over the last 30 years with the other licences that hes had for pelagic species.

At 53, he hopes to get another 20 years out of the fishery.

So, when news broke that there would be a resumption of the redfish fishery, Gallant was optimistic.

He and others who are part of the otter trawl fleet on the west coast and Northern Peninsula expected theyd get a fair share of the quota.

To bring our livelihood back to what it once was when the groundfish was a viable resource, he said. That didnt happen.

Last week, federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Minister Diane Lebovitch allocated nearly 60 per cent of the newly commercialized Unit 1 redfish fishery to a handful of corporate offshore draggers.

The Ffaw-unifor has called the allocation a mismanagement of the fishery that would negatively affect the 100 or so inshore, owneroperator vessels that rely on it.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, Gallant stood side by side with many of those harvesters outside the DFO office in Corner Brook to demonstrate against the quota decision.

The demonstration was organized by the union and attended by processors, provincial politicians and Indigenous leaders and representatives.

Gallant said he was utterly devastated when the quota was announced.

Couldnt fathom it, really. You didnt know if you were actually believing what your eyes were telling you and what your ears were telling you. Youve got to live it to understand what kind of devastation it is.

He said the inshore fishery is small in number and there are enterprises that depend solely on groundfish.

We have nothing else to help us along with our living. Weve got no shrimp and weve got no extra allocation to sort of reach out to, to take a share of.

Gallant said theres nothing to fall back on and no means to access any more of the redfish quota.

But hes not going to give up.

Were here for the long haul. Well find a way through it. We definitely will find a way through this, but as it stands right now with the numbers that theyre throwing around, were looking at somewhere between 15,000 pounds and 100,000 pounds. We just spent north of \$1 million on a vessel to have it ready again. That money is spent.

And he wont be able to recoup it.

Not unless the minister changes the decisions that shes making.

To see so many people stand together with the harvesters at the demonstration was a great encouragement, he said.

This is not about the Guy Gallants of the world. Were going to be here a short time, relatively speaking. Its our communities thats going to benefit from this as well, keep this resource going. This is going to last longer than me.

Jason Spingle, Ffaw-unifors secretary-treasurer, said the Government of Canada, the MPS and Lebovitch need to see that this decision needs to be changed or an addition or addendum made to it.

We need fish for the harvesters that are here today, Spingle said.

There are high-quality fish that are only a few hours outside of the Bay of Islands that could be processed in local plants, he said.

Spingle said DFO has stated the redfish stock is the largest groundfish stock in biomass ever recorded in Atlantic Canadian history.

We just want a fair share of that.

Its something thats important for many because of the decimation of the shrimp fishery, something that redfish have contributed to.

The redfish fishery is about a transition to a new opportunity, Spingle said.

We have the boats, and the crews and the expertise. We have the plants, he said.

Cooke Inc. is a seafood juggernaut

The Telegram (St. John's) 9 Feb 2024 DON MILLS dmillshfx@gmail.com @donmillshfx

Its the worlds largest private seafood company. Its in our backyard.

Yet few people know much about Cooke Inc. or the aquaculture operation it owns, established by Glenn Cooke and his family in Blacks Harbour in 1985.

It started with two ocean cages and 5,000 salmon. Since its founding, Cooke Aquaculture has grown to become the fifth-largest salmon farming company in the world and parent Cooke Inc., the largest seafood company that is privately owned.

Last year, the company produced 35-40 million salmon, along with other species, including oysters, scallops, sea bass and shrimp. Cooke is involved in both fish farming and the wild fishery. Tthe company produced or harvested 60 million finfish in the past year.

The company has nearly 13,000 employees, with 2,500 employed in Atlantic Canada. These are year-round jobs, not seasonal, and most are in mainly rural coastal communities, thus providing a strong boost to the local economies.

\$4 BILLION IN REVENUE

In a region where most people think that Clearwater is the largest seafood company, it will be surprising for many to learn that Cooke is more than six times bigger, on a revenue basis. Revenue for Cooke this past year was more than \$4 billion, making it one of the largest and most important companies in Atlantic Canada.

Those revenues also support 250 head office jobs in Saint John, N.B. In 2023, the company was named one of Canadas Best Managed Companies for the 18th consecutive year and Glenn Cooke was recently inducted into the Atlantic Canada Marine Industry Hall of Fame under the processor category.

GROWTH THROUGH ACQUISITION

Cookes rapid growth has been driven by an aggressive acquisition strategy. Since 2016, the company has made 15 acquisitions with a value of \$2.5 billion.

As a result, Cooke has become a global company with operations in 14 countries. Its biggest acquisition to date (in November 2022) was the Tassal Group in Australia, which was worth more than a billion dollars.

Of note, in 2022, Cooke invested in Ganong, Canadas oldest candy and chocolate company, stepping outside the seafood sector for the first time.

Interestingly, Glenn Cooke worked briefly for the Irving family in the early 1970s. The Irvings are well known for their vertical integration strategy. Whether influenced by the Irvings or not, Cooke has taken the same approach.

The company has its own hatcheries, feed production facilities, and utilizes a fleet of 800 vessels to harvest its fish. It has 30 processing plants around the world to process what it catches and its own transportation companies to deliver its products to market.

The company also has a research and development department to grow healthy and sustainable fish products and a geneticist to help improve the fish species it produces.

Glenn Cooke, in a recent Insights Podcast, underscored the scientific approach that his company takes to produce fish without the hormones or antibiotics being used by the beef industry.

THE CHALLENGES OF REGULATION

Salmon farming alone in Atlantic Canada accounts for \$2 billion of economic output and supports 8,000 jobs.

Cooke is quick to point out the opportunity for the aquaculture industry across Atlantic Canada with its extensive access to the seacoast, while at the same time lamenting the difficult regulatory approval process that can take years. He cited the regulatory process in Nova Scotia as being the most difficult of any jurisdiction where the company operates. Cooke is looking for the province to streamline its scoping and application review process for the establishment of new aquaculture sites.

Indeed, many of the projects awaiting approval in Nova Scotia are still waiting more than five years after their application was submitted. This may help explain why the growth of the aquaculture sector has been so slow across the region. Cooke pointed out in our recent conversation the example of Norway, which is a world leader in this sector. Each year, Norway announces pre-approved sites for aquaculture that companies can then bid on in an open competition.

The regulatory environment continues to be an issue for many sectors of the economy, especially those that are resource-based. The need for a timely, well-defined, and understood regulatory process is well established.

It is leading companies like Cooke to invest elsewhere in the world. As Glenn Cooke states, We intend to invest in Atlantic Canada. However, there has been very modest aquaculture growth in Nova Scotia for several years due to regulatory red tape.

GLOBAL NEED FOR PROTEIN

There is a movement across the world to healthier, protein-based diets. The UNS Food and Agriculture Organizations recent Blue Transformation report calls for growth of 35 per cent in global sustainable aquaculture by 2030 to address one of its key goals, the eradication of hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition.

At the same time, there are growing concerns related to overfishing of the worlds oceans that are real. We only have to look at the collapse of the cod stocks in our own region more than 30 years ago and have yet to fully recover.

The only reliable long-term source of fish products is aquaculture. The demand for fish farmed products is growing and the sector is expected to double by 2050.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Aquaculture is an industry that relies on the public support and the social licence needed to conduct its operations and the industry has come under scrutiny.

There are legitimate concerns about the impact of aquaculture on the environment, primarily related to pollution caused by the waste produced by ocean-based fish farms. Locating fish farms in areas where the sites are naturally cleaned is paramount. There are also opportunities to locate fish farms further offshore. Concerns related to disease, especially related to lice infestation are also real.

Of interest, Cooke has begun to employ lump fish to graze on lice-infesting farmed salmon, replicating what happens in the natural environment.

Cooke employs the latest technologies to monitor its fish farms and manage feed operations, including using robots to clean and repair the fish cages. Cooke also employs Third-party Certification Programs, including the 4-Star BAP (Best Aquaculture Practices) to ensure adherence to the highest environmental practices.

Cooke is quick to point out that aquaculture is one of the healthiest and most efficient methods to feed the population with the lowest freshwater use and the lowest carbon footprint of any animal protein. The company prides itself on its scientific approach to the management of its fish, including the use of Phd-level geneticists to develop more disease-resistant and faster-growing fish species.

LOOKING AHEAD

There is little doubt that Cooke is ambitious, on a scale rarely seen in our region. When asked about the next goal for the company, Glenn Cooke simply stated that there were still a few companies ahead of his globally, indicating that growth continues to be the company's primary goal.

The importance of the success of a company like Cooke cannot be overstated as a role model for other ambitious companies in Atlantic Canada.

PS This marks the fifth anniversary of the To the Point column. Thanks for reading.

Don Mills is a regular columnist, the co-founder and former owner of Corporate Research Associates Inc. (now Narrative Research), an active advocate for change and involved as a partner with several private companies. He is also the co-host of the weekly Insights Podcast.

VOCM

St. Johns SPCA Plans for Regional Facility Advancing

The St. Johns SPCAs plans to build a new regional facility are moving forward at the city level.

At the most recent council meeting, approval was given to the SPCAs discretionary use application to build the facility on East White Hills Road.

The organization has been actively fundraising for the new facility through their Way Home Campaign, which would significantly increase their capacity to care for animals.

According to the SPCA website, over \$3.6 million has been raised, bringing them about half way to their \$6.9-million goal.

DFO Issues Heavy Fines, Suspends Licenses After Major Investigation Into Nova Scotia Halibut Fishery

An investigation into the Nova Scotia halibut fishery by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has resulted in a number of fines and suspended licenses.

According to the DFO, the investigation into the halibut fishery in the Sambro area of Nova Scotia resulted in four trials. Five individuals and three companies were convicted of 18 violations of the Fisheries Act and Regulations. The last sentence was handed out earlier this week on February 6.

Collectively the five individuals and three companies were fined more than \$260,000. One individual who has not been named also received a 60 day license suspension. Another unidentified individual was issued a six month license suspension. This means that during that period the individual is prohibited from boarding a commercial fishing vessel in Canadian or American waters, and is unable to possess or acquire any interest in a fishing vessel or license.

Atlantic halibut is a valuable groundfish species, accounting for 59% of the value of the groundfish fishery in the Maritimes Region in 2022. The crackdown comes a few years after the DFO investigated another major case of illegal possession and sale of harvested halibut. Back in 2021 a total of 66 halibut fishing charges were issued. During that time eight individuals and five companies were charged following the investigation. The DFO had also seized a 50-foot longline fishing boat, a trailer, and nearly 7,500 lbs of Atlantic Halibut (valued at approximately \$40,000 CAD), among other things.

Intrafish

Clothing giant launches new attack on salmon farming

Patagonia, in its latest effort to battle the industry, is preparing a major promotional effort for its new film.

7 February 2024 17:56 GMT UPDATED 7 February 2024 21:23 GMT

Clothing giant Patagonia is launching another broadside against the salmon farming sector -- this time against Iceland -- and is bringing in high-profile names to promote the effort.

On Thursday, the group will launch its new film, "Laxajǫl A Salmon Nation*," with major fanfare in Iceland, with high-profile speakers, including Washington State Department of Natural Resources Hilary Franz.

Franz signed an executive order last year banning all commercial finfish farming in Washington state waters, thereby wiping out what remains of the state's salmon farming sector. That rule is not yet final. She remains a proponent of land-based salmon farming, and is working with a small Canadian group, Sustainable Blue, on finding a site.

In addition to Franz, Patagonia and local Icelandic campaigners have recruited celebrity firepower for the film launch and campaign.

Icelandic megastar Bjork wrote an original song for the film, and environmentalist and explorer Veiga Gretarsdottir, who is featured in the film, will headline the launch alongside Franz.

Bjork promoted the film's launch Wednesday to her 3.2 million Facebook followers and 869,000 followers on Twitter.

Opposition to Iceland's salmon farms has grown as the industry's profile has raised.

Among the issues Patagonia and NGO partner Icelandic Wildlife Fund (IWF) focus on in the film is the need for more stringent rules for the sector. A current draft of a new aquaculture bill, expected to be adopted this year, is in the public comment phase. The bill is aimed at addressing mortalities, lice and other fish health issues, and will create a new taxation and regulatory system.

Kjartan Olafsson, the chairman of the Iceland Aquaculture and Ocean Forum (IAOF) trade association, said the industry is in alignment with Patagonia and the IWF on some key issues around the new aquaculture regulations, and said the industry aims to make Iceland a global leader on sustainable production.

With growth restrictions in Norway, Chile and Canada, Iceland is widely seen as the new frontier for growth in the salmon farming sector.

Several major Norwegian salmon farmers have bought into the nascent industry, including Mowi, the world's largest salmon farmer, which acquired a majority stake in Arctic Fish, and Salmar, which controls Arnarlax. Norwegian salmon farmer Masoval also owns a share in Ice Fish Farm.

Both companies came under fire last year for high sea lice levels at their farms, which forced them to emergency harvest some 1,000 metric tons of fish.

Mowi CEO Ivan Vindheim said at the time high lice levels and subsequent culling "will not happen again," adding that Arctic Fish "is not yet up to the Mowi standard."

Olafsson said the new regulations will be an important part of ensuring that last year's issues are less frequent.

"Mother nature can be tough and these happenings were very, very unfortunate," he told IntraFish. "We can do better and the industry and authorities are working closely these days for ways to improve with the new farming law proposal."

Officials from Mowi, Arnarlax and Ice Fish Farm could not be immediately reached for comment on this story.

Olafsson noted that the Iceland salmon farming sector provides jobs and economic growth to rural areas of the country with few job opportunities, a factor he believes the Icelandic public takes into account when evaluating the sector.

"My guess is that Icelandic people and politicians are well capable of weighing and evaluating these factors and even at the same time enjoying many of the talented artists put on stage by IWF and Patagonia," he added.

Production in Iceland was estimated at just over 39,000 metric tons in 2023, a slight decline from the year prior, according to market analyst group Kontali. However, that production level is expected to grow by 19 percent to 46,700 metric tons this year.

The value of Iceland's aquaculture exports, around 90 percent of which is salmon, was ISK 48.8 billion (319 million/\$344 million) in 2022, more than triple the amount from five years prior, according to Statistics Iceland.

Patagonia, founded by billionaire Yvon Chouinard, an avid salmon fly fisherman, has actively battled the salmon farming industry for several years. Patagonia has revenues in excess of \$1.5 billion.

In addition to backing NGOs battling the sector in Canada, the United States and Chile, the company has also launched other films criticizing the industry. The 2019 film "Artifishial" focused on salmon farming and its impact on wild salmon in British Columbia.

In 2020, the company's food division, Patagonia Provisions, which sells wild salmon and other fish at retail stores, cut ties with Alaska processor Icicle Seafoods after learning Canadian salmon farming and seafood giant Cooke held a majority stake in the group.

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Subject: Email from [REDACTED] / Gulf of St Lawrence Redfish / Requesting a meeting with the Minister when he is out in Corner Brook on Feb 18
Attachments: Email from [REDACTED] Gulf of St Lawrence Redfish Requesting a meeting with the Minister when he is out in Corner Brook on Feb 18.MSG

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Subject: The Broadcast - Redfish
Attachments: The Broadcast - Redfish Protest Coverage - Feb. 8, 2024.m4a

Please find attached audio from The Broadcast last evening. Interviews with harvester Guy Gallant and Qalipu First Nation interim chief Jenny Brake about concerns with Redfish quota.

PROTEST AGAINST REDFISH QUOTA: There was a protest in Corner Brook today in front of DFO Offices. People are upset over the allocation of redfish quota. ["Guy Gallant", Harvester]

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Thanks. I will have a look. I will similarly share our notes for our Minister but it might be Sunday before I get to them. Same disclaimer as Cathy. I am sure Minister Loveless well raise allocations.

Have a good weekend

Jamie

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Hi everyone,

In the interest of transparency, I am sharing the high level bullets we have for our Minister on Tuesday regarding AFF. Please let me know if any concerns (although disclaimer I cant control how my Minister will use them 😊). She will start and then open the floor to the other ministers.

It is also my understanding NL Minister will bring up the issue of redfish (disappointment of not being informed ahead of time, limited details available, looking for more details, etc.)

Have a good weekend, and contact me if any comments or concerns.

Cathy

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SPEAKING POINTS

ISSUE: The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) proposed an extension to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund and Quebec Fisheries Fund enabling project approval beyond the March 31, 2024, deadline. The extension is subject to the prioritization of projects related to the redfish fisheries.

? We would like to thank the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the extension to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund which will afford industry the opportunity to complete valuable projects.

- ? Up until January 31, 2024, we understood no new projects could be approved starting April 1, 2024.
- ? While we are grateful for the further extension, a timelier decision, made in collaboration with the provinces, would have provided the opportunity to be more strategic in the allocation of the remaining funds. Given that the AFF is a partnership fund, it was very disappointing that DFO would make a unilateral decision and announcement.
- ? Due to the lengthy approvals process and the requirement that projects be completed by March 31, 2026, the new sunset date of the extension effectively only adds 12 months to the application period.
- ? We request that batches of projects already submitted for federal approval prior to the announcement be approved. We would be pleased to discuss any improvements to the process that would allow for more timely project approvals for the remaining batches.
- ? While investment in redfish related projects will be critical, I hope that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada will show flexibility with the remaining funds to allow other important strategic projects to continue to advance.
- ? Decisions relating to the renewal of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund, with new investments, are required as soon as possible to continue with a stable and predictable funding model for the sector beyond the extension period.
- ? To expedite a renewal of the fund, we are supportive of a straight renewal of the agreement. The existing Atlantic Fisheries Fund terms and conditions allow enough flexibility to achieve the funding goals and objectives communicated as priorities by provinces and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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As discussed, please see below. Let me know if you want us to look for something in particular.

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Hi,

Please find attached what I have found today. I copied articles into the word doc and attached calls to Open Line. At the end of the word doc there are some articles from a few years back foreshadowing the current dispute which may be of interest. Let me know if you need anything further.

Tks.

CBC

Protesters gather at DFO office in Corner Brook to voice frustration over redfish quota

Fisheries Minister Elvis Loveless wants 19 per cent share of quota to go to 30 per cent
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/ffaw-redfish-protest-1.7109506>

Here & Now

Fish harvesters upset with redfish quotas protested in Corner Brook today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewHBNDV8bc> (Story starts at 12:36 mark)

NTV

Fish harvesters, processors hold demonstration in Corner Brook on recent redfish quota allocation

<https://ntv.ca/fish-harvesters-processors-hold-demonstration-in-corner-brook-on-recent-redfish-quota-allocation/>

Fish harvesters, processors, politicians and indigenous leaders held a demonstration outside the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans offices in Corner Brook today. They were voicing their concerns over a recent decision by the department giving a large portion of a commercial redfish quota to offshore vessels.

The Telegram

FFAW demonstrators demand change in redfish quota

February 9, 2024

CORNER BROOK — Guy Gallant has been waiting 30 years for the commercial redfish fishery to resume in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

“Redfish is all we had to survive on for a number of years until we were forced out of the Gulf. That’s it, we were shut down,” said Gallant.

For a little while after he was able to still have a role in the fishery doing surveys for the government.

“That’s all we had to depend on. That’s it,” he said.

The Benoit’s Cove fisherman has been fishing since he was 18 and said he’s managed to make a go of it over the last 30 years with the other licences that he’s had for pelagic species.

At 53, he hopes to get another 20 years out of the fishery.

So, when news broke that there would be a resumption of the redfish fishery, Gallant was optimistic.

He and others who are part of the otter trawl fleet on the west coast and Northern Peninsula expected they'd get a fair share of the quota.

"To bring our livelihood back to what it once was when the groundfish was a viable resource," he said. That didn't happen.

Last week, federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Minister Diane Lebovillier allocated nearly 60 per cent of the newly commercialized Unit 1 redfish fishery to a handful of corporate offshore druggers.

The Ffaw-unifor has called the allocation a mismanagement of the fishery that would negatively affect the 100 or so inshore, owneroperator vessels that rely on it.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, Gallant stood side by side with many of those harvesters outside the DFO office in Corner Brook to demonstrate against the quota decision.

The demonstration was organized by the union and attended by processors, provincial politicians and Indigenous leaders and representatives.

Gallant said he was utterly devastated when the quota was announced.

"Couldn't fathom it, really. You didn't know if you were actually believing what your eyes were telling you and what your ears were telling you. You've got to live it to understand what kind of devastation it is."

He said the inshore fishery is small in number and there are enterprises that depend solely on groundfish.

"We have nothing else to help us along with our living. We've got no shrimp and we've got no extra allocation to sort of reach out to, to take a share of."

Gallant said there's nothing to fall back on and no means to access any more of the redfish quota.

But he's not going to give up.

"We're here for the long haul. We'll find a way through it. We definitely will find a way through this, but as it stands right now with the numbers that they're throwing around, we're looking at somewhere between 15,000 pounds and 100,000 pounds. We just spent north of \$1 million on a vessel to have it ready again. That money is spent."

And he won't be able to recoup it.

"Not unless the minister changes the decisions that she's making."

To see so many people stand together with the harvesters at the demonstration was a great encouragement, he said.

“This is not about the Guy Gallants of the world. We’re going to be here a short time, relatively speaking. It’s our communities that’s going to benefit from this as well, keep this resource going. This is going to last longer than me.”

Jason Spingle, Ffaw-unifor’s secretary-treasurer, said the Government of Canada, the MPS and Lebouthillier need to see that this decision needs to be changed or an addition or addendum made to it.

“We need fish for the harvesters that are here today,” Spingle said.

There are high-quality fish that are only a few hours outside of the Bay of Islands that could be processed in local plants, he said.

Spingle said DFO has stated the redfish stock is the largest groundfish stock in biomass ever recorded in Atlantic Canadian history.

“We just want a fair share of that.”

It’s something that’s important for many because of the decimation of the shrimp fishery, something that redfish have contributed to.

The redfish fishery is about a transition to a new opportunity, Spingle said.

“We have the boats, and the crews and the expertise. We have the plants,” he said.

VOCM

FFAW Members to Protest Redfish Quota Decision in Corner Brook Today

Feb 8, 2024 | 6:00 AM

A demonstration is planned in Corner Brook today to protest the federal government’s decision to allocate the lion’s share of redfish quotas in the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the offshore fleet based in Nova Scotia.

There were high hopes that the fishery could be the solution to pressures faced by inshore shrimp harvesters in the Gulf who have seen a steady cut in quotas.

But that was not to be.

Corner Brook MHA Gerry Byrne came out swinging yesterday accusing Ottawa of “moral dishonesty” in its approach to the fishery, reopened for the first time in three decades.

Byrne says the fleet and processing capacity already exists, but instead the federal government is involved in building a new offshore fleet with taxpayers dollars.

FFAW President Greg Pretty says “they’re robbing from workers to give to the rich.” He wants to hear from local MPs.

“It’s time from them to come out in front” says Pretty “about this travesty...all brought on, not because of the principles of resource or adjacency, but because somebody interfered.”

NTV

Qalipu First Nation Expresses Concern Over Redfish Fishery Allocation

Qalipu First Nation is expressing disappointment and concern about the recent announcement on the reopening of the Unit 1 redfish fishery.

In a letter addressed to Fisheries Minister Diane Debouthillier, Jenny Brake, the Interim Chief of Qalipu First Nation highlighted the community’s shock upon learning the details of the allocation of the fishery.

Most of the allocation will be directed to interests in Nova Scotia and Quebec, primarily the offshore fleet.

Qalipu First Nation has made attempts to engage with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to ensure Indigenous communities are prioritized in the allocation process but feels its concerns have been disregarded.

Qalipu First Nation is requesting an immediate, in-person meeting with the Minister.

NTV

The FFAW to host demonstration in Corner Brook today

FFAW-Unifor will be holding a demonstration today at 1:00 p.m. outside of the DFO Building located at 1 Regent Square in Corner Brook.

The union says the demonstration is meant to call attention to the mismanagement of fisheries. It will also protest the recent decision by Federal Fisheries Minister Diane Lebouthillier to allocate over half of the newly commercialized Unit 1 Redfish fishery to corporate offshore draggers, instead of inshore owner-operator vessels.

Lebouthillier has failed in her capacity as Minister to make decisions based on her mandate and the federal Fisheries Act, the FFAW alleges.

By allowing dragger vessels the FFAW is also raising conservation concerns.

NTV

FFAW pushes back against Ottawa's recent announcement of redfish allocations

<https://ntv.ca/ffaw-pushes-back-against-ottawas-recent-announcement-of-redfish-allocations/>

The FFAW and the province's fisheries minister are pushing back against Ottawa's recent announcement of redfish allocations. They say Newfoundland and Labrador is not getting its fair share.

BayFM

NL Fisheries Minister wants to see a fair share for redfish quotas

Discussions will take place over the next couple of weeks with the Redfish Advisory Committee to determine quota allocations for each fleet.

Provincial Fisheries Minister Elvis Loveless, is calling on the federal government to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador receives its fair share of the newly announced Unit 1 redfish quota allocations. On January 26th, DFO announced plans to reopen that fishery for a two year transitional period. The total allowable catch is 25,000 tonnes. Discussions will take place over the next couple of weeks with the Redfish Advisory Committee to determine quota allocations for each fleet. While DFO has allocated 10 percent of the redfish quota to shrimp harvesters to help offset impacts of the quota reduction, government is calling for those affected to receive a greater share of the redfish quota given the extent of the cut. Meanwhile, Northern Shrimp quotas are also being cut. The quota for Shrimp Fishing Area 8, located adjacent to the province's west coast, has been reduced from 4,222 tonnes in 2023 to just 1,757 tonnes for 2024.

The Telegram

This fight is far from over': N.L. fisheries union say more of new redfish allocation should be going to members

FFAW-Unifor was hoping more of the quota would go to the inshore, coastal-based fleet in the Gulf of St. Lawrence

The union representing fish harvesters and plant workers in Newfoundland and Labrador is upset its members won't be getting more of the newly commercialized redfish quota.

Last week, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Minister Diane Lebouthillier announced redfish abundance has reached levels that allow commercial catches to resume for the first time in nearly 30 years.

The federal department also announced significant reductions in Northern Shrimp quotas.

Less than 25 per cent

FFAW-Unifor was hoping that half of the redfish quota would go to the inshore, coastal-based fleet in the Gulf of St. Lawrence area, including shrimp harvesters who, according to the union, desperately need an economically viable transition to the redfish fishery for continued survival. Instead, the inshore fleet has been allocated less than 25 per cent of the 25,000-tonne minimum total allowable catch (TAC).

Nearly 60 per cent of the share will go to the corporate-owned offshore fleet in Nova Scotia, which uses factory-freezer draggers that will not land or process product in Canada.

'Left to go bankrupt'

"These small-scale fish harvesters and their communities rely on access to the marine resources off their doorsteps," Greg Pretty, FFAW-Unifor's president, said in a news release issued Monday, hours after the federal minister discussed the issue in a media scrum.

"The minister has very clearly failed in her responsibility under the federal Fisheries Act by not prioritizing social, economic and cultural factors as well as the preservation and promotion of the independence of independent license holders."

A majority share for the inshore Gulf fleet would have meant economic sustainability for the 100 or so owner-operator vessels that desperately need the transition from shrimp to redfish, said Rendell Genge, a fish harvester from Anchor Point, N.L. who identified the resurgence of redfish years ago and the need to prepare gear trials before commercialization.

"Now, the lion's share is going to a handful of corporate-owned vessels, and our fleet will be left to go bankrupt," Genge said.

Numbers could change

Lebouthillier, meanwhile, emphasized that the 25,000-tonne quota is just a minimum and no final decisions have been made yet.

"The sole purpose of the 25,000-tonne floor was to provide predictability and ensure a minimum for the various stakeholders, who will ultimately have their say," she said. "If, following last week's announcement, harvesting and processing industries, Indigenous communities and provincial governments all agree to recommend a TAC beyond 25,000 tonnes, rest assured that I am perfectly open to granting it."

She added that, in the case of shrimp harvesters, it's important to understand that 10 per cent of 25,000 tonnes is not the same as 10 per cent of 50,000 tonnes or 10 per cent of 75,000 tonnes.

"That's why I'd like to urge everyone to be extremely cautious, and avoid quick mathematical shortcuts," said Lebouthillier. "I know it's not easy for anyone at the moment, but, collectively, we all have a role to play in avoiding unnecessary escalation of the current situation through outbursts and speculation."

She noted that the Redfish Advisory Committee will continue to meet in the coming weeks and months and further announcements will be made in due course.

Historical shares

As for the issue of historical shares, Lebouthillier, said her decision has sought to respect that and reflect it as closely as possible.

According to DFO's latest estimates, Nova Scotia remains in the lead in terms of shares, as has historically been the case. As for Quebec, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador and Prince Edward Island, the minister noted that their shares have not only been respected, but even increased.

In terms of fleet distribution, she said the historic shares of vessels over 100 feet, or "offshores" as they are known, has shrunk from 74 per cent in 1994 to 59 per cent in 2024, which the minister said is to the benefit of smaller fleets, shrimpers and Indigenous communities.

"In short, the decision announced last week offers even more opportunities to the smallest players, whose leverage has increased considerably since the 1993 moratorium," said Lebouthillier. "To suggest otherwise is simply false."

Not giving up

According to the union, the decision to favour the offshore fleet goes against conservation efforts for the species, which has been under a moratorium since 1995.

The inshore owner-operator fleet, noted the union's press release, has undertaken extensive scientific work in the past several years to study gear modifications to significantly reduce by-catch and try to ensure a sustainable community-based fishery.

"This fight is far from over and we are certainly not laying down and moving on from this issue," said Jason Spingle, FFAW-Unifor's secretary-treasurer, in the news release.

Spingle called the redfish decision a direct threat on northern cod as well.

"Every single fish harvester, whether they're in the Gulf or not, should be alarmed at this redfish allocation," he said.

"We cannot, and we will not, allow our rightful fisheries to be corporatized to leave our communities with nothing."

Province takes stand

The provincial government has weighed in on the issue, with Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture Minister Elvis Loveless calling on the federal government to ensure Newfoundland and Labrador receives its fair share of the new redfish quota allocations.

"I am disappointed that the provincial share of the quota does not reflect the historic attachment and adjacency of Newfoundland and Labrador to the redfish fishery," said Loveless in a news release. "Further, given the significant quota reduction in Shrimp Fishing Area 8, I call upon the federal minister for an increase in the redfish quota for shrimp harvesters and consideration of a licence buyback program for impacted harvesters."

Conservation group has questions

Oceana Canada, an organization focused on ocean conservation which also issued a prepared statement on the redfish decision, said many critical questions about the management and monitoring of the fishery remain unanswered and must be resolved before the fishery opens.

“Oceana Canada urges Fisheries Minister Lebouthillier and DFO to take a cautious approach,” urged Rebecca Schijns, a fishery scientist with Oceana Canada.

“We call on the Canadian government to develop a redfish management plan to prevent the same overfishing that led to its collapse 30 years ago. It must include rigorous monitoring requirements in line with DFO’s Fishery Monitoring Policy.”

Monitoring essential

Careful monitoring is essential, Schijns added, because there are two species of redfish in the Gulf of St. Lawrence that look identical to the untrained eye.

Deepwater redfish (*Sebastes mentella*) are healthy and flourishing, she said, while Acadian redfish (*Sebastes fasciatus*) are in the cautious zone.

“A sustainable fishery may be able to target deepwater redfish, however, it would also need to prevent the incidental catch — or bycatch — of undersized fish and less abundant Acadian redfish, along with other species that are depleted or commercially valuable,” she said.

“With the rebound of redfish, DFO has an opportunity to demonstrate how a fishery can be re-opened successfully. By following modern policies and management practices, redfish can provide an economic boost to coastal communities for years to come.”

Past mistakes won’t be repeated

Lebouthillier said she will not make decisions that lead to overfishing the redfish stock.

“The redfish fishery will be a quota fishery and there’s no way we’ll be emptying the bottom of the sea in 2024, and I’m telling you, over my dead body,” she said. “I’ve been saying it over and over again for months now, I lived the groundfish moratorium first-hand. We certainly won’t repeat the mistakes of the past, and that’s why, in every decision I make, I always do so with our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in mind.

“And I want to emphasize that, no matter the size of the boat, if that boat employs local people, offers opportunities to local people, it creates local jobs, drives the local economy, and ultimately benefits all our coastal communities.”

The facts

- The reopening of the Unit 1 Redfish fishery will take place in two phases. A first two-year transitional phase will allow for data collection, give fish harvesters time to prepare, further develop markets, and strengthen the sector's capacity to transform.

- A second phase of long-term development aimed at establishing a redfish fishery with a modernized allocation key. A phase that, in view of the current scientific data, would be one of expansion.

Commercial redfish quota share by fleet:

Offshore mobile gear (MG) fleet sector (vessels larger than 100 feet): 58.69 per cent
Inshore MG fleet sector (vessels smaller than 65 feet): 14.84 per cent
Midshore MG fleet sector (vessels 65-100 feet): 5.72 per cent
Inshore fixed gear (bycatch): 0.75 per cent
Estuary and Gulf of St. Lawrence (ESGL) shrimp harvesters: 10.00 per cent
Quota dedicated to Indigenous communities: 10.00 per cent

Commercial redfish quota share by province as proposed by DFO:
Newfoundland and Labrador: 19 per cent
Nova Scotia: 33 per cent
New Brunswick: 11 per cent
P.E.I.: Five per cent
Quebec: 32 per cent

VOCM

Byrne Accuses Ottawa of Moral Dishonesty in Redfish Fishery Approach

Feb 7, 2024 | 11:30 AM

The MHA for Corner Brook accuses Ottawa of “intellectual and moral dishonesty” in its approach to the reopening of the redfish fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Gerry Byrne accuses Ottawa of creating capacity that has resulted in the “insatiable political demand for more fish”, which is out of step with the resource.

The federal minister announced an initial 30,000 tonne quota in the Gulf, the lion’s share of which will go to the Nova Scotia offshore fleet, with 10 per cent going to the NL inshore. That has upset local harvesters, who were hoping to transition away from a dwindling shrimp fishery.

Byrne says the minister has already indicated that the quotas will rise, and the approach her department is taking is wrong.

He says Minister Leboutillier has already indicated to inshore harvesters that the quota will increase to 75,000 tonnes, with their 10 per cent share rising to 7,500 tonnes. “Well guess what happens whenever you do that?” says Byrne “You create more, and more, and more demand.”

Byrne says what makes that approach morally dishonest is the fact that the fleet and processing capacity already exists—rather than “start from scratch,” spending taxpayer money to build new factory freezer trawlers, and bringing in temporary foreign workers to process the fish.

“You do not create this insatiable appetite to surrender more and more quota to keep those brand new factory freezer trawlers—which you built using government money,” an exasperated Byrne told VOCM Open Line with Paddy Daly. The federal minister has indicated that Ottawa plans to spend \$50 million on

the creation of new vessels to prosecute the fishery, when the fleet is there and ready to go, with existing plants on the west coast of Newfoundland ready to process the fish, says Byrne.

VOCM

Loveless Demands Fair Share of Redfish Quota for NL Fishers

Feb. 5, 2024

Provincial fisheries minister Elvis Loveless is calling on the federal government to ensure that this province receives its fair share of the newly announced Unit 1 redfish quota.

The commercial redfish fishery is reopening for the first time in three decades and local harvesters were hoping that redfish would supplement their income in the face of cuts to northern shrimp quotas.

The fisheries union was hoping that the fishery would benefit the inshore fleet, however President Greg Pretty says nearly 60 per cent of the quota will go to the corporate-owned offshore fleet in Nova Scotia which uses factory-freezer draggers that will not land or process product in Canada.

Minister Loveless says important discussions with the Redfish Advisory Committee are taking place in the coming weeks to determine quota allocations for each fleet in the coming season.

NTV

THE REDFISH FISHERY: The commercial redfish fishery in the Gulf has reopened, but there are concerns about that. Provincial Immigration Minister "Gerry Byrne" says that fishery allocation decisions are always difficult. But this time, despite lessons learned from the cod moratorium, the quotas have been given to the same fishers who destroyed the redfish fishery. He calls them morally bankrupt for making that decision.

CJON (NTV) - Issues & Answers @ 12:56:10pm Duration: 00:02:25 Reporter: Michael Connors
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CBC

DFO 'intellectually and morally bankrupt' in provincial redfish allocations, N.L. minister says

N.L. to receive 19 per cent share of quota

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Corner Brook MHA and former provincial fisheries minister Gerry Byrne says Newfoundland and Labrador deserves a higher allocation of redfish this season, and believes the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans is "intellectually and morally bankrupt" in its decision-making.

Federal Fisheries Minister Diane Lebovillier announced the redfish allocation for the Atlantic provinces in the Gulf of St. Lawrence last Friday. Newfoundland and Labrador saw a slight increase to a 19 per cent share, up two per cent from historical allocations.

Nova Scotia received 33 per cent of the quota, Québec 32 per cent, New Brunswick 11 per cent and P.E.I. five per cent. Indigenous fishers and shrimp harvesters will also get an allocation of redfish following a reduction in shrimp quotas.

Speaking with CBC Radio's The Broadcast on Thursday, Byrne said he was "gobsmacked" and "enraged" by the announcement, saying much of the conservation work done in western Newfoundland appears to have not been accounted for.

"The Gulf of St. Lawrence's return to [the] redfish fishery story should be a story of D.F.O. putting on display the full strength, the full prowess, the full intellectual capacity of everything that they have learned and we have learned on managing groundfish stocks for their sustainable future," Byrne told CBC.

"Based on the decision that I heard just a few days ago, DFO are intellectually and morally bankrupt. They refused to accept that ... you should not advance or increase capacity when capacity already exists. That's where I am livid, vicious, crazy angry with DFO. Because they have shown absolutely no intellectual or moral capacity within this regard."

Byrne believes Lebovillier is threatening the redfish stock in the gulf by giving too much to fishers in other provinces not near it. He's outraged that allocations would go to offshore fleets and communities who don't have boats or workers.

Redfish was a shuttered fishery in 1995, but the biomass in the gulf has rebounded to an estimated two million tonnes according to DFO

An abundance of redfish in the Gulf of St. Lawrence

"We have 90 boats in the gulf, the majority of which are from the west coast of Newfoundland, that could persecute this fishery. We have plant capacity that's already established in western Newfoundland," he said.

"It's a high volume, low value fishery," he added. "Difficult to market, difficult to process, difficult to catch. If you do not have existing expertise, if you do not have existing capacity in that regard, you're going to be in trouble."

If he were minister, Byrne said, he would have allocated numbers more closely based on historical figures. He plans to bring that up in a meeting with DFO, current Fisheries Minister Elvis Loveless and provincial stakeholders on Friday.

CBC

Clearwater Seafoods loses redfish quota as other Indigenous harvesters gain

Commercial redfish harvesting is resuming this year after three-decade moratorium
Paul Withers · CBC News · Posted: Feb 02, 2024 6:30 AM NST | Last Updated: 2 hours ago

Indigenous-owned Clearwater Seafoods is on the losing side of the redfish quota cut handed to the Atlantic Canadian offshore fleet by the federal government last week.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans reduced the share of Gulf of St. Lawrence redfish quota held by Clearwater and other offshore licence holders by 20 per cent, in part to encourage Indigenous participation in the fishery.

Commercial harvesting will restart this year, marking an epic comeback from a collapse 30 years ago to a population now estimated at 2.2-million metric tonnes.

Offshore companies spent tens of millions of dollars gearing up for the return only to lose a big piece of their quota on the eve of reopening.

Clearwater confirms quota cut

"I can confirm that the Clearwater/FNC quota was reduced in proportion with the other offshore groundfish licence holders," Clearwater vice-president Christine Penney said.

Ottawa revamps redfish allocation in Gulf of St. Lawrence, but N.S. keeps largest share

A consortium of seven Mi'kmaw communities — through FNC Holdings — owns 50 per cent of the company and holds all its Canadian fishing licences, part of a historic half-billion dollar purchase of Clearwater in 2021.

That included 14.6 per cent of the offshore redfish quota.

Penney referred questions to the Atlantic Groundfish Council on the issue "as we fully support their position."

Atlantic Groundfish Council president Sylvie Lapointe acknowledged the impact on Clearwater but says rules around the restart are missing.

"Clearwater is owned by First Nations and so a cut to the offshore in this sense is a cut to those Indigenous participants in our fishery," Lapointe said.

"We had always said to the government over several years that we were working to support their reconciliation agenda and we would be reaching out to other First Nations and trying to advance their objectives."

Lapointe said there are many unknowns and "it's very unclear what the impact to various First Nation groups will be."

Where the quota went

The groundfish council represents companies with vessels larger than 100 feet.

It had lobbied to maintain the redfish share held by offshore companies — 74 per cent of the quota — before the Gulf fishery was closed in the 1990s.

DFO Minister Diane LeBouthillier reduced the offshore allocation, mostly held by Nova Scotia companies, in announcing the resumption of the commercial fishery.

She gave the Gulf shrimp fleet 10 per cent of the quota and 10 per cent to Indigenous participants who have not been identified.

Meeting today

Federal officials will hold a virtual meeting Friday with participants from Quebec and Atlantic Canada to discuss the total allowable catch when the fishery opens, likely in May.

LeBouthillier has only said the minimum allowable catch will be 25,000 tonnes. DFO scientists have said the quota could range from 88,000 to 310,000 tonnes.

The department has yet to set bycatch limits, compliance monitoring or how the Indigenous pool will be shared.

DFO spokesperson Axel Rioux confirmed in a statement that the cut will be proportionately applied to all offshore licence holders, including FNC.

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Redfish Advisory Committee Meeting Today

Feb 2, 2024 | 6:15 AM

The fishing industry is hoping to learn more information today about the resurrection of the redfish fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

DFO is going to allow that fishery to resume after being dormant for 30 years.

The Redfish Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet today to hammer out some of the detail, including total allowable catch. The larger year-round boats, which fish offshore, has most of the quota.

Sylvie Lapointe of the Atlantic Groundfish Council, which represents that side of the industry, says there is a lot of work ahead to prepare for redfish including developing markets in Europe and Asia.

She says the timelines are quite challenging.

CBC

Ottawa revamps redfish allocation in Gulf of St. Lawrence, but N.S. keeps largest share

Province had previously warned hundred of jobs at stake in decision

[Andrew Sampson](#) · CBC News · Posted: Jan 26, 2024 4:33 PM NST | Last Updated: January 27

UPDATE: On Saturday, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans released anticipated redfish quota amounts for each province and how they compare to historical allocations. The figures are Newfoundland and Labrador: 19% (+2.0), Nova Scotia: 33% (-5.8), New Brunswick: 11% (+3.1), P.E.I.: 5% (+0.5); Quebec: 32% (+0.2). DFO says its figures are subject to change.

Following months of anticipation and lobbying in Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nova Scotia, the federal government has announced how it will allocate access when the Gulf of St. Lawrence redfish fishery reopens later this year after a nearly 30-year hiatus.

The details were announced on Friday by Fisheries Minister Diane Lebovillier at a news conference in Gaspé, Que. Under the new terms from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Indigenous fishers, and shrimp harvesters from Quebec and Atlantic Canada — who'd been hoping to get a piece of the redfish action following a reduction in shrimp quotas — will each get 10 per cent of the allocation.

"This decision will not only provide a modest income to [shrimp] harvesters who may want to transition to fishing redfish, it will also help advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples," said Lebovillier.

Lebovillier said Nova Scotia will continue to receive the largest chunk of the fishery. Kent Smith, Nova Scotia's fisheries and aquaculture minister, had [previously warned Ottawa that "hundreds of jobs" would be at stake](#) if the province's share was reduced. He said Friday that he's still waiting for more details to determine what the province's actual allocation will be.

Before the fishery closed decades ago, 74 per cent of the redfish quota was held by offshore fleets, most of them located in Nova Scotia. On Friday, DFO said that share will be reduced to 58 per cent in 2024. In an interview with *Mainstreet Sydney*, Jan Voutier, the manager of Ka'Le Bay Fisheries in Cape Breton, said it's too early to determine the impact of these changes but, on first glimpse, they don't seem as bad as many feared.

"We're still digesting this, and it's going to take a few days to really dig down into this and understand what's happened and how it's going to affect us," he said.

"We've advocated to maintain the historical quota. So if she's respecting some of that I'll be appreciative. But again, we really need to dig in to make sure that it is good for Nova Scotians and Nova Scotia companies," Smith told CBC News.

Fishery has rebounded since '95 closure

The commercial redfish fishery was shuttered in 1995, but in the years since, there's been a remarkable turnaround. The DFO said the total size of the fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence is now estimated to be just over two million tonnes.

The total allowable catch for the revamped fishery will be 25,000 tonnes, said DFO.

An experimental fishery has been in place since 2018, but 2024 will mark its official reopening, which will roll out in two phases, said the department.

The first phase will last two years and "give fish harvesters time to prepare, further develop markets, and strengthen the sector's capacity to transform," while the second will be focused on expansion and long-term development.

In a release, environmental group Oceans North said it welcomes DFO's "low and slow" approach to reopening.

"The fact that redfish has reached historic levels after a long moratorium on fishing offers us a rare second chance to do things differently," said John Couture, senior fisheries adviser at Oceans North. "We're hopeful that this can be done in a way that will benefit both the ecosystem and coastal communities in the long run."

DFO later provided details related to shrimp fishermen in Quebec. It said harvesters fishing off Esquiman, Anticosti, Sept-Îles and the Estuary will share 3,600 tonnes in 2024.

More information on the [2024 allocation for the fishery is available here.](#)

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Government of Canada Launches Transition Plan for Future of Fisheries in Quebec and Atlantic Canada

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The Government of Canada recognizes that some fisheries in Quebec and Atlantic Canada are facing serious challenges, including climate change and the resulting disruption of aquatic ecosystems. Today, the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Honourable Diane LeBouthillier, announced a transition plan that will help fish harvesters in Canada's coastal communities, and give them the predictability they need to continue their important work in the years ahead.

In Canada and around the world, the effects of climate change and ocean warming are undeniable. The fishing industry is going through and will continue to experience major changes that will require us to reinvent our ways of doing things. In recent years, northern shrimp stocks in the Estuary and northern Gulf of St. Lawrence have reached critical levels, while redfish abundance has reached levels that allow commercial catches to resume. That is why, after 30 years, Minister LeBouthillier announced the return of the commercial Unit 1 redfish this year. To this end, shrimp harvesters will be allocated an allowance to support them. To further reconciliation, a dedicated pool is being created to support indigenous community participation in the fishery.

Minister LeBouthillier also announced, subject to ongoing negotiations with her provincial counterparts, her intention to extend the Quebec and Atlantic Fisheries Funds until 2026, with federal priority given to innovative projects related to the redfish fishery. This extension will provide our fish harvesters with the tools and financial means they need to transit to this new fishery.

Opening of the commercial Redfish fishery in Unit 1

The government recognizes the historic importance of the Redfish fishery to coastal communities across Atlantic Canada and Quebec. The decision to reopen the Unit 1 Redfish fishery, which has been closed since 1995, was based on the most recent stock information, stakeholder views, and the potential social and economic benefits of this fishery.

This reopening will take place in two phases. A first two-year transitional phase will allow for data collection, give fish harvesters time to prepare, further develop markets, and strengthen the sector's capacity to transform.

A second phase of long-term development aimed at establishing a redfish fishery with a modernized allocation key. A phase that, in view of the current scientific data, would be one of expansion.

Discussions will take place in the coming weeks with the Redfish Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from DFO, the fishing and processing industry, Indigenous groups, provincial governments, and other stakeholders, to determine how to share allocations for each fleet, establish management measures, and consult on a Total Allowable Catch for the 2024 fishing season.

Northern Shrimp of the Estuary and Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence

Due to the status of shrimp stocks in the Estuary and Gulf of St. Lawrence, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is announcing a significant decrease in the Total Allowable Catch for the 2024 season.

In total, for the four shrimp stocks, the TAC will be 3,060 tonnes. This TAC will ensure a modest fishery, while allowing shrimp stocks to recover.

Discussions will take place in the near future with industry representatives and First Nations to determine how this allocation will be managed.

VOCM

DFO Abandoning Coastal Communities in Return of Commercial Redfish Fishery: FFAW

January 29, 2024

The FFAW is not at all pleased with the way in which the long-awaited return of the commercial redfish fishery will be divided among harvesters.

Federal Fisheries Minister Diane Lebovillier announced yesterday that the redfish fishery will resume this year for the first time in 30 years.

The fisheries union was hoping that the fishery would benefit the inshore fleet, however President Greg Pretty says nearly 60 per cent of the quota will go to the corporate-owned offshore fleet in Nova Scotia which uses factory-freezer draggers that will not land or process product in Canada.

Pretty says that's a "clear signal" that DFO has "signed, sealed and delivered the abandonment of coastal communities."

Lebouthillier says the fishery will open in phases, with the first two-year fisheries concentrating on the Gulf.

DFO will watch the fishery closely for management issues and how the market for redfish develops, "so we can adjust accordingly" says Lebouthillier.

FFAW Secretary-Treasurer Jason Spingle says over the last decade, inshore harvesters in the Gulf have contributed hundreds, if not thousands of hours of work toward the development of a sustainable redfish fishery for the inshore fleet and a majority share for the inshore Gulf fleet would have meant economic sustainability for harvesters who "desperately need the transition from shrimp to redfish."

The Broadcast

Harvesters protest redfish allocation + Qalipu chief says preliminary talks on redfish feel like "tokenism"

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-122-the-broadcast/clip/16041373-this-finish-us.-harvesters-protest-redfish-allocation>

February 8, 2024

Federal fisheries minister doing damage control over redfish allocations

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-122-the-broadcast/clip/16040281-federal-fisheries-minister-damage-control-redfish-allocations>

February 5, 2024

MHA Gerry Byrne doesn't hold back on his criticisms of redfish allocation

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-122-the-broadcast/clip/16039634-mha-gerry-byrne-hold-back-criticisms-redfish-allocation>

February 1, 2024

Groundfish council disappointed about reduction in share of redfish quota

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-122-the-broadcast/clip/16039018-groundfish-council-disappointed-reduction-share-redfish-quota>

January 30, 2024

Harvesters not pleased about redfish quota announcement

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-122-the-broadcast/clip/16038777-harvesters-pleased-redfish-quota-announcement-the-province>

January 29, 2024

The FFAW isn't happy with new redfish allocations

<https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-122-the-broadcast/clip/16038483-the-ffaw-happy-redfish-allocations-statistics-canada>

January 26, 2024

The Independent

Commercial redfish fishery to reopen, but pending quota threatens to push some fishers out

<https://theindependent.ca/commentary/seasplainer/commercial-redfish-fishery-to-reopen-but-pending-quota-threatens-to-push-some-fishers-out/>

February 7, 2024

CTV

Group for Atlantic offshore redfish fleet says details scarce on fishery reopening

<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/group-for-atlantic-offshore-redfish-fleet-says-details-scarce-on-fishery-reopening-1.6748373>

January 30, 2024

SeafoodSource

Canada reopens Atlantic redfish fishery after nearly 30-year shutdown

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/premium/supply-trade/after-being-closed-for-nearly-30-years-canada-reopening-atlantic-redfish-fishery>

February 5, 2024

CBC

Hundreds of jobs, industry stability at stake in pending Atlantic Canada fishery decision

Stakeholders await details of redfish quota allocation in the Gulf of St. Lawrence

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/hundreds-of-jobs-industry-stability-at-stake-in-pending-atlantic-canada-fishery-decision-1.7084488>

January 16, 2024

SeafoodSource

Canadian fishing firms battle over future redfish quotas

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/supply-trade/inshore-offshore-canadian-fishers-battle-over-future-redfish-quotas>

October 26, 2021

Saltwire

Wrangle over redfish heats up as Atlantic Groundfish Council challenges FFAW stance on sharing

Group says union logic could impact its own members

Barb Dean-Simmons · Journalist | Posted: Oct. 20, 2021, 6:20 p.m. | Updated: Oct. 22, 2021, 11:03 a.m.

<https://www.saltwire.com/atlantic-canada/business/wrangle-over-redfish-heats-up-as-atlantic-groundfish-council-challenges-ffaw-stance-on-sharing-100648030/>

CBC

The redfish fishery is returning. So is angst about quotas

FFAW-led coalition upset over DFO's plans for redfish quota allocation

Colleen Connors · CBC News · Posted: Oct 16, 2021 6:00 AM NDT | Last Updated: October 16, 2021

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/redfish-fishery-quotas-ffaw-1.6212303>

CBC

Provincial government backs N.S. seafood companies in redfish row

Divide growing between offshore, inshore interests

Paul Withers · CBC News · Posted: Oct 20, 2021 9:58 PM NDT

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/nova-scotia-defends-stake-redfish-fishery-1.6218772>

No plan for shrimp license buyout in Canada, fisheries minister asserts

'License buybacks won't solve everything. Some fishermen want to keep their license' --Diane Lebouthillier, Canada's fisheries minister

By Barb Dean-Simmons | Feb. 5, 2024 19:21 GMT

Inshore shrimp fleets on Canada's East Coast, hopeful for a license buyout program in the wake of another slash to coldwater shrimp quotas, likely won't welcome the latest word from Diane Lebouthillier.

The fisheries minister said Monday (Feb. 5) that Canada won't take such a measure to help ease the pain of the cuts when asked about the possibility during a virtual scrum by reporters.

"License buybacks won't solve everything. Some fishermen want to keep their license," she said.

"The other thing is that I don't want us to lose our expertise, which is what was lost at the time with the (northern) cod moratorium," she said, referencing the 1992 decision to shut down the northern cod fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador (NL).

At that time the federal government offered a licence buyback program for cod harvesters and programs to retrain fishery workers who lost jobs on boats and in processing plants. The programs cost Ottawa more than CAD 3 billion (\$2.2bn) as reported in 2022, on the 30th anniversary of the cod shutdown, by [Saltwire Networks](#).



📷 Diane Lebouthillier, Canada's fisheries minister. DFO Twitter photo



There are about 80 inshore shrimp boats left in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, about 34 each from the provinces of NL and Quebec (PQ) and another dozen or so from the province of New Brunswick (NB)



In 2024, the inshore fleets that fish four zones in the gulf have an overall quota of 3,000 metric tons, a nearly 80% cut from the 14,000t quota of 2023.



While DFO is not offering buyouts, the department is offering "flexibility" for the inshore shrimp fleets, Lebouthillier said on Monday.



"We've offered fishermen and shrimpers the flexibility of 'twinning' so they can go out and fish, thereby reducing the expenses incurred by shrimp fishermen," she said.



Twinning would mean using one boat to catch the quotas for two.

Lebouthillier added the department would like to see the shrimp stock rebound.

"What we're hoping for, and working towards, is to get the shrimp coming back. I'm certainly not going to be one of those people who's going to fish the last shrimp. Nobody wants to go there," she said.

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Clearwater a loser in Canada's redfish quota distribution

"So, we're continuing to work with the industry. We're continuing to work on economic diversification. We're continuing to work with other countries to add value to our products."

Shrimp fishers will get access to redfish, thanks to the reopening of a commercial redfish fishery in Unit 1 -- a swath of

water that spans from western Newfoundland to the mouth of the Gulf of Saint Lawrence -- announced by Lebouthillier on Friday (Jan. 26) and reported by

[Undercurrent News](#).



However, while 15% of the total allowable catch (TAC) will be allocated to inshore fleets from the five East Coast provinces, there's no word yet on what the final TAC will be or how much the redfish catch will be worth.



"The redfish fishery is really about economic development for our regions, not just for our fishermen, but for all our workers in the processing plants," she said.



Redfish quota could be more than 25,000t



In Monday's scrum LeBouthillier also said she wanted to "set the record straight" around the decision to reopen Unit 1 to a commercial redfish fishery after a 30-year moratorium.



Since her Jan. 26 announcement, the minister and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) have come under fire from various groups, like the Fish Food and Allied Workers (FFAW) union, representing inshore fish harvesters in NL. FFAW has complained that the 15% quota share for inshore fleets is not enough.

A day after the redfish reopening announcement, the FFAW and the Association des capitaines propriétaires de la Gaspésie, a trade association representing harvesters based in Quebec, issued a joint press release saying the share allocated for the inshore fleets was a "far cry from the 50% needed to ensure financial solvency and economic stability for the region.

"Nearly 60% of the share will go to the corporate-owned offshore fleet in Nova Scotia which use factory-freezer draggers that will not land or process product in Canada," the groups said.

FFAW president Greg Pretty added that the minister's decision on redfish was an "abandonment of coastal communities and the tens of thousands of individuals who rely on sustainably managed fisheries."

While the Jan. 26 announcement noted a quota of at least 25,000t for 2024, Lebouthillier clarified Monday that she is "perfectly open" to setting a higher quota.



Redfish. Image courtesy of Ryan Cleary's Facebook page.

"The sole purpose of that 25,000t floor was to provide predictability and ensure a minimum for various stakeholders," she told reporters, adding: "I want to be crystal clear that the total allowable catch for redfish this year, the TAC, has not been decided, and will not be decided until a government-industry redfish advisory committee has been properly consulted and submitted its recommendations to me."

Lebouthillier added that, if the harvesting and processing industries, indigenous communities, and provincial governments agree to recommend a TAC beyond 25,000t, "rest assured that I am perfectly open to granting it."

She said the redfish advisory committee has met once in the past week and will continue to meet over the coming weeks and months.

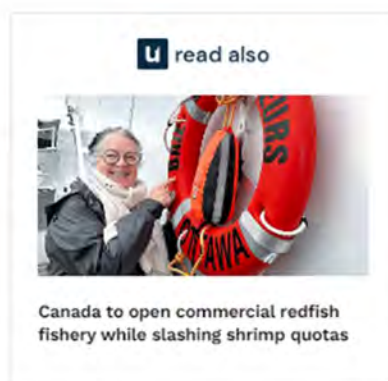
"Further announcements will be made in due course," she said.

Offshore loses while inshore gains

As for how the quotas will be shared, Lebouthillier assured DFO respected the historical shares that were in place in 1993, just before a moratorium was declared on the Unit 1 redfish.

"In every single meeting I've had with fisheries ministers from Quebec and Atlantic provinces, everyone was unanimous, everyone called for the 1993 shares to be respected, and that's exactly what the decision I've made has sought to reflect as closely as possible," the minister said.

As reported by [Undercurrent](#), more than half of the Unit 1 quota -- 58.69% to be exact -- will go to Atlantic Canada's offshore fleets with vessels greater than 100 feet long.



The inshore fleet, with vessels under 65-foot-long, will get 14.85%, inshore vessels that are 65-100-foot-long will get 5.72% of the quota, 0.75% will be allocated for inshore bycatch, 10% will go to shrimp fishing fleets in the estuary and gulf regions, and another 10% will be given to Indigenous groups.

While Nova Scotia gets the biggest share of the quota, Lebouthillier said shares for the provinces of PQ, NB, PEI, and NL "have not only been respected but even increased."

Before the fishery closed decades ago, offshore fleets held 74% of the redfish quota, most of them located in Nova Scotia.

"In terms of fleet distribution, it's important to understand that the historic shares of vessels over 100 feet, 'offshores' as they are known, has shrunk from 74% in 1994 to 59% in 2024, to the benefit of smaller fleets, shrimpers and indigenous communities," said Lebouthillier.

That means reopening the Unit 1 redfish fishery offers even more opportunities to the smallest players, whose leverage has increased considerably since the 1993 moratorium, she said.

"To suggest otherwise is simply false," she said.

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Hi everyone,

In the interest of transparency, I am sharing the high level bullets we have for our Minister on Tuesday regarding AFF. Please let me know if any concerns (although disclaimer I cant control how my Minister will use them 😊). She will start and then open the floor to the other ministers.

It is also my understanding NL Minister will bring up the issue of redfish (disappointment of not being informed ahead of time, limited details available, looking for more details, etc.)

Have a good weekend, and contact me if any comments or concerns.

Cathy

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SPEAKING POINTS

ISSUE: The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) proposed an extension to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund and Quebec Fisheries Fund enabling project approval beyond the March 31, 2024, deadline. The extension is subject to the prioritization of projects related to the redfish fisheries.

- ? We would like to thank the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the extension to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund which will afford industry the opportunity to complete valuable projects.
- ? Up until January 31, 2024, we understood no new projects could be approved starting April 1, 2024.

- ? While we are grateful for the further extension, a timelier decision, made in collaboration with the provinces, would have provided the opportunity to be more strategic in the allocation of the remaining funds. Given that the AFF is a partnership fund, it was very disappointing that DFO would make a unilateral decision and announcement.
- ? Due to the lengthy approvals process and the requirement that projects be completed by March 31, 2026, the new sunset date of the extension effectively only adds 12 months to the application period.
- ? We request that batches of projects already submitted for federal approval prior to the announcement be approved. We would be pleased to discuss any improvements to the process that would allow for more timely project approvals for the remaining batches.
- ? While investment in redfish related projects will be critical, I hope that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada will show flexibility with the remaining funds to allow other important strategic projects to continue to advance.
- ? Decisions relating to the renewal of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund, with new investments, are required as soon as possible to continue with a stable and predictable funding model for the sector beyond the extension period.
- ? To expedite a renewal of the fund, we are supportive of a straight renewal of the agreement. The existing Atlantic Fisheries Fund terms and conditions allow enough flexibility to achieve the funding goals and objectives communicated as priorities by provinces and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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Hi Liliya, I will attend virtually.

Thank you,

Brendan Hanlon, CPA
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A hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting of the Redfish Advisory Committee (RAC) is scheduled **for Monday March 4 to Thursday March 7, 2024.**

The meeting will be held at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia. RSVP is required for in-person participation. We may need to restrict in-person participation due to space availability, but we will make every effort to accommodate all those interested in attending in person.

For planning purposes, a tentative agenda will be as follows. A formal agenda and Zoom meeting details will be distributed ahead of the meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available.

Date	Title <i>Format</i>	Discussion Topics
March 4 <i>Full day</i>	Full RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	Management measures for Unit 1 TAC for Unit 1 and Unit 2
March 5 <i>Full day</i>	Full RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	Management measures for Unit 1 and 2
March 6 <i>Full day</i>	Partial RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	AM: Consultations on interim sub-allocations and quota management with Indigenous participants PM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Inshore fleet participants

March 7 <i>Full day</i>	Partial RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	AM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Gulf shrimp fleet participants PM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Midshore fleet participants
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A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved for the nights of March 3-6 (Group – Fisheries and Oceans). Please contact Marriott reservations (1-800-943-6760) by February 15 to get the group rate.

Please **RSVP** before February 28 to liliya.baranova@dfo-mpo.gc.ca indicating the name of the participant, organization, and intent to participate in-person or virtually at the scheduled meetings.

Thank you,

Todd Williams
Chair – Redfish Advisory Committee

Une réunion hybride (en personne/virtuelle) du Comité consultatif sur le sébaste (CCS) est prévue du **lundi 4 mars au jeudi 7 mars 2024**.

La réunion se tiendra à l'hôtel Marriott Harbourfront à Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse. Le RSVP est requis pour la participation en personne. Il se peut que nous pourrions devoir restreindre la participation en personne en raison de la capacité des places disponibles, mais nous ferons tout notre possible pour répondre aux besoins de tous ceux qui souhaitent participer en personne.

L'ordre du jour provisoire est le suivant, à des fins de planification. Un ordre du jour officiel et les détails de la réunion Zoom seront distribués avant la réunion. Une interprétation simultanée anglais-français sera disponible.

Date	Titre <i>Format</i>	Sujets de discussion
4 mars <i>Journée complète</i>	CCS complet <i>Format hybride</i>	Mesures de gestion pour l'unité 1 TAC pour l'unité 1 et l'unité 2
5 mars <i>Journée complète</i>	CCS complet <i>Format hybride</i>	Mesures de gestion pour l'unité 1 et 2
6 mars <i>Journée complète</i>	CCS partiel <i>Format Hybride</i>	Matin: Consultations sur les sous-allocations provisoires et la gestion des quotas avec les participants autochtones Après-midi: Consultations sur le partage provisoire de la flottille et la gestion des quotas avec les participants de la flottille côtière
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Merci,

Todd Williams
Président du comité consultatif sur le sébaste

From: Hanlon, Bren M.
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 8:58 AM
To: Chippett, Jamie
Subject: FW: Redfish Advisory Committee meeting March 4-7 | Réunion du comité consultatif sur les sébastes du 4 au 7 mars

Hi Jamie, I'll do this one virtual, it runs into the Boston show.

Thanks

From: Baranova, Liliya (DFO/MPO) <Liliya.Baranova@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 5:55 PM
Cc: Williams, Todd (NCR) <Todd.Williams@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: Redfish Advisory Committee meeting March 4-7 | Réunion du comité consultatif sur les sébastes du 4 au 7 mars

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Sent on Behalf of Todd Williams, Chair of the Redfish Advisory Committee - Envoyé au nom de Todd Williams directeur du Comité consultatif sur le sébaste

[Français à suivre/ French to Follow]

A hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting of the Redfish Advisory Committee (RAC) is scheduled **for Monday March 4 to Thursday March 7, 2024.**

The meeting will be held at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia. RSVP is required for in-person participation. We may need to restrict in-person participation due to space availability, but we will make every effort to accommodate all those interested in attending in person.

For planning purposes, a tentative agenda will be as follows. A formal agenda and Zoom meeting details will be distributed ahead of the meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available.

Date	Title <i>Format</i>	Discussion Topics
March 4 <i>Full day</i>	Full RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	Management measures for Unit 1 TAC for Unit 1 and Unit 2
March 5 <i>Full day</i>	Full RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	Management measures for Unit 1 and 2
March 6 <i>Full day</i>	Partial RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	AM: Consultations on interim sub-allocations and quota management with Indigenous participants PM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Inshore fleet participants
March 7 <i>Full day</i>	Partial RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	AM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Gulf shrimp fleet participants PM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Midshore fleet participants

A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved for the nights of March 3-6 (Group – Fisheries and Oceans). Please contact Marriott reservations (1-800-943-6760) by February 15 to get the group rate.

Please RSVP before February 28 to liliya.baranova@dfo-mpo.gc.ca indicating the name of the participant, organization, and intent to participate in-person or virtually at the scheduled meetings.

Thank you,

Todd Williams
Chair – Redfish Advisory Committee

Une réunion hybride (en personne/virtuelle) du Comité consultatif sur le sébaste (CCS) est prévue du **lundi 4 mars au jeudi 7 mars 2024**.

La réunion se tiendra à l'hôtel Marriott Harbourfront à Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse. Le **RSVP est requis** pour la participation en personne. Il se peut que nous pourrions devoir restreindre la participation en personne en raison de la capacité des places disponibles, mais nous ferons tout notre possible pour répondre aux besoins de tous ceux qui souhaitent participer en personne.

L'ordre du jour provisoire est le suivant, à des fins de planification. Un ordre du jour officiel et les détails de la réunion Zoom seront distribués avant la réunion. Une interprétation simultanée anglais-français sera disponible.

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To: Shea, Erin
Subject: Speaking points - mtg with DFO Minister
Attachments: Redfish Key Messages.docx

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Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:52 PM
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Subject: RE: Speaking points - mtg with DFO Minister
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Try these. I put the last bullet in, so you may want to remove. I made them into speaking points the way Min L likes as well. So if it needs to be shorter, I can do that.

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From: Chippett, Jamie
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 2:40 PM
To: LaRochelle, Cathy (DAAF/MAAP), mikoughan@gov.pe.ca, Hollett, Jason
Subject: RE: AFF Speaking Points

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Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 4:44 PM
To: mikoughan@gov.pe.ca; Hollett, Jason <Jason.Hollett@novascotia.ca>; Chippett, Jamie <JamieChippett@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: AFF Speaking Points

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Hi everyone,

In the interest of transparency, I am sharing the high level bullets we have for our Minister on Tuesday regarding AFF. Please let me know if any concerns (although disclaimer I cant control how my Minister will use them 😊). She will start and then open the floor to the other ministers.

It is also my understanding NL Minister will bring up the issue of redfish (disappointment of not being informed ahead of time, limited details available, looking for more details, etc.)

Have a good weekend, and contact me if any comments or concerns.

Cathy

From: Price, Sarah (DAAF/MAAP) <Sarah.Price@gnb.ca>

Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 4:06 PM

To: LaRochelle, Cathy (DAAF/MAAP) <cathy.larochelle@gnb.ca>

Subject: AFF Speaking Points

SPEAKING POINTS

ISSUE: The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) proposed an extension to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund and Quebec Fisheries Fund enabling project approval beyond the March 31, 2024, deadline. The extension is subject to the prioritization of projects related to the redfish fisheries.

- ? We would like to thank the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the extension to the Atlantic Fisheries Fund which will afford industry the opportunity to complete valuable projects.
- ? Up until January 31, 2024, we understood no new projects could be approved starting April 1, 2024.
- ? While we are grateful for the further extension, a timelier decision, made in collaboration with the provinces, would have provided the opportunity to be more strategic in the allocation of the remaining funds. Given that the AFF is a partnership fund, it was very disappointing that DFO would make a unilateral decision and announcement.
- ? Due to the lengthy approvals process and the requirement that projects be completed by March 31, 2026, the new sunset date of the extension effectively only adds 12 months to the application period.
- ? We request that batches of projects already submitted for federal approval prior to the announcement be approved. We would be pleased to discuss any improvements to the process that would allow for more timely project approvals for the remaining batches.

- ? While investment in redfish related projects will be critical, I hope that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada will show flexibility with the remaining funds to allow other important strategic projects to continue to advance.
- ? Decisions relating to the renewal of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund, with new investments, are required as soon as possible to continue with a stable and predictable funding model for the sector beyond the extension period.
- ? To expedite a renewal of the fund, we are supportive of a straight renewal of the agreement. The existing Atlantic Fisheries Fund terms and conditions allow enough flexibility to achieve the funding goals and objectives communicated as priorities by provinces and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Sarah Price

Assistant Deputy Minister / Sous-ministre adjointe
Industry development and Aquatic Operations /
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From: LaRochelle, Cathy (DAAF/MAAP) <cathy.larochelle@gnb.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:39 AM
To: mikoughan@gov.pe.ca, Hollett, Jason, Chippett, Jamie
Subject: FW: Readout - Atlantic ministers meeting// Compte-rendu - Réunion des ministres de l'Atlantique
Attachments: Readout - Atlantic ministers meeting.pdf

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We just got this from a reporter in NB who wanted comments from our Minister. Reporter got this from DFO. [REDACTED]

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From: Brown, Nick (ECO/BCE) <Nick.Brown@gnb.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 10:59 AM
To: Johnson, Margaret Hon. (DAAF/MAAP) <Margaret.Johnson@gnb.ca>; LaRochelle, Cathy (DAAF/MAAP) <cathy.larochelle@gnb.ca>; Price, Sarah (DAAF/MAAP) <Sarah.Price@gnb.ca>
Cc: Taylor, Mark (ECO/BCE) <Mark.Taylor@gnb.ca>; Thibodeau, Jolaine (DAAF/MAAP) <Jolaine.Thibodeau@gnb.ca>
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Minister of
Fisheries, Oceans
and the Canadian Coast Guard



Ministre des
Pêches, des Océans
et de la Garde côtière canadienne

Le 13 février 2024

L'honorable Diane Lebouthillier, ministre des Pêches, des Océans et de la Garde côtière canadienne, s'est entretenue ce matin avec ses homologues de la Nouvelle-Écosse, du Nouveau-Brunswick, de Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador ainsi que de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard.

Les ministres ont d'abord souligné l'impact indéniable qu'ont les changements climatiques sur nos écosystèmes marins, de même que sur l'économie de nos communautés côtières.

Les ministres ont discuté de la prolongation du Fonds des Pêches de l'Atlantique jusqu'en 2026, notamment à la lumière de l'annonce faite le 26 janvier dernier. La ministre Lebouthillier a réitéré toute l'importance d'offrir une priorité aux projets novateurs liés à la pêche au sébaste, et ce afin de donner les outils et moyens financiers dont les pêcheurs ont besoin pour faire la transition vers cette nouvelle pêche.

Les ministres ont ensuite abordé la réouverture de la pêche commerciale du sébaste dans l'unité 1 et l'importance de soutenir les crevettiers en difficulté. La ministre Lebouthillier a rappelé à ses homologues que cette décision respecte non seulement le rôle de premier plan qu'a historiquement joué la Nouvelle-Écosse dans cette pêcherie, mais augmente également les parts historiques de chacune des autres provinces. En ce qui concerne la répartition par flottille, la ministre a également mis l'accent sur le rapport de force augmenté des plus petites flottilles par rapport à il y a 30 ans, faisant ainsi fondre la part des flottilles hauturières de 74% en 1994 à 59% en 2024.

Les ministres Lebouthillier, Smith, Johnson, Loveless et Deagle ont finalement convenu de garder les canaux de communication ouverts, et surtout de continuer de travailler en équipe pour surmonter les défis auxquels nos pêcheurs font présentement face.

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Pêches, des Océans
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February 13th, 2024

The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, met this morning with her counterparts from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Prince Edward Island.

The Ministers first underscored the undeniable impacts of climate change on our marine ecosystems and the economies of our coastal communities.

Ministers also discussed the extension of the Atlantic Fisheries Fund through 2026, particularly in light of the January 26th announcement. Minister Lebouthillier reiterated the importance of prioritizing innovative redfish projects to provide fishermen with the tools and financial resources they need to transition to this new fishery.

The Ministers then addressed the reopening of the commercial redfish fishery in Unit 1 and the importance of supporting struggling shrimp harvesters. Minister Lebouthillier reminded her counterparts that this decision not only respects the leading role Nova Scotia has historically played in this fishery, but also increases the historical shares of each of the other provinces. In terms of fleet distribution, the Minister also highlighted the increased leverage of smaller fleets compared to 30 years ago, reducing the share of the offshore fleets from 74% in 1994 to 59% in 2024.

Ministers Lebouthillier, Smith, Johnson, Loveless and Deagle agreed to keep communication channels open and above all to continue working as a team to meet the challenges facing our fishermen.

From: [Renouf, Craig](#)
Sent: [Tuesday, February 13, 2024 4:01 PM](#)
To: [Loveless, Elvis](#), [Chippett, Jamie](#), [Baldwin, Paul](#), [Adams, Blair](#), [Hanlon, Bren M.](#), [Balsom, Stephen](#), [Deering, Keith](#), [Shea, Erin](#), [Skinner, Linda](#)
Subject: [MEDIA - Feb. 13, 2024](#)

VOCM

PC Leader Calling for Greater Share of Redfish Quota for Local Inshore Harvesters

Feb 12, 2024 | 1:35 PM

PC Leader Tony Wakeham is joining the calls for a greater share of the red fish quota for inshore harvesters in this province.

The red fish fishery is reopening for the first time in 30 years, with harvesters in this province looking at it as the light at the end of the tunnel given the dwindling shrimp fishery.

Hopes that it could greatly benefit this province were shot down after the federal government allocated the lion's share of the quota to Nova Scotia's offshore fleet, with 10 per cent dedicated to the NL inshore fishery.

Wakeham was a part of a rally in Corner Brook on Thursday, voicing his displeasure with what he calls Ottawa's mismanagement of the fishery.

He's also calling on Premier Andrew Furey to speak up on the matter.

Judge to Decide Fate of Harbour Grace Shipyard

Feb 12, 2024 | 7:51 AM

A Supreme Court judge is expected to announce his decision today whether to allow a late bid for the financially troubled shipyard in Harbour Grace.

Harbour Grace Ocean Enterprises has been going through the insolvency process after filing for creditor protection in early November.

That resulted in Blaine Sullivan being chosen as the preferred bidder and buyer for the facility. Sullivan is the president and co-chairman of Ocean Choice International.

But he's pursuing the Harbour Grace shipyard through his separate company, Green Skiff Investments.

The court was expected to approve the transaction on Friday, until a late bid was submitted by the current majority owner of that shipyard, Kevin English.

That threw a wrench into the process, with the court monitor and other creditors opposing the late bid, which was received after the January 29 deadline.

Sullivan, meanwhile, told VOCM he remains confident his offer will be accepted by the court, adding he's anxious to get the Harbour Grace shipyard back on solid financial ground.

Tourism Operator's Petition to Expand Recreational Cod Fishery Gaining Traction

Feb 12, 2024 | 6:32 AM

A petition from a local tour boat operator to have the recreational cod fishery expanded is starting to gain traction as it makes its way through the House of Commons.

The petition, which was started by Graham Wood, owner of Mussel Bed Boat Tours, currently has just over 2,000 signatures.

He wants to see the recreational cod fishery extended to include every day from Canada Day to October 1.

Wood says they want to see a limit of five fish per harvester, with a limit of 20 fish per boat. As well, licensed tourism operators would have a limit of two cod fish per tourist, per day.

He also wants to see changes made to when the details of the fishery are announced.

He says they wish for the details to be announced on May 1 every year. Wood says he hears from people wanting to make plans to come home and fish, but that is hard to do when the details rarely emerge before mid-June.

CBC

Judge rejects late bid, approves sale of Harbour Grace shipyard to Blaine Sullivan

Justice Alexander MacDonald says sales process was fair and open

Terry Roberts 7 CBC News 7 Posted: Feb 12, 2024 2:56 PM NST | Last Updated: February 12

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/shipyard-sale-approved-1.7112357>

Swordfish are moving north in Canadian waters

It's not known if it is the result of a warming ocean or a cyclical event

Paul Withers 7 CBC News 7 Posted: Feb 12, 2024 6:30 AM NST | Last Updated: February 12

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/swordfish-are-moving-north-in-canadian-waters-1.7109520>

NTV

St. John's SPCA to expand regional facility through fundraiser

Posted: February 11, 2024 2:41 pm

By Web Team

The SPCA in St. John's was recently approved by council to build a new facility on East White Hills Rd. The organization has been fundraising for the new facility through their Way Home Campaign which will allow more space for more animals.

The SPCA's website says they have so far raised over \$3.6 million getting closer to their goal of \$6.9 million.

More information on the campaign visit: <https://www.thewayhomespca.ca/>

FFAW Website

MEDIA RELEASE: COMMERCIAL COD HARVESTERS OPPOSED TO DRASTIC INCREASES IN RECREATIONAL FISHERY

February 9, 2024

ST. JOHN S, NL Commercial fish harvesters in Newfoundland and Labrador are calling for stricter monitoring of the recreational cod fishery in the province and assert that unaccounted for removals in the recreational fishery could threaten the conservation integrity of the stock.

To be very clear, our Union is not in the business of stopping folks from putting food in their freezers especially in today's economy. What we have a problem with is the severe lack in monitoring and reporting of recreational removals, explains Greg Pretty, FFAW-Unifor President.

The petition to the federal government supported by Conservative MP Clifford Small is to more than double the number of days in the recreational fishery from 39 to roughly 90. Recreational removals are a significant source of uncertainty in DFO science and management and is blatantly contradictory to the Department's mandate to monitor fish landings.

In November 2023, the Federal Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development slammed DFO for failing to collect timely and dependable data on how much fish is being caught. Seven years prior, another audit called for changes to ensure sustainable management of the industry. In response, the Department created the Fishery Monitoring Policy which accounting to the November 2023 has not yet been implemented. It is well past time to do the work to document how much fish is being caught and landed by the so-called recreational fishery.

Unless DFO has plans to exponentially increase their on-the-ground enforcement of the recreational cod fishery within the next couple months, they simply do not have the human resources to adequately keep up with monitoring needs, says Pretty. the Department needs to commit to more stringent monitoring and enforcement of removals, he says.

The northern cod stock is certainly on the path to recovery but that doesn't mean we can give up taking care to protect it into the future. Any plans to increase the recreational fishery cannot be reckless to the detriment of the health of the stock and for the commercial harvesters who rely on it for their livelihoods, Pretty concludes.

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The Winding Glass: Lobster Prices are Exploding...Is that a Signal or Noise for the Crab Market?

The Winding Glass Column

By John Sackton, Founder SeafoodNews

February 13, 2024

[The Winding Glass is the Opinion and Commentary column by John Sackton, Founder of SeafoodNews]

Lobster prices have shot up, catching almost everyone off guard. Live lobster is not the issue. Live prices have jumped 33% since the Southwest Nova Scotia season opened on December 2. This is a normal winter pattern. For the past three years, wholesale live prices have generally risen 30% to 40% between December and February.

Canadian Lobster landings in Southwest Nova Scotia have been steadily declining. Coupled with peak demand for the Christmas holidays and the Chinese New Year six weeks later, any decline in supply leads to a run-up in price. This year, in addition to lower catch rates, the season was delayed for five days by weather and there have been plenty of days unsuitable to pull traps. Some estimate landings could be down as much as 20%.

What I am concerned about is lobster tails and meat. In 2021 and 2022, despite live prices rising 30% to 40%, tails and meat prices barely budged. This is to be expected as most lobster tails and meat are produced from the spring and early fall fisheries in Canada and Maine's summer fishery. So changes in the live price have no direct impact on the frozen market.

Live prices have an indirect impact. When live prices are high it is impossible for plants to restart tail and meat production even if they can physically run processing lines because the raw material price won't support the finished goods cost. Market shortages can only be corrected with new season production when the live market is saturated, not with an uptick in opportunistic spot production.

Since the beginning of December tail and meat prices have jumped 18% to 20%. Meat prices are back above the level they were during the pandemic seafood price boom.

Does this mean that other shellfish, especially crab, have any chance to replicate this pattern and see a substantial price increase this spring and summer?

Meat and Tail inventory is non-existent in the sense that packers are hoarding and allocating any product they still have. The price increases show that clearly. But we can assume these prices represent very small volumes. Most of the major users of meat and tails sell under program contracts. Sales being made now are based on major buyers exceeding their expected usage and coming back to the well and finding it dry.

Crab is also sold primarily as program business, not street business. Reports from sellers of Alaskan crab this winter have been that street business is very weak and whatever sales are being made are in sales programs to larger buyers.

There is no evidence of major crab buyers exceeding their planned usage and having to come back and replenish their supplies. Gulf crab 5-8 oz sections have had stable to slightly increasing prices, while Newfoundland 5-8's actually saw a decline in the late fall as some companies dumped excess inventory.

Prices for 8 ups have increased about 8% in the last two months, and the spread between 5-8's and 8 ups continues to be very wide.

Changes in the US economy can give us some clues about the divergence between these two products. Lobster tails and meat have a much higher percentage foodservice usage than snow crab. As the US economy has continued to improve and employment has been better than expected, the foodservice, travel, and hospitality sector has seen strong recovery despite higher costs and staff shortages. This is one thing that is driving the frozen lobster demand. Usage has been higher than forecast.

Crab remains overwhelmingly a retail item. The US snow crab supply increased 32% in 2023. Some of this was the result of 2022 crab that was held over in inventory in Canada and the rest of the increase came from higher Canadian harvests.

For the 12 month period from February 2023 to January 2024 total retail sales of crab (all crab, not just snow crab) were 180.7 million lbs in 2022 and 231.8 million lbs. in 2023, an increase of nearly 30%. Crab was one of the few seafood products to see increased retail volume last year.

The reason was clearly that crab prices have corrected to historically low levels, and program buyers were able to take advantage of this opportunity.

However, snow crab now is a tired product. Retailers have moved prices up and are making no attempt to maintain the same level of volume they sold in the first part of last year.

Retail data over the past six months shows that retailers have increased prices. When they were selling off old inventory between June and September, the average retail price was \$6.75. But from October to January, the average retail price

was 10.72. During this time, for five out of the past six months, volume of pounds sold decreased over the prior year month.

So retailers are already reducing their volume of crab sales. This suggests that when the new season arrives they will be replenishing those inventories at lower volumes.

Industry expectations this year are for overall Canadian production to decrease in the Gulf and only partially be offset by increases in Newfoundland.

Normally a slight decrease in supply should help to firm prices. But crab has a relatively high price elasticity. We can calculate how the change in retail price of crab impacts sales volume using Urner Barry's Circana database. This is a measure of price elasticity. It is around 1.7, which means that a 5% increase in price would eventually lead to an 8.5% decrease in sales volume.

If a scenario materializes with a decrease in Canadian production and a decrease in US crab supply, a 5% increase in wholesale prices passed through to retail buyers would result in a reduction of retail sales from 231 million to around 200 million lbs for 2024. It is this factor that will keep program buyers cautious about speculating on crab price increases.

I have said repeatedly there are two factors behind seafood price changes. One is supply. When supply changes quickly or unexpectedly or increases or decreases steadily over time prices adjust. This is happening with lobster. There is a general decline in harvests both in Canada and Maine while demand in China has been rising and demand in the US and Europe has persisted. Except for working off 2022 inventories this strong demand vs lower supply is what is maintaining lobster pricing. Even though meat and tail prices will decline at the start of the new season once new production materializes it is unlikely that they will return to their earlier levels.

The other factor is the strength of demand. If a seafood product is pulling in new customers and generating excitement, as is happening with oysters for example, the expansion of demand can support a general rise in value. This was the situation with snow crab from 2014 to 2019.

Snow crab does not generate sales excitement. The primary consuming base has been among the last to benefit from the economic recovery and remains pessimistic in outlook. When there is demand weakness like this, a reduction in supply does not cause a spike in price but rather a reduction in overall volume at stable prices. Retailers are already reducing their volume of crab sales and managing their inventories. This suggests that when the new season arrives they will be replenishing those inventories at lower volume levels.

The price run-up in lobster tails and meat is a reflection of a market that is short and needs volume to come back into balance. But the very fact that buyers and producers underestimated demand for lobster tails and meat shows the underlying level of demand is healthy.

With crab we are not seeing a similar signal. First, supplies are not short, despite the increase in price for 8 ups and the increase in prices for 5-8's over their lowest values. Currently 5-8 oz section prices are stable and volume sold at the retail level is declining. This seems to foreshadow continued weak demand for crab. In this scenario, a reduction in overall supply will not lead to a dramatic price increase like has happened with lobster but rather a continuation of current trends.

The run up in lobster tail and meat prices is unique to that product and does not foretell a new era of higher demand for shellfish. It is a reaction to shortage in a low volume market. It is noise and is not giving a reliable signal about crab pricing for 2024.

First Nations Group Criticizes Federal Fish Policies, Conflict of Interest in B.C.

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OTTAWA An Indigenous-led group is criticizing what it says is the "gross mismanagement" of aquaculture in British Columbia by the Fisheries Department, as it calls for a separation of its regulatory and promotional responsibilities.

The First Nations Wild Salmon Alliance says the department is mired in conflict of interest stemming from its dual role, which the group's chairman Bob Chamberlin described as like "marking your own homework."

Chamberlin says the group wants the department to stick to its primary obligation of looking after the environment and fisheries, and to implement "a truly independent" scientific body to help inform government decisions affecting marine life in B.C.

A Fisheries and Oceans spokeswoman says the institution is preparing a response to the criticisms raised by the alliance.

Chamberlin and the alliance have been vocal critics of federal policy on fisheries in B.C., including what he says is industry involvement in the reports by the Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat on issues such as fish farming's risk to wild salmon stocks.

Chamberlin says such participation in the scientific reports results in a "predetermined" outcome that would benefit industry.

"In conclusion, we need to fix the current (Canadian Science Advisory Secretariat) process, which is run by DFO and entwined with the management preferences, influences and aspirations of the department," Chamberlin said during a briefing in Ottawa.

"Based on our considerable professional experience, I reiterate that Canada should implement a truly independent science advice body to directly advise decision-makers and recommend further research without being subjected to vested interests inside or outside of DFO."

Headlines

RECALL ON SALAD KITS: Health Canada is recalling a number of salad kits due to possible listeria contamination. Recalls have been issued on Dole avocado ranch and southwest salad kits with best before dates up to February 20.

VOCM - St. John's - 8am News @ 08:06:23am Duration: 00:00:22 Reporter:

Ref Id: j6q-7e8-13

FUR INSTITUTE ADVOCATING FOR SUSTAINABLE SEAL HARVEST: The Fur Institute of Canada is advocating for a sustainable seal harvest that benefits indigenous and rural communities. ["Doug Chaisson", Fur Institute of Canada]

VOCM - St. John's - Morning Show @ 07:37:23am Duration: 00:05:27 Reporter:

Ref Id: X5I-8Q5-13

FEDERAL FISHERIES MINISTER WILL GIVE SEAL PRODUCTS MORE RESPECT: The federal fisheries minister says she will do her part to give seal products more respect. ["Diane Lebouthillier", Federal Fisheries Minister]

CBN - St. John's - 6am News @ 06:03:49am Duration: 00:00:44 Reporter:

Ref Id: n3G-3b8-13

COD STOCK CONCERNS: "Tony Doyle" fishes for cod both commercially and recreationally and he's concerned about the possibility of a lot more cod being caught during the summer and fall because of a petition by Graham Wood calling for changes to the food fishery.

CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:10:12pm Duration: 00:12:49 Reporter:

Ref Id: a4V-5z2-12

REGULATING OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS: Offshore wind turbines may at some point be coming to our waters. How they will be regulated will be determined by bill C-49. ["Chris Vascotto", Manager of NS Fisheries Alliance for Energy Projects]
CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:23:55pm Duration: 00:08:04 Reporter: Todd O'Brien
Ref Id: M8b-2Z5-12

OCEANA CANADA URGING CAUTION: A marine conservation charity is urging caution to prevent overfishing. ["Jack Daly"]
CBN - St. John's - 5pm News @ 05:03:59pm Duration: 00:00:35 Reporter:
Ref Id: X4U-3r9-9

IMPACT OF WIND POWER ON FISHERIES AND MARINE LIFE: The first offshore wind project off the coast of Massachusetts is starting to produce power but how are wind towers affecting fisheries and marine life. ["Jessica Redfern", New England Aquarium]
CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:10:22pm Duration: 00:10:37 Reporter:
Ref Id: k2k-4t9-9s

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Cc: Chippett, Jamie, Shea, Erin, Baldwin, Paul
Subject: FW: Interview request with Minister Loveless this morning
Attachments: Readout - Atlantic ministers meeting.pdf

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Hi Minister,

As noted below Radio-Canada is seeking an interview with you via skype about yesterdays meeting with the federal minister. The reporter is asking if we can schedule the interview by Noon today. I recognize the time frame is quite tight so we could request another time if youre not available but wish to do the interview? We are preparing key messages for an interview and/or written statement depending on how you wish to proceed.

Craig

From: Nicolas Steinbach <nicolas.steinbach@radio-canada.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 10:17 AM
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Hi Craig,

I am a colleague of Patrick Butler, I am working with Radio-Canada TV (French CBC).

I am producing a story today about the meeting of the Atlantic provincial fisheries ministers had with Minister Lebouthillier yesterday morning about the shrimp / redfish situation.

I already did an interview with Minister Johnson of New Brunswick and she is definitely not happy about the meeting.

Here is the readout we received yesterday from Minister Lebouthillier's office.

We really want to do a Zoom interview this morning with Minister Loveless.

Do you think we can have that working by noon ?

Please confirm you have received this request.

Best Regards.

Nic

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From: Renouf, Craig
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 12:53 PM
To: Loveless, Elvis, Baldwin, Paul, Chippett, Jamie, Shea, Erin, Hanlon, Bren M.
Subject: VOCM OPEN LINE - Tony Wakeham on Redfish Protest
Attachments: OPEN LINE - Tony Wakehman on Redfish Protest - Feb. 14, 2024.m4a

Please find attached audio of Tony Wakeham from Open Line today discussing last week's redfish quota protest, concerns with federal govt. and next steps. Recording only contains portion of call dealing with redfish.

INSOLVENCY REPORT/FISHERY: PC Leader "Tony Wakeham" is calling to talk about the red tape reduction that the province needs. Now we have a insolvency report that shows the province going in the wrong direction. The stats are alarming and behind that are actually people who felt they didn't have any other option. He also talks about redfish and the quota. The government needs to go to Ottawa and make sure that this doesn't happen. This has got to stop.

VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 11:42:00am Duration: 00:09:00 Reporter: Paddy Daly

Ref Id: c3H-3y3-14

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Cc: Shea, Erin, Hanlon, Bren M.
Subject: RE: MR for APPROVAL: Min. Lebouthillier Meeting

Ok, I can reach out to Todd to let him know the Minister was trying to get in touch with him and arrange a time for an interview this week.

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Subject: Redfish info

I sent you the articles on Atlantic Canada and Quebec redfish a few days ago. I also just found a message stuck in my cellphone outgoing mail. Let me know if you didnt get them!

From: Renouf, Craig
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Loveless, Elvis, Chippett, Jamie, Baldwin, Paul, Hanlon, Bren M., Adams, Blair, Balsom, Stephen, Deering, Keith, Shea, Erin, Skinner, Linda
Subject: MORNING MEDIA - Feb. 15, 2024

CBC

Crew safe after fishing boat stranded on Newfoundland's south coast

Canadian Coast Guard says crew abandoned vessel safely

CBC News · Posted: Feb 15, 2024 10:05 AM NST | Last Updated: 20 minutes ago

The Canadian Coast Guard confirmed Thursday morning that the crew of a fishing boat that ran aground off the coast of Fortune on Newfoundland's south coast have been safely evacuated from the vessel.

The ship, called the Cape Cordell, ran aground just outside Fortune Harbour on Wednesday as a blustery winter storm hit much of Newfoundland and Labrador.

There were numerous unsuccessful attempts Wednesday to dislodge the boat and pull it off the shoreline. The coast guard said Wednesday that it tried to free the boat with multiple vessels throughout the day but hasn't been able to refloat it.

Canada proposes shutdown of troubled Maritime elver fishery in 2024

'It is not possible to have a safe and sustainable elver fishery in 2024,' minister says

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/canada-proposes-shutdown-of-troubled-maritime-elver-fishery-in-2024-1.7113631>

Seafoodnews.com

Canada: Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Says Redfish Will Not be Overfished

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By Trevor McNally

February 14, 2024

The federal minister of Fisheries and Oceans has pledged there won't be overfishing of northern redfish in the return of the fishery after nearly 30 years.

Minister Diane Lebovillier made the promise after fishers in eastern Canada questioned the recently announced return of the fishery and raised concerns.

"It's a quota fishery, so for me, there's no question of repeating the mistakes of the past," she said in a recent news conference. "As I said, it's certainly not after 30 years of closure that we're going to allow overfishing, and then close the fishery for the next 30 years."

The return of the fishery was announced on Jan. 26. It had been closed since 1995 due to underpopulations, but a test fishery ongoing since 2018 showed numbers are on the rise.

"We're going to work together with everyone to ensure that our fisheries continue for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren," Lebovillier said.

Lebouthillier announced the quota for 2024 would be a minimum of 25,000 tonnes as a preliminary fishery for this year and into 2025. As far as allowances, 10 per cent will go to shrimp fishers and another 10 per cent to First Nations fishers, including those from the Listuguj First Nation.

"We've offered fishermen and shrimpers the flexibility of twinning so they can go out and fish, thereby reducing the expenses incurred by shrimp fishermen," Lebouthillier said. "What we're hoping for, and working towards, is to get the shrimp coming back, and I'm certainly not going to be one of those people who's going to fish the last shrimp. Nobody wants to go there."

Listuguj had asked for a moratorium on shrimp fishing in the Gulf due to declining stocks and an increase in lobster tags. While Lebouthillier did not issue that moratorium, the quota was reduced significantly to protect stocks and the redfish fishery opened.

She noted that the fishery will be closely monitored and if numbers allow, the quota could be increased for each of the groups of fishers.

Denny Isaac, the natural resources director for Listuguj, said his fishers will take to the waters as soon as the redfish fishery is opened.

That opening date has not yet been announced.

BayFM

CNA students recognize Canadian Agriculture Day

Agriculture Technician Students of the College of the North Atlantic, Corner Brook Campus hosted displays and special events for Canadian Agriculture Day in the school atrium.

Agriculture Technician Students of the College of the North Atlantic, Corner Brook Campus celebrated Canadian Agriculture Day today in the school atrium. The students hosted several displays, activities and special events. BayFM was on site and spoke to Agriculture Technician instructor Sharon Wright. She said it is a day to recognize food we produce in Canada and the people who produce it.

The day also included prize giveaways, a selfie booth and a chance to come by and see the animals. Lori Sheppard from Fresh Island Farm on the Go was among the exhibitors which featured Hercules the Goat.

The theme of this year's Canadian Agriculture Day is "RAISE SOME FORKS AND MAKE SOME NOISE"

Intrafish

Mowi CEO says he's not afraid of Patagonia's attack on salmon farming in Iceland

"I believe reason will prevail everywhere, also in Iceland," the CEO said in response to a new film taking aim at salmon farming in the country.

14 February 2024 22:39 GMT UPDATED 14 February 2024 22:39 GMT

Ivan Vindheim, CEO of Mowi, the world's largest salmon farmer, said clothing giant Patagonia's newest campaign attacking the salmon farming sector in Iceland will not force the company to leave the region.

"I believe reason will prevail everywhere, also in Iceland," he said when asked during a fourth quarter presentation Wednesday about whether the new film "Laxabjórð: A Salmon Nation, which questions the sustainability of the region's salmon farming sector, is a danger to the company's Iceland operations.

Vindheim was asked if anti-farming sentiment was growing so strong in Iceland that the company might have to leave the country.

"Personally, I am not afraid of that," he responded.

On Feb. 7, the outdoor clothing company, which through its food division, Patagonia Provisions, sells wild salmon, debuted the film in Iceland. International music star Bjork promoted the film's launch to her 3.2 million Facebook followers and 869,000 followers on Twitter.

Opposition to Iceland's salmon farms has also grown as the industry's profile has raised.

Among the issues Patagonia and NGO partner Icelandic Wildlife Fund (IWF) focus on in the film is the need for more stringent rules for the sector. A current draft of a new aquaculture bill, expected to be adopted this year, is in the public comment phase.

The bill is aimed at addressing mortalities, lice and other fish health issues, and will create a new taxation and regulatory system.

"At the end of the day, we need our social license to operate," the CEO said during the question and answer session that largely focused on the company's record-breaking year in 2023.

"In our view, what we do is very sustainable. We think what we do is making the world better. We are part of a green shift."

Several major Norwegian salmon farmers have bought into the nascent industry, including Mowi, the world's largest salmon farmer, which acquired a majority stake in Arctic Fish, and Salmar, which controls Arnarlax. Norwegian salmon farmer Masoval also owns a share in Ice Fish Farm.

Both companies came under fire last year for high sea lice levels at their farms, which forced them to emergency harvest some 1,000 metric tons of fish.

Vindheim said at the time high lice levels and subsequent culling "will not happen again," adding that Arctic Fish "is not yet up to the Mowi standard."

Headlines

SEAL PUP BABYSITTERS NEEDED: Seal harvesters in this province are getting ready to head out to the hunt next month while in the UK seals are drawing some interest because the Manx Wildlife Trust is looking for volunteers to babysit seal pups. ["Laura Howe", Marine Wildlife Officer]

CBN - St. John's - East Coast Morning Show @ 07:09:19am Duration: 00:06:29 Reporter: Leigh Anne Power
Ref Id: m6Y-4S6-15

SEA ICE SEASON: It seems like the sea ice season in Labrador started later this year. ["George Karaganis", Senior Meteorologist with Canadian Ice Services]

CBN - St. John's - 6pm News @ 06:03:44pm Duration: 00:00:46 Reporter:
Ref Id: p6s-5b2-14

IMPACT OF WARMING PLANET ON POLAR BEARS: Polar bears are icons of Canada North but the impact of our warming planet is having on their diets is causing concern about their future. ["Lisa Johnson", CBC]

CBN - St. John's - On The Go @ 04:53:20pm Duration: 00:06:56 Reporter:

Ref Id: G2X-3S7-14

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND OCEANS: At the most recent meeting of the Senate Committee on Fisheries and Oceans a Twillingate senator voiced concerns about how our fisheries operate. ["Mohammed Ravalia"; "Diane Lebouthillier", Fisheries Minister; "Annette Gibbons"]

CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:25:04pm Duration: 00:07:42 Reporter:

Ref Id: x4j-8a7-14

FOOD FISHERY PETITION: A federal petition calling for a long food fishery in the province has collected 2200 signatures but not everyone agrees with it. The FFAW says the federal fisheries department needs to improve monitoring and enforcement before it expands the food fishery. ["Graham Wood", Tour Operator behind the petition; "Greg Pretty", FFAW President]

CBNT (CBC TV) - Here & Now @ 06:17:15pm Duration: 00:02:00 Reporter: Mark Quinn

Ref Id: F7x-7m8-14

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Subject: RE: MR for APPROVAL: Min. Lebouthillier Meeting

Hi Jamie,

Just following up email below as the reporter is still requesting to interview the Minister today. Also noting I was advised that with regard to number of AFF applications currently in the hopper it is best to go with approximately 50. Thanks, Craig.

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Hi Jamie,

Please see revised version below. Edits are in red font. Bren notes the number of AFF applications in the hopper is approximately 50. We're waiting to hear from Sean Barry for the precise figure. Thanks, Craig.

MEDIA REQUEST

Date: February 14, 2024

Media:

Nicolas Steinbach
Journaliste
Radio-Canada Acadie
Moncton
(506) 381-1499

Reporter's Deadline: February 14, 2024

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Suggested Approach: TBD

Suggested Statement/Key Messages

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So a few suggestions below Atlantic Ministers had agreed to focus primarily on the manner in which redfish was rolled out and seeking clarity on AFF.

Need some additional info below where Ive indicated. Id like to give him numbers in his message on the number of projects funded, some idea of categories, and the number of applications we have in hopper now.

Scrap last secondary message on AFF. Move first secondary message up above where I start talking about AFF views of Ministers

Jamie

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- We support DFO's decision to extend the Atlantic Fisheries Fund to March 31, 2026. This will allow for the completion of many vital projects including those that support the transition to redfish.

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Good morning Bren it was very nice to meet you earlier this week. I hope you have not been overly beaten down by the weather since!

Attached is an OpEd on Redfish that will be posted sometime today (Saltwire) I wanted to provide you with a heads up copy. I will be in touch shortly on a date and time for a virtual meeting. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require additional information.

Cheers,

Sylvie
President
Atlantic Groundfish Council

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The rebounded redfish stock in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (Gulf) presents real opportunity for people and communities throughout Atlantic Canada and Quebec. But in a highly competitive global market, industry needs to be equal parts realistic about the opportunity and focused on achieving it, together.

Redfish is a slow growing, long-lived fish. While the number of redfish in the Gulf has significantly increased, it is only recently that the majority of fish have grown to a potentially marketable-size. This growth has laid the foundation for reopening a commercial redfish fishery.

Global redfish markets in 2024 are very different than when the fishery closed in the early 90s. Canadian redfish product forms must include shore-processed fresh and 'once frozen' fillets, as well as H&G (head on, gutted) and whole frozen-at-sea markets. While whole fish in Canadian restaurants is uncommon, that's primarily how it is consumed in Asia, an important market for redfish. In Europe, larger fillets with sustainability certifications are required to gain access. That mix of product forms is even more crucial considering Gulf redfish are 24-25cm, while most of the competing global redfish supply is above 40cm.

The task for industry is to harvest, process, and market the right-sized redfish to the right markets, in the right product form, at the right time of year. The more successful industry is at achieving that, the better news for everyone- including inshore and offshore harvesters who will catch the fish, workers who will process it and communities that will benefit from a strong fishery.

Unfortunately, current conversations are less focused on 'how to sustainably derive the maximum benefit for Atlantic Canadians and Quebecers' but instead include continued objections to the Minister's allocation decision by groups arguing for more.

The Atlantic Groundfish Council (AGC) has its own concerns. The offshore sector, which owns and fishes from small, medium, and large boats and operates coastal production plants, developed the commercial redfish fishery. Its historical quota share of Gulf redfish was 78.70%. Although the sector has been painted by some as a "winner" in the decision, it lost 20% of its share. This was despite Minister LeBouthillier's statement that all five affected provinces urged her to respect historic quota shares.

AGC members feel that loss deeply. That includes Indigenous licence holders from seven Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia (NS) and Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) through their 50% ownership of Clearwater Seafoods. Collectively, AGC members employ thousands

of Atlantic Canadians in primarily year-round jobs with annual payroll for local employees exceeding \$200Million. They spend another \$400Million on goods and services from local businesses annually and donate millions to community organizations and charities every year.

Despite its concerns, AGC respects government's goal of increased Indigenous participation in fisheries and continually expresses willingness to help reach those goals. AGC has also chosen to accept that an almost doubling of quotas for inshore harvesters in NL, NS, and Quebec (QC), comes at our expense.

AGC members have a lot to offer the industry as we move closer to a commercial redfish fishery: familiarity with existing and developing markets; willingness to continue to invest in marketing and sustainability requirements; experience harvesting quality redfish in their fleet of vessels that vary in size from 61 feet to 245 feet; and ongoing experience in processing redfish to suit market forms. That processing experience is held by local employees whether they're working in existing processing plants in Lower West Pubnico, Digby or Glace Bay, NS, Fortune, NL, or on a floating processing plant aboard a locally owned vessel.

As President of the AGC, and as someone who has been involved in fisheries from local to international levels for more than two decades, I know that Canadian fisheries are more successful globally and locally when stakeholders work together.

Minister Leboutillier was tasked with making a challenging decision. It's often said that if DFO makes a decision that makes everyone unhappy, they probably got it close to right. AGC has decided to lick its wounds, accept the decision as tough but reasonably fair, and focus on the advisory committee process and eventual commercial fishery. I challenge industry to respect the decision and focus on working together so that Canada's redfish fishery can be one of success.

Sylvie Lapointe

Sylvie Lapointe, is the President of the Atlantic Groundfish Council. Previously, she spent 26 years working for the Government of Canada, including two decades at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. She managed fisheries across Canada, chaired high profile Advisory Committees in the Atlantic and held many positions within DFO, including Assistant Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Harbour Management.

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NTV

Gerry Byrne renewing calls for DFO to allocate more redfish quota to N.L. harvesters

Posted: February 15, 2024 7:32 pm

By Don Bradshaw

A provincial cabinet minister on the west coast is renewing his call for DFO to allocate more of this year's redfish quota to harvesters in this province. NTV's Don Bradshaw has more.

<https://ntv.ca/gerry-byrne-renewing-calls-for-dfo-to-allocate-more-redfish-quota-to-n-l-harvesters/>

Fisherynation.com

New fisheries co-op incorporated; Fisheries Protective Co-operative

A new for-profit fisheries co-operative has been incorporated to protect and advance the economic interests of the province's independent inshore enterprise owners.

To be known as the FPC, the Fisheries Protective Co-operative Newfoundland and Labrador was created over a period of several months by a steering committee of inshore harvesters from around the province, spearheaded by fishery activists Ryan Cleary and Merv Wiseman.

The idea behind the FPC is to give independent owner-operators freedom over their inshore enterprises and commercial licences, and ensure a fair, transparent, and more consistent return on their investment.

The long-term goal of the FPC is to become self-sufficient in all aspects of seafood operations including harvesting, processing, marketing, and sales.

The plan for the upcoming 2024 fishing season is to pool the collective quotas of members, and either hire independent companies to process fish for a per-pound fee, or sell them product directly.

The challenge will be to find an independent processor on the island of Newfoundland prepared to handle fish from a new co-operative. To date, only a Quebec processor and another from Newfoundland's west coast have expressed a willingness to process fish from the new co-op.

A letter of intent signed in December between co-op organizers and Dan Meade to sell fish to the Ship Harbour-based processor in the 2024 season fell through when Meade couldn't guarantee to process snow crab this coming season.

The FPC acronym, as well as the choice of the word Protective in the incorporated name, is a deliberate reference to the Fishermen's Protective Union. The FPU was founded by William Coaker in the early 1900s to provide harvesters with a greater share of the wealth produced by their labour.

Inshore harvesters need as much or more protection in 2024 as they did in Coaker's day, said Cleary.

Added Wiseman, The co-op's vision is of a thriving fishing industry driven by prosperous fleets to the benefit of rural communities, and future generations of harvesters.

A founding convention would be held in the coming months, at which time a full board of directors will be elected and bylaws adopted.

There are just over 3,000 licensed inshore fishing enterprises in Newfoundland and Labrador, although it is believed a majority are tied to processors through financial agreements that include the right-of-first refusal on all landings.

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The Telegram

Tell both sides of aquaculture controversy

The Telegram (St. John's) 16 Feb 2024

In his column To the Point, in the Feb. 9, 2024 edition of The Telegram, Don Mills describes Glen Cooke and his company Cooke Inc. as a seafood juggernaut.

This may be an unfortunate but telling metaphor, because the governments of Atlantic Canada have been blindly sacrificing our scarce ocean resources to Cooke and others in the aquaculture industry for more than 40 years.

With only token fees, and no cost for environmental and ecological damage and little to no regulation, Cooke and his Norwegian counterparts have been able to grow rich while valuable lobster grounds and pristine marine environments have been destroyed.

The column is about Glen Cooke and his aquaculture empire more so than about aquaculture, per se. Most of the column chronicles Cooke's humble beginnings in Blacks Harbour and how Cooke Aquaculture became the fifth largest salmon farming company in the world.

As such, Mills, who is a seasoned columnist, should have included some of the bad stuff that happened along the way. No one disputes that Cooke is big, but that is even more reason to include the bad.

Here are a couple of examples that are fully documented in "Salmon Wars, The Dark Underbelly of Our Favourite Fish" by Douglas Frantz and Catherine Collins:

Cooke Aquaculture was found guilty of using cypermethrin, a pesticide that is deadly to lobster and other crustaceans. It is used in the finfish aquaculture industry to control sea lice but was banned for use in the marine environment in Canada in 1998 because of its toxicity to lobster and shrimp. In November 2011, following an extensive investigation by Environment Canada, 19 charges were laid against Cooke Aquaculture and three Cooke executives, including Cooke himself, for violations under the Fisheries Act. Cooke and the other executives avoided court by having Kelly Cove Salmon, a subsidiary of Cooke Aquaculture, plead guilty to two counts of using cypermethrin and agree to pay a fine of \$500,000.

On Aug. 19, 2017, a salmon farm belonging to Cooke Aquaculture collapsed near Cypress Island in Puget Sound, Washington State. As the farm collapsed, observers recorded the event. A thick layer of kelp, mussels and seaweed covered the cage nets and entire cages were moving and breaking with the current. Tens of thousands of farmed Atlantic salmon escaped into the Pacific waters where they were an alien, invasive species. There was a solar eclipse on Aug. 21 and Cooke Aquaculture blamed the collapse on high tides and strong currents associated with the eclipse. Blaming it on the eclipse was wishful thinking on the part of Cooke Aquaculture. Cooke also reported that around 4,000 salmon had escaped. After the investigation was completed, the number was determined to be between 243,000 and 263,000. Cooke was fined \$342,000 for the escape. Biofouling, poor maintenance, and weak structural integrity of the net pens likely caused the collapse. This disaster was a big factor in the decision by Washington State to ban open net pen salmon farming in its waters.

Don Mills correctly states that there are serious environmental concerns associated with the aquaculture industry, especially those related to toxic waste below the cages, disease, and sea lice infestation.

However, the image conveyed by Cooke has begun to employ lumpfish to graze on lice-infesting farmed salmon, replicating what happens in the natural environment is hardly accurate.

If Mills had reported the actual sea lice counts at Cooke's individual farms and the actual use of lumpfish, the picture would be vastly different. Sea lice have adapted well to the various technologies that have been developed, including lumpfish.

Lumpfish, on the other hand, have become a sacrificial species and are considered an endangered species in many jurisdictions. The unhappy lumpfish, themselves the target of sea lice, are destroyed when the salmon farms are harvested. It's hardly a replication of what happens in the natural environment.

Sea lice pose a formidable problem for the aquaculture industry. See "The New Fish," by Simen Saetre and Kjetil Ostli, for a review of how each is doing.

Leo White
St. John's

Crew safe after abandoning beached fishing vessel

Crew decided to leave boat Wednesday evening after attempts all day to free it from rocky shoreline
The Telegram (St. John's) 16 Feb 2024 GARY KEAN THE TELEGRAM gary.kean @thewesternstar.com @western_star

CORNER BROOK All three crew members are safe, but the Cape Cordell remains beached at the entrance to Fortune on the Burin Peninsula.

The nearly 19-metre fishing vessel got into trouble after running aground Wednesday morning.

The Canadian Coast Guard was alerted to the situation about 7 a.m. and immediately dispatched the bay-class search and rescue vessel Barrington Bay out of nearby Burin.

The Coast Guard also tasked two of its auxiliary vessels closer to the scene, the Silver Seas 1 and the Northern Challenger.

Mark Gould, the Canadian Coast Guard's deputy superintendent of search and rescue coordination, said the Silver Seas 1 was first at the scene and tied a line to the grounded ship, but was unable to pull it to deeper waters.

The Northern Challenger had no luck securing a line onto the Cape Cordell to help move it after it arrived to help.

NASTY CONDITIONS

Weather conditions at the time were terrible, with two-metre seas and 35- to 40-knot northeasterly winds and snow.

All that was pushing them further and further ashore, explained Gould.

When the Barrington Bay showed up, it got in closer and hooked a line onto the Cape Cordell, but the conditions including a falling tide by then made pulling the vessel off the rocks not feasible, he said.

By then, it had shifted from a grounding to a beaching of that vessel, she was so far up.

As the tide fell Wednesday afternoon, the Coast Guard and crew began to have conversations about the best thing to do to ensure the crew's safety.

At around 7 p.m., the captain and crew decided the safest thing for them to do was to abandon the ship, said Gould.

EVACUATION

The crew and Coast Guard, with the assistance of the Fortune Volunteer Fire Department, devised a plan to get the crew safely ashore. The crew members donned their immersion suits, while firefighters put on dry suits, and the crew members were pulled ashore, with the Coast Guard crew assisting, after descending from the bow via a ladder.

It was still a dangerous operation, said Gould. There was a lot of sea coming in, but there was some excellent work by the people on the scene to figure out a way to do this as safely as possible.

The vessel's movements in the pounding seas were also a factor in the evacuation process, but the boat was beached enough that it wasn't moving much, Gould said.

All three crew members were checked by paramedics in a waiting ambulance and released after being deemed to be fine.

Once the crew members were safely ashore, the work of the Coast Guard was turned over to its marine environmental and hazardous response personnel.

The Barrington Bay remained at the scene to monitor the situation Thursday as the stormy weather persisted. The winds in the area were not expected to diminish to 25 knots until Friday, which Gould noted are still not ideal to conduct operations.

Does democracy exist?

The Telegram (St. John's) 16 Feb 2024

As everyone knows, the fishery, cod in particular, is the reason why our ancestors came to those rugged shores centuries ago. And for hundreds of years, it was the only real reason for the existence of fishing villages.

This is a photo I took today of the Twillingate fish plant, where not so long ago, fishers could sell their catch right at the wharf.

Today, it sits with the red real estate sign painfully obvious.

So here is the question: just imagine if the richest person on the planet happened by and saw this plant and learned of the hundreds of thousands, maybe millions of pounds of certain species, which pass by this plant each year, trucked hundreds of kilometres to plants elsewhere, sometimes sitting in containers for days, quality diminishing daily. And that person was so struck that he/she decided to purchase the plant.

As we know, the situation each year has become worse for fishers, as processing capacity, or lack of, forces processors to dictate what day or days of the week fishers can actually fish.

So the hypothetical question I pose is this: If this imaginary scenario were actually true and if this person could throw however many millions it took, without costing the tax payers a dime, to make this a model plant for all of Canada, would the provincial government issue a processing licence or would government decide to seek the permission of the existing processors to do so?

In other words, does free enterprise and democracy exist in the Newfoundland fishing industry?

And secondly, why do I ask such foolish questions!

David Boyd,
Twillingate

MPS flog DFO brass over elver mismanagement

N.L. MP Clifford Small asks what DFO needs to get the job done

The Telegram (St. John's) 16 Feb 2024 AARON BESWICK THE CHRONICLE HERALD abeswick@herald.ca @chronicleherald

You all appear so calm and we all appear so frustrated, MP Ken Hardie told Canada's top DFO brass on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 13, in Ottawa.

Deputy minister Annette Gibbons, associate deputy minister Adam Burns, regional director general Doug Wentzell and Brent Napier, the director of enforcement policy and programs, had been hauled before the standing committee on Fisheries and Oceans to answer to how they'd allowed the elver fishery to descend into rampant poaching and violence over the past six years and what they're going to do to save it.

Their minister, Diane LeBouthillier, had refused to participate.

NO EEL SEASON

Hours before her subordinates were set to testify, she sent a letter to the holders of commercial licences for the juvenile American eels, saying she is planning to not open the season at all in 2024 due to concerns around violence and poaching.

Napier defended his enforcement strategy.

The public sees some of enforcement action but it does not see all of it, said Napier.

There are elements both at the facilities, at the exit points and then the intelligence that's being gathered as well. So there's a whole continuum of not just the officers on the water but gathering intelligence, trying to understand where the fish are going, where elvers are going, which is important part of it, and then the deterrent impact which is stopping it along the way

Hardie, an MP for Fleetwood-port Kells in British Columbia, wasn't buying it.

I'm sorry, but I don't see or hear much about disruption, responded Hardie.

Disruption would be hauling someone off and taking the keys to their truck.

ILLEGAL ELVER FISHING

The MPS grilled the brass on Chronicle Herald reporting from last week that showed while DFO received 1,550 reports of illegal elver fishing, only 60 people were charged and that the Public Prosecution Service of Canada hasn't prosecuted a single one.

Internal DFO emails obtained through a freedom of information act request along with a transcript of a meeting in January between DFO staff and harvesters appear to show that the Public Prosecution Service of Canada has a policy of not prosecuting First Nations members even when charges are laid by DFO. The PPSC refused to acknowledge whether it had prosecuted anyone, regardless of rights status, claiming it doesn't have a search field for that in its computer records.

Asked about the lack of prosecutions, Gibbons said: As for the PPSC and the justice system, I think those are questions for Justice and PPSC.

No one from either the Department of Justice or the Public Prosecution Service of Canada attended the hearing.

NOT LABELLED AS SEAFOOD

Those at the hearing heard that while multiple times the total allowable catch of 9,860 kilograms of juvenile eels was estimated to have been caught illegally and exported to China last year, none of those catches had been seized by the Canadian Border Services Agency.

And that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency was inspecting and certifying the poached elvers for export as food to China, where they are grown to adulthood in aquaculture facilities for the Japanese sushi market.

Have you asked the CFIA to stop doing that? asked South Shore-st. Margarets MP Rick Perkins.

Napier responded, The elver that leaves is not going out under a seafood label, it s going out outside of a seafood label as I understand it.

NO REGULATIONS FOR TRACING CATCH

He added that there aren t regulations in place that would require anyone holding, transporting or exporting elvers to carry proof of where they were caught and the multiple hands they had gone through.

Known as "traceability,"

Napier said that is something DFO is working on.

It s also something that commercial elver licence holders have been advocating for two years with DFO for, found third-party contractors to monitor and offered to pay for, only to be rebuffed by DFO.

The companies we were working with were the one in Maine that designed and implemented the traceability system there and another in British Columbia that has contracts with the federal government these are reputable companies with track records to prove they could do the work and we were going to pay for it, said Brian Giroux, spokesman for Shelburne Elver, after listening to the hearings.

We would trace it from the point of catch to the market. We were ready to go with it this year. All we needed from DFO was access to their database and they said no.

'WHAT DO YOU NEED TO GET THE JOB DONE?'

Annette Gibbons said DFO is working on new regulations that would include traceability and give DFO officers the legal power to seize and arrest individuals possessing elvers without proof they d been caught legally.

But she wouldn t offer a timeline for when they d be coming.

You ve had nearly a 50 per cent increase in your staff, over a doubling of DFO S budget since 2015, since this government got elected, what do you need to get the job done? asked Newfoundland and Labrador MP Clifford Small.

Is it possible that you can actually do the job?

To which Gibbons responded, So I would say, the regulatory progress is really the key determinant of the speed of which we go. There are steps that we follow when bringing in regulations and you know, it takes time, regulatory processes typically take more than two years.

TEN DAYS TO RESPOND

The eight commercial licence holders and three First Nations licence holders have been given 10 days to respond to Lebouthillier's proposal to not open the elver fishery at all this year.

The fishery had a landed value of some \$45 million in 2022 and employed more than 200 people.

Both First Nations and commercial licence holders have been highly critical of Lebouthillier's proposal.

Clearly, DFO had no intentions of working in good faith with the Mi'kmaq on the elver fishery, said Chief Gerald Toney, fisheries colead for the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs, in a written statement on Tuesday.

We provided them with a proposal that reflects our inherent rights as Mi'kmaq and included actions for promoting responsible resource management. Today's announcement by Minister Lebouthillier shows a lack of accountability from her department, C&P, and their requirements to work with the Mi'kmaq to create solutions for the fishery to continue.

'I DON'T BLAME THE FISHERIES OFFICERS'

For his part, Giroux said, I don't blame the fisheries officers. It's a tough job but they just don't have the legislative backup to charge against and even if they do charge, the public prosecution service doesn't proceed. For DFO management to blame this chaos on anyone but themselves is outrageous.

"For seven years, they've been warned and warned and warned and they've done nothing. The incompetence of management is stunning. Now we, who have legally pursued the fishery without a single charge or citation for 25 years, are being punished.

Intrafish

The salmon farming industry gets clotheslined again by Patagonia

Will a new move and activist campaign stop farmed salmon expansion in Iceland?

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By Drew Cherry and John Fiorillo

Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard has been an avid fly fishermen for most of his life, and has backed many conservation groups fighting for wild salmon conservation.

But farmed salmon popped up on his radar a few years ago, and Chouinard and Patagonia have turned their sizable resources into efforts to end netpen salmon farming around the world.

Mainly that's been done by financing campaigns against the industry, from Canada to the United States, Chile, Norway, New Zealand and most recently Iceland.

But along the way the group has also made short films criticizing the sector, and calling for a transition to land-based salmon farming.

They've also used their food company, Patagonia Provisions, to both compete with and put economic pressure on aquaculture companies.

With new focus on social license in the salmon farming industry, will the new campaign make an impact?

BayFM

Qalipu technicians researching the piping plover on the west coast

Natural Resources Technician Julia Ball says the piping plover acts as an important indicator species and gives an idea of the state of an ecosystem.

The Piping Plover has been an endangered species in this province for some time now but efforts are underway to help grow the tiny bird's population. The Qalipu Environmental and Natural Resources team has been researching and monitoring the species on the west coast. On Qalipu Today with Lenny Benoit this week, Natural Resources Technician Julia Ball says the piping plover is a small migratory shore bird about 6 inches in length and it has black bands. Ball says the piping plover acts as an important indicator species and gives an idea of the state of an ecosystem. Byron Bennett is also a Natural Resources Technician. He says research is ongoing to determine its level of classification and if it can be lifted as an endangered species. Bennett says the piping plover is a territorial bird that will protect its surroundings. Piping plover research is taking place in Black Bank, Stephenville Crossing, the Flat Bay Peninsula and Sandy Point. There are approximately 12 or more breeding pairs but the hope is to get that number up to 30.

Headlines

CONCERN WITH CRAB PRICING: Last spring's crab fishery started 6 weeks late after a price dispute that ended in low pay and little satisfaction for harvesters. The best way to determine the value of a pound of crab has been an issue for years. ["Jason Sullivan", Harvester]

CBY - Corner Brook - NL Morning @ 08:11:15am Duration: 00:08:12 Reporter:

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Thanks Minister. We will aim to reschedule for next Wednesday.

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That works good for me. Wednesday I am back in office.

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On Feb 16, 2024, at 10:02 AM, Renouf, Craig <CraigRenouf@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,

Just touching base to advise Todd OBrien just contacted us noting he is unavailable to interview you today [REDACTED] He suggested rescheduling for Tuesday or later of next week.

Craig 40(1)

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Sounds good, we can figure a time tomorrow. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2024, at 6:26 PM, Loveless, Elvis <ElvisLoveless@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

That should be good! Not sure what the schedule is for Friday but we can make it work

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On Feb 14, 2024, at 4:21 PM, Renouf, Craig <CraigRenouf@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Minister,

I was in touch with Todd OBrien at The Broadcast to let him know you were trying to get in touch with him last week and to arrange a time for an interview this week about the redfish. He advised he is available to interview you this Friday. Let me know if that day and what time works for best for you and I will look to schedule accordingly. Thanks, Craig.

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VOCM

New Fisheries Protective Co-operative Taking Inspiration from Past to Help Inshore Fish Harvesters

Feb 19, 2024 | 7:51 AM

The newly formed Fisheries Protective Co-operative is taking a deliberate page from the past in both its name, and its aim to advance the economic interest of inshore fish harvesters.

Spokesperson Ryan Cleary says the name of the new co-op is a direct reference to the Fishermen's Protective Union formed by William Ford Coaker more than a century ago.

Cleary says like Coaker, the FPC was formed to help inshore enterprise owners.

He did that to provide harvesters with a greater share of the wealth produced by their labour and that's exactly what we want to do says Cleary. Inshore harvesters need as much, or more protection, in 2024 as they did in Coaker's day.

Now that the co-op is incorporated, Cleary says the next order of business is to find a processor willing to process their catches in this province.

The Telegram

Tour operator's petition urges changes to food fishery

The Telegram (St. John's) 20 Feb 2024 GARY KEAN THE TELEGRAM gary.kean@thewesternstar.com @western_star

CORNER BROOK He's not sure a petition will be any more effective than other efforts he's made in the last decade, but Graham Wood is continuing the fight to make changes to the recreational cod fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Wood operates Mussel Bed Boat Tours in Lewisporte. The changes he would like to see would probably create more business for tour operators like him, but he says they would be welcomed by just about anyone who wants more opportunity to participate in the annual food fishery.

For the past several years, the recreational cod fishery has been limited to weekends between July 1 and Oct. 1. The petition to the federal government initiated by Wood is asking for it to be open every day during that period.

It really hampers our business opportunities, but the culture of freedom we used to have in Newfoundland and Labrador being able to just go get a fish has changed quite a lot, said Wood. (Recreational fisheries in) other provinces in Atlantic Canada are not limited to weekends.

He noted there are also fewer restrictions in British Columbia and less prohibitive regulations in fishing nations such as Iceland and Norway.

RIDICULOUS SITUATION

For tour operators, the season essentially ends by September anyway, as bookings tend to die off after Labour Day, Wood said.

It's also not great for business when guests are told they can't keep a fish because it's a weekday, he added.

For the public, not everyone is free to go fishing on weekends.

For everyone, weather is always a factor that could hamper plans, especially when limited to taking to the water on Saturdays and Sundays.

When you can't get Fussell's cream or Bick's mustard pickles, everybody gets in a panic and goes searching every store for them, and it's that same sort of ridiculous situation (with the food fishery), said Wood. It creates that demand and everybody rushes to go on the weekend, no matter the weather and there's no flexibility for the general public.

THE PETITION

The online petition, which Wood asked Clifford Small—the Conservative member of Parliament for Coast of Bays-Central-notre Dame—to bring to the House of Commons, had garnered more than 3,160 signatures as of Monday.

It also asked that recreational fishermen be allowed to retain five codfish per day, with a limit of 20 fish per boat per day, and licensed tour operators be allowed to retain two codfish per tourist per day.

Under current regulations, there is a boat limit of 15 fish.

Tour boat operators are eligible to apply for a licence to seek an increased trip limit, and this licence has harvest reporting requirements.

The petition also asks that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) be mandated to announce the season dates and regulations by May 1 of each year. Last year, the season's details were not announced until late June.

Wood said he has had tourists before late June wanting to book codfishing excursions, but he has been unable to confirm if there was even going to be a recreational cod fishery.

He would like to see at least 5,000 people sign the petition by the time it closes on Feb. 28, but isn't sure if it will ever make a difference.

The reality is, you could have 50,000 and we would have no power to do anything, he said, adding he has heard nothing from anyone in government at the provincial or federal levels. It's gotten to the point where nobody seems to want to do anything.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN CONCERNED

One group that has expressed concerns about expanding the recreational cod fishery is Ffaw-unifor, the union that represents commercial fish harvesters and plant workers.

In a news release in response to the petition, the union called for stricter monitoring, asserting that unaccounted for removals in the recreational fishery could threaten the conservation integrity of the stock.

To be very clear, our union is not in the business of stopping folks from putting food in their freezers especially in today's economy, FFAW president Greg Pretty stated in the news release. What we have a problem with is the severe lack of monitoring and reporting of recreational removals.

The FFAW says recreational catches are a significant source of uncertainty in DFO science and management, and are contradictory to the department's mandate to monitor fish landings.

Unless DFO has plans to exponentially increase their on-the-ground enforcement of the recreational cod fishery within the next couple months, they simply do not have the human resources to adequately keep up with monitoring needs, said Pretty.

FAIR ACCESS

Wood said people should be allowed fair access to the resource, a sentiment that was echoed by Wayne Smith of Pasadena.

Smith penned a letter about the issue and posted it on a Facebook page, titled Take Back Our Food Fishery, created in support of the petition.

The private citizen should have access to the resource before it is exploited by anyone for profit, wrote Smith. Do you believe that a harvester doesn't keep a meal of fish for his family or his mother or his close friends and relatives? The cod fishery failure was not caused by private citizens overfishing the resource for their own use.

Saltwire asked DFO for its reaction to the petition, but did not receive a response before deadline.

New co-op hopes to make inshore fleet masters of their own fishing destiny

Fisheries Protective Co-operative Newfoundland and Labrador is newly incorporated, for-profit enterprise

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The newly incorporated Fisheries Protective Co-operative Newfoundland and Labrador wants to help inshore enterprise owners become less subservient to processors.

Invoking the historical impact of Sir William Ford Coaker, a new entity has been incorporated with a focus on safeguarding the interests of Newfoundland and Labrador's inshore fish harvesters.

The Fisheries Protective Cooperative (FPC) Newfoundland and Labrador is a new, for-profit fisheries co-operative that has been incorporated to protect and advance the economic interests of the province's independent inshore enterprise owners.

ABOUT FREEDOM

Spearheaded by fishery activists Ryan Cleary and Merv Wiseman, the FPC was created during the past several months by a steering committee of inshore harvesters from around the province.

Cleary has since resigned from his executive director position with Seaward Enterprises Association of Newfoundland and Labrador Inc. (SEA-NL), after that advocacy entity announced in December that it would essentially be mothballed as efforts were being made to form this new cooperative.

The bottom line of what it comes down to is freedom, Cleary told Saltwire in an interview Friday, Feb. 16.

There is a need for a co-operative to give inshore enterprise owners freedom over their commercial licences and ensure fair, transparent (and) consistent return on their investment.

FISHING DESTINY

Last spring, snow crab harvesters refused to put their pots in the water after they could not agree on a price being offered by the Association of Seafood Producers (ASP).

Six weeks later, after intervention by the provincial government, the harvesters went fishing for the same price.

If there is one thing the 2023 season made clear, it is that the inshore enterprise owners are under the thumb of the ASP, said Cleary.

A co-operative is a way for independent inshore enterprise owners to basically become masters of their own The logo for the newly incorporated Fisheries Protective Co-operative Newfoundland and Labrador. CONTRIBUTED fishing destiny.

SHORT- AND LONG-TERM GOALS

The plan for the upcoming season, said Cleary, is to pool quotas and either hire an independent processing company to process fish on a per-pound fee or to sell to the processor directly.

Longer term, the co-operative aims to become self-sufficient in all aspects of seafood operations, from harvesting and processing to marketing and sales.

The co-operative has examples within the province it can aim to emulate. Cleary noted the success achieved by other enterprises, such as the Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company, which has grown from about 130 small-boat enterprises to now boasting five processing plants, two middle-distance fishing boats and a 50 per cent share in an offshore factory freezer trawler.

There are also successful co-operatives based out of Fogo Island and Petty Harbour.

In terms of a bar to shoot for, there are already examples of how co-ops or social enterprises in this province have succeeded, said Cleary.

MAKING IT WORK

The FPC is new, and it must proceed with baby steps, Cleary said.

The first big step is to secure a processor for the fast-approaching 2024 season.

Cleary said interest has been expressed by a processor in Quebec and by one on the west coast of Newfoundland.

Other than that, there are not a lot of independent processors in the province, so we're working on it, he said.

The co-operative is also working on building its membership.

Ever since news broke a couple months ago that we're looking at a coop, we have been approached by independent enterprise owners from right around the province, said Cleary.

We're keeping a list of the enterprise owners and the volume of product they're bringing to the table and we're going from there.

CONVENTION PLANNED

A founding convention will be held in the coming months, when a full board of directors will be elected and bylaws adopted for the co-operative.

There are a little more than 3,000 licensed inshore fishing enterprises in Newfoundland and Labrador, although the co-operative believes a majority are tied to processors through financial agreements that include the right-of-first refusal on all landings, Cleary said.

NEED FOR PROTECTION

The name of the Fisheries Protective Co-operative was deliberately chosen to include the word 'protective' as an allusion to Coaker, noted Cleary.

Coaker was a union leader, politician and founder of the Fishermen's Protective Union in 1908. That union's goal was to provide harvesters with a greater share of the wealth produced by their labour.

That's exactly what we want to do today, said Cleary.

We want to make sure that inshore enterprise owners – the inshore fleet of this province – has a greater share of the wealth. More than that, a fair share of the wealth, because we don't believe the sharing arrangements have been fair and they're getting the short end of the stick.

It's not a coincidence that FPC is pretty close to FPU and has 'protective' in the name, because the fleet needs protection.

AGC has guidance to offer as redfish fishery reopens

The Telegram (St. John's) 17 Feb 2024 SYLVIE LAPOINTE
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada has determined that redfish abundance has reached levels that allow commercial catches to resume for the first time in nearly 30 years.

The rebounded redfish stock in the Gulf of St. Lawrence (Gulf) presents real opportunity for people and communities throughout Atlantic Canada and Quebec.

But in a highly competitive global market, industry needs to be equal parts realistic about the opportunity and focused on achieving it, together.

WHAT ARE REDFISH?

Redfish is a slow-growing, long-lived fish. While the number of redfish in the Gulf has significantly increased, it is only recently that the majority of fish have grown to a potentially marketable size. This growth has laid the foundation for reopening a commercial redfish fishery.

Global redfish markets in 2024 are very different than when the fishery closed in the early 90s. Canadian redfish product forms must include shore-processed fresh and once-frozen fillets, as well as H&G (head on, gutted) and whole frozen-at-sea markets.

While whole fish in Canadian restaurants is uncommon, that's primarily how it is consumed in Asia, an important market for redfish.

In Europe, larger fillets with sustainability certifications are required to gain access. That mix of product forms is even more crucial considering Gulf redfish are 24-25 centimetres, while most of the competing global redfish supply is above 40cm.

KEY TO SUCCESS

The task for industry is to harvest, process, and market the right-sized redfish to the right markets, in the right product form, at the right time of year.

The more successful industry is at achieving that, the better news for everyone including inshore and offshore harvesters who will catch the fish, workers who will process it and communities that will benefit from a strong fishery.

Unfortunately, current conversations are less focused on how to sustainably derive the maximum benefit for Atlantic Canadians and Quebecers but instead include continued objections to the minister's allocation decision by groups arguing for more.

LOSS OF QUOTA SHARES

The Atlantic Groundfish Council (AGC) has its own concerns.

The offshore sector, which owns and fishes from small, medium, and large boats and operates coastal production plants, developed the commercial redfish fishery. Its historical quota share of Gulf redfish was 78.70 per cent.

Although the sector has been painted by some as a winner in the decision, it lost 20 per cent of its share, despite Minister LeBouthillier's statement that all five affected provinces urged her to respect historic quota shares.

AGC members feel that loss deeply. That includes Indigenous licence holders from seven Mi'kmaq communities in Nova Scotia (N.S.) and Newfoundland and Labrador (N.L.) through their 50 per cent ownership of Clearwater Seafoods.

Collectively, AGC members employ thousands of Atlantic Canadians in primarily year-round jobs with annual payroll for local employees exceeding \$200 million. They spend another \$400 million on goods and services from local businesses annually and donate millions to community organizations and charities every year.

AGC HAS LOTS TO OFFER INDUSTRY

Despite its concerns, AGC respects government's goal of increased Indigenous participation in fisheries and continually expresses willingness to help reach those goals.

AGC has also chosen to accept that an almost doubling of quotas for inshore harvesters in N.L., N.S., and Quebec (QC), comes at our expense.

AGC members have a lot to offer the industry as we move closer to a commercial redfish fishery: familiarity with existing and developing markets; willingness to continue to invest in marketing and sustainability requirements; experience harvesting quality redfish in their fleet of vessels that vary in size from 61 feet to 245 feet; and ongoing experience in processing redfish to suit market forms.

That processing experience is held by local employees whether they're working in existing processing plants in Lower West Pubnico, Digby or Glace Bay, N.S., Fortune, N.L., or on a floating processing plant aboard a locally owned vessel.

TOUGH BUT REASONABLY FAIR

As president of the AGC, and as someone who has been involved in fisheries from local to international levels for more than two decades, I know that Canadian fisheries are more successful globally and locally when stakeholders work together.

Minister Lebouhillier was tasked with making a challenging decision. It's often said that if DFO makes a decision that makes everyone unhappy, they probably got it close to right.

AGC has decided to lick its wounds, accept the decision as tough but reasonably fair, and focus on the advisory committee process and eventual commercial fishery.

I challenge industry to respect the decision and focus on working together so that Canada's redfish fishery can be one of success.

Sylvie Lapointe is the president of the Atlantic Groundfish Council (AGC). Previously, she spent 26 years working for the Government of Canada, including two decades at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. She managed fisheries across Canada, chaired high profile advisory committees in the Atlantic and held many positions within DFO, including assistant deputy minister of Fisheries and Harbour Management.

NTV

FFAW Northern Cod grade A for sustainability

<https://ntv.ca/ffaw-northern-cod-grade-a-for-sustainability/>

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By Web Team

FFAW-Unifor's Northern Cod (2J3KL) Fisheries Improvement Project (FIP) was recently awarded a Grade A by the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership (SFP) – an internationally recognized seafood sustainability grading system.

An A progress rating is reserved for comprehensive FIPs that have documented improvements in fishing practices or fisheries management within the last 12 months. FFAW's Northern Cod FIP demonstrates the commitment to sustainable fishing with documented improvements to cod habitats with, for example, over 16,000 pounds of lost gear removed from the Punch Bowl cod fishing ground in Labrador.

These grade rankings are something the sustainably minded consumer looks for when shopping for seafood all around the world, explains FFAW-Unifor President Greg Pretty. It's a testament to the progress made by inshore fish harvesters in our province to turn the northern cod fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador into a world-renowned, trustworthy and sustainable source of seafood, Pretty says.

Recent petition to double days for recreational food fishery not wise for commercial harvesters, says FFAW

<https://ntv.ca/recent-petition-to-double-days-for-recreational-food-fishery-not-wise-for-commercial-harvesters-says-ffaw/>

Posted: February 16, 2024 9:19 pm

By Colleen Lewis

The FFAW says a recent petition to double the days for the recreational food fishery is a not wise decision for commercial harvesters.

BayFM

A new report says farm income is on the rise

Tuesday, 20 February 2024 07:00

Crop receipts are also forecast to have grown 4 per cent to \$56.0 billion while operating expenses went up only 2 per cent to \$74.9 billion, well below the 20 per cent increase seen in 2022.

A new report by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada says overall farm income reached a new record last year. The agriculture sector continued to show very strong overall economic performance in 2023, despite numerous challenges, including droughts in western Canada, Russia's continuing war on Ukraine, and other global conflicts. For 2023, Net Cash Income (NCI), the main metric Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada uses to measure farm income, is forecast to have increased 13 per cent to a new record of \$24.8 billion. The largest driver is a forecasted increase in livestock receipts of almost 10 per cent, to \$37.3 billion. Crop receipts are also forecast to have grown 4 per cent to \$56.0 billion while operating expenses went up only 2 per cent to \$74.9 billion, well below the 20 per cent increase seen in 2022. The average Net Operating Income (NOI) per farm, increased by 17 per cent in 2023 to \$155,000, compared to \$132,000 in 2022. This increase is 34 per cent above the 2018-2022 average. Average farm family income, which includes income earned off-farm, is forecast to have increased by 11 per cent to \$239,000 in 2023.

Seafoodnews.com

SNP Launches Direct-to-Consumer Seafood Program As Part Of Fall In Love With Seafood Campaign

February 15, 2024

Seafood Nutrition Partnership (SNP) is working hard to make sure people fall in love with seafood, of course.

In October SNP announced the soft launch of their new Fall In Love With Seafood campaign while at the Global Seafood Alliance's Responsible Seafood Summit in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. The goal of the campaign is to encourage more people to be sea-curious and learn about the nutritional benefits of seafood, as well as try new recipes. Linda Cornish, the founder and President of SNP, showed off two of the new ads while participating in the One Industry One Voice panel. The ads shown to attendees were playful, with one featuring some sushi with the phrase Let's roll play. Another showed a shrimp skewer on a grill with the words Reignite an old flame.

Now, SNP's Fall In Love With Seafood campaign is officially rolling out to retailers across the country, including seafood companies that deliver directly to consumers.

90% of Americans are not meeting the Dietary Guidelines recommendation to eat seafood at least twice a week and missing out on important health benefits, Cornish said in a press release. We want to provide consumers with easy access to seafood wherever they live in the United States. Consumers and health influencers often ask us where to buy high-quality sustainable seafood. We recommend buying from their favorite retailers and restaurants and now we can share a list of companies that ship directly to them.

The press release from SNP further explains that the multi-media initiative aims to promote direct-to-consumer companies and brands through web, email, and social platforms and drive consumers to shop directly through participating companies' online stores. The organization has even launched a new page for shipped direct seafood, which can be found here. Currently featured on the page is the Pacific Seafood Shop, Sitka Seafood Market, and Fulton Fish Market.

We want families everywhere to eat high-quality seafood and enjoy easy access to the healthiest protein on the planet from their favorite physical or online stores, added Bill Hueffner, vice president of marketing and development at Pacific Seafood. We are happy to support SNP in launching the FILWS Shipped Direct program.

Headlines

NO OCEAN BASED FARMED SALMON OFF THE MENU: A seafood restaurant in Corner Brook is no longer serving a very common type of fish. New Found Sushi says as of February 16th ocean based farmed salmon is off the menu. ["Kevin Vincent", Owner]

CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:10:11pm Duration: 00:10:21 Reporter:

Ref Id: X4D-8N2-19

STRIPPED BASS: It looks like a striped bass has been spotted in our waters but how concerning is their presence in our waters? ["Neville Crabbe", Executive Director of Communications at the Atlantic Salmon Federation]

CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:20:40pm Duration: 00:13:24 Reporter:

Ref Id: j7R-3m4-19

CLEARY ON FPC: Former politician Ryan Cleary has been trying to improve the fishery for years now. First it was FISH NL that attempted to replace the FFAW. After that Cleary launched SEA-NL was trying to unite harvesters with a single voice.

CBY - Corner Brook - NL Morning @ 07:45:41am Duration: 00:08:35 Reporter:

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HYDROPONIC FARMING: Canopy Growth had pretty big plans for its building in the east end of St. John's. It was all set up and ready to start production but the company pulled out before production began. One idea for the building in hydroponic farming. ["McKenzie Warford"]

CBN - St. John's - East Coast Morning Show @ 08:16:35am Duration: 00:13:14 Reporter:

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VOCM

Portugal Cove-St. Philips Farmer Fed Up with Snowmobiles Cutting Across Farmland

Feb 21, 2024 | 8:00 AM

A local farmer is at her wits end with snowmobiles tearing up her land and terrorizing her animals.

Anita Walsh of Windy Heights Farm in Portugal Cove-St. Philips says for some time, snowmobilers have been cutting across their land with little to no regard for the damage being done.

She told VOCM Open Line with Paddy Daly yesterday that users believe they have an historic right to access traditional trails, but she says the land they own has always been farmland and the access road has always been private.

She says the previous owners allowed some use of the land because they had no animals, but the machines are compacting the soil and the impact on their livestock has been traumatizing.

They have three sows, all which have given birth in the last week.

She says the anxious sows, disturbed by the noise, pace in their pens and piglets have been trampled as a result.

FFAW Will Have to Pay ASP Damages in 2023 Crab Tie-Up

Feb 21, 2024 | 6:05 AM

The FFAW will have to pay the Association of Seafood Producers damages according to a decision made after ASP filed a grievance against the union following last years tie-up during the crab fishing season.

The amount has yet to be determined as the grievance arbitration moves on to the damages phase.

The arbitrator will determine the damages owing to ASP due to breaches of the Fisheries Industry Collective Bargain Act and the Master Collective Agreement.

The Executive Director of ASP, Jeff Loder, says its imperative that neither the FFAW nor ASP seek to circumvent or ignore the price-setting process.

The two sides are currently in price-setting talks for the upcoming crab fishery.

Undercurrent News

Newfoundland Harvesters on Hook for Damages From 2023 Crab Holdout (See attached)

FFAW broke collective agreement by telling crab fishermen to keep boats tied up, arbitrator rules

Producers' association ready to move forward ahead of upcoming season

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/arbitrator-ruling-ffaw-asp-snow-crab-1.7120039>

Ottawa, N.L. earmarks \$4.3M for projects to help coastal communities fight erosion

Impacts of climate change will be felt more often in years to come, minister says

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/newfoundland-labrador/nl-coastal-erosion-funding-1.7120238>

The Telegram

Delayed start violated collective agreement: arbitrator

The Telegram (St. John's) 21 Feb 2024 GARY KEAN THE TELEGRAM gary.kean@thewesternstar.com @western_star

CORNER BROOK An arbitrator has ruled that the Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union (Ffaw-unifor) breached the collective agreement it signed with the Association of Seafood Producers (ASP) when its members refused to commence the snow crab fishery on time last spring.

The ruling by retired judge David Orsborn, which was rendered Feb. 7, opens the door for the ASP to pursue damages for losses its members incurred as a result of the tie-up, which lasted six weeks.

The unions members, upset with the price processors were offering for crab, refused to fish from April 10 until May 20, 2023.

The price of \$2.20 per pound had been decided on by a panel through the final offer selection process, through which a panel chooses either the final offer of the processors or the harvesters.

The unions final offer had been \$3.10 per pound.

The crab harvesters eventually put their pots in the water, despite no improvement to the \$2.20 price they would be paid.

The ASP filed a grievance last June, arguing the FFAW declared and/or authorized the tie-up, thereby breaching the collective agreement.

Section 19.13(1) of the Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act (FICBA), which was incorporated into the collective agreement, states that harvesters shall not engage in a cessation of business dealings and that processors shall not lock out harvesters.

In his decision, Orsborn said the clear intention of the FICBA is to ensure that there are no price disputes that would hijack the fishery in question. He added the objective of the legislation is to ensure a timely start to the fishery.

Hearings for the grievance were held Jan. 22 and Jan. 24.

Orsborn concluded the FFAW made public statements and declarations intended to persuade its membership not to engage in the crab fishery as of April 10, 2023, for the purpose of compelling processors to agree on different terms or conditions concerning the supply of crab.

Further, Orsborn said there was no evidence the union advised its members of the existence of the collective agreement and of their legal obligations under that agreement and under FICBA.

SEEKING DAMAGES

The grievance arbitration will now proceed to the damages phase, where the arbitrator will determine the damages owing to the ASP.

According to a press release, the ASP said it is seeking complete indemnification of processors losses and costs as well as punitive damages commensurate with the level of punishment required to deter the FFAW from future unlawful conduct injurious to processors, processing workers, harvesters, as well as the public good reflected in the act.

In an interview with Saltwire on Tuesday, the ASP's executive director would not provide any estimate of the damages that would be sought, citing a commitment to keeping such details confidential while the process continues.

This is a question of principle and a question of following the statutory rules, said Jeff Loder. We have legislation put in place to deal with exactly these situations. Neither party has the right, under the legislation, to hold the other party hostage to extract a better price outside of the statutory process.

Saltwire requested an interview with Ffaw-unifor regarding the decision, but did not receive a response by deadline.

Loder said there is an appeal avenue open to the union, but he had not been advised as to whether the union would pursue an appeal.

SEEKING STABILITY

Loder said he hopes Orsborn's decision can help foster more stability in the industry.

The ASP and Ffawunifor have yet to come to an agreement on a price for snow crab for the 2024 season.

A review committee struck by the province after last year's dispute recommended the sides agree to a pricing formula. Both sides have stated their support for a formula publicly, but negotiations are ongoing about what that formula will be.

The province had asked both sides to have the formula arrived at by the end of January.

Were going to continue those discussions, said Loder. The ASP is committed to a formula and we hope the union is. We will have to see how those discussions unfold over the next four or five weeks.

NTV

Arbitrator rules against FFAW for last years crab protest

<https://ntv.ca/arbitrator-rules-against-ffaw-for-last-years-crab-protest/>

Intrafish

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Headlines

ABANDONED WAREHOUSE COULD BE USED TO INCREASE FOOD SECURITY: The Canadian Hydroponics Association says an abandoned warehouse built to grow cannabis could instead be used to increase food security. ["Mackenzie Warford", President]

CBN - St. John's - 5pm News @ 05:03:40pm Duration: 00:01:19 Reporter:

Ref Id: T9y-4M2-20

DECISION REACHED ON ASP GRIEVANCE: The FFAW could owe the ASP a lot of money. The Association of Seafood Producers filed a grievance against the union last year and hearings were held last week. ["Jeff Loder", Executive Director of the ASP]

CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:10:11pm Duration: 00:11:01 Reporter:

Ref Id: j2T-5Q3-20

REDFISH QUOTA DEMONSTRATION: Another redfish demonstration was held today in Quebec at the federal fisheries minister's office. ["Jason Spingle", FFAW Secretary-Treasurer]

CBN - St. John's - Fisheries Broadcast @ 06:23:55pm Duration: 00:07:02 Reporter:

Ref Id: F8x-6A5-20

RESEARCH RELATIONSHIP TO ENHANCE FOOD SECURITY: Agriculture and Agrifood Canada's St. John's Research and Development Center and the Pye Center for Northern Boreal Food Systems are teaming up to enhance food security and benefit the local agriculture industry in Labrador. ["Dr. Julia Wheeler"; "Dr. Linda Jewel"]

VOCM - St. John's - Morning Show @ 06:37:15am Duration: 00:05:34 Reporter:

Ref Id: S4I-4F9-21

COMMUNITY BASED COASTAL RESOURCE INVENTORY: There's a citizens science project happening in Labrador. The Department of Fisheries and Ocean are updating their community based coastal resource inventory. ["Paula Vincent"]

CFGB - Goose Bay - Labrador Morning Show @ 07:13:10am Duration: 00:06:46 Reporter:

Ref Id: p5q-8e7-21

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Subject: VOCM OPEN LINE - Feb. 21, 2024
Attachments: OPEN LINE - Katlin Young on Howard Lavers Death & Ice Safety - Feb. 21, 2024.m4a, OPEN LINE - Ryan Cleary on Arbitrator Decision & New CO-OP - Feb. 21, 2024.m4a, OPEN LINE - Greg Pretty on Arbitrator Decision - Feb. 21, 2024.m4a, OPEN LINE - Cecil on Redfish Quota Concerns - Feb. 21, 2024.m4a

Please find attached audio of following calls to Open Line today

REDFISH QUOTA: "Cecil" wonders what is the latest on the redfish. Are we going to let them steal it on us. Paddy says that there has not been an announcement yet but so far the numbers say we are going to get around 19 percent. We don't need the offshore we have all the facilities on the west coast to process this fish.

VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 09:40:43am Duration: 00:06:31 Reporter: Paddy Daly
Ref Id: Y6G-8Y2-21

FFAW President "Greg Pretty" is calling to talk about the ruling against them, it is not as cut and dry as people think it is. There will be next steps. He says that they did not determine if any, how much companies lost and that would be done in another arena. Our perspective would be that the system did not work and if in fact the legislation handcuffs a union that this is faulty and needs to be reviewed. People should have the right to not fish if they are not going to be making money from them.

VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 11:22:00am Duration: 00:09:00 Reporter: Paddy Daly
Ref Id: A5U-4T9-21

ICE SAFETY: "Katlin Young" from Fish and Wildlife is calling to talk about ice safety and remembering officer Howard Lavers on anniversary of his death. They want to bring awareness to ice safety.

VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 11:42:00am Duration: 00:06:00 Reporter: Paddy Daly
Ref Id: m2b-2e7-21

FISHERY ISSUES: "Ryan Cleary" is calling to talk about the decision that was released yesterday on the FFAW being liable for damage suffered by processors. This shows how much the system is working against the harvesters. By law fishermen can't strike and a decision by the price setting panel is binding. He also talks about the FPC.

VOCM - St. John's - Open Line @ 11:52:00am Duration: 00:06:00 Reporter: Paddy Daly
Ref Id: m5m-9h9-21

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To: Hanlon, Bren M.
Subject: Re: Redfish projects

Excellent info
Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 22, 2024, at 9:09 AM, Hanlon, Bren M. <BrenHanlon@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

This is good info, NL has:

Primary 10/15
Secondary 3/8
Indirect 50/76
Under Eval 8/9

So overall 71/108 Total redfish related projects

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Fyi this includes AFF approvals from other provinces.

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Subject: Redfish projects

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Hi Sean and Lynette,

In case you are interested, we have been pulling together a list of all the projects we have done thus far that involve redfishsee attached

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<Approved Redfish Projects - February 14, 2024.xlsx>

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Subject: MORNING MEDIA - Feb. 22, 2024

The Telegram

FFAW responds to crab fishery grievance decision

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CORNER BROOK The provinces fisheries union says it has been deemed liable for delaying the 2023 snow crab fishery because of outdated legislation.

On Feb. 7, former Supreme Court judge David Orsborn, in the role of arbitrator, ruled in favour of the Association of Seafood Producers (ASP), which had filed a grievance against Ffaw-unifor.

The processors claimed the union had breached Section 19.13(1) of the Fishing Industry Collective Bargaining Act (FICBA), which had been incorporated into the collective agreement between the two parties.

Orsborn sided with the ASP and said Ffaw-unifor had made public statements and declarations intended to persuade its membership not to engage in the crab fishery last spring.

Harvesters, unhappy with the price being offered for crab, refused to commence the fishery on April 10, 2023. This led to a six-week delay that ended when harvesters finally took to the water on May 20.

In a press release on Wednesday, Feb. 21, about the decision, the union stated last springs tie-up was a difficult time for its members in both fishing and processing.

Unfortunately, fish harvesters felt they had to act, but outdated legislation makes it illegal for harvesters to strike, as well as illegal for the union to authorize or declare a cessation of business dealings, said the prepared statement, which was attributed to Greg Pretty, Ffaw-unifors president. It is this specific language where the arbitrator found Ffawunifor liable.

The union accused the ASP of letting the fishery falter, rather than help resolve the issue of the low price of \$2.20 per pound harvesters felt was unacceptable.

Orsborns decision does acknowledge that the FICBA needs to be updated, particularly in terms of the definition of cessation of business dealings. He also noted that the union was in an almost impossible situation, bound on the one hand by a legal structure designed to ensure a timely start to the fishery, but charged on the other hand with advancing the interests of their members.

According to the union, in order to comply with current legislation, it would have to wait for the problem to occur in this case, boats remaining tied up before it can start talking about the issue.

This is a backwards system where we cannot work on finding solutions to problems until theyve already started which is the current legislation that exists for fish, stated Pretty.

The union noted there has not yet been any determination if there will be any consequences for Ffaw-unifor being held liable for declaring the tie-up.

The next phase of the arbitration is to discuss damages ASP might be seeking. In an interview with Saltwire on Tuesday, the executive director of the ASP said the organization would not be publicly discussing damages while the process is unfolding.

The ASP has sought millions of dollars in damages in the grievance it filed, so if they truly expect us to believe that they suffered losses when they were able to get crab for so cheap, they must produce the paperwork to prove it, said Pretty. We look forward to getting all of the financial records from all the crab processors in the province, which the ASP will need to provide.

Alberta wildfire season starts early as mild winter persists

The Telegram (St. John's) 22 Feb 2024

Alberta on Tuesday declared an early start to wildfire season as a result of an unusually dry and mild winter, allowing the government to put more money and resources into tackling blazes.

Canada endured its worst wildfire season on record last year as 18.5 million hectares (45.7 million acres) burned, nearly seven times the 10-year average, according to the federal government.

Alberta is also suffering from drought, and there are 52 wildfires still burning in the province from last year as well as 17 new blazes so far in 2024.

Wildfire season in Alberta tends to peak in the spring and usually officially kicks off on March 1. The province declared an early start this year to better direct resources to those fires already underway, the provincial government said in a news release.

Alberta is experiencing warmer than normal temperatures and below average precipitation in many areas of the province, leading to heightened wildfire risk, the provincial government said.

The official start of the season allows Alberta Wildfire to use additional tools like fire bans and other restrictions to help manage risk.

Alberta is Canada's main oil and gas-producing province and output has been severely disrupted in previous bad wildfire years such as 2016, when large parts of the oil sands hub of Fort McMurray was destroyed by flames.

The province is also planning to hire an extra 100 firefighters this year, which would add five new 20-person crews.

Last year, Canada's roughly 5,500 firefighters were bolstered by hundreds of international firefighters flown in to help tackle the blazes.

NTV

FFAW blames outdated legislation after losing arbitration ruling on crab fishery protests

Posted: February 21, 2024 7:45 pm

The FFAW is blaming outdated legislation after losing an arbitration ruling on last year's crab fishery protests.

<https://ntv.ca/ffaw-blames-outdated-legislation-after-losing-arbitration-ruling-on-crab-fishery-protests/>

MP says redfish quota concerns not being overlooked, but changes must come from DFO

Posted: February 21, 2024 7:45 pm

Anger continues on the west coast over recently announced redfish quotas. Liberal Cabinet Minister Gudie Hutchings says those concerns are not being overlooked, but any changes will have to come from DFO.

<https://ntv.ca/mp-says-redfish-quota-concerns-not-being-overlooked-but-changes-must-come-from-dfo/>

Agriculture in the Classroom NL Hosts think AG Career Expo

Posted: February 21, 2024 9:34 am

By Web Team

Agriculture in the Classroom Newfoundland and Labrador is hosting a thinkAG Career Expo. The expo will inspire students to consider some of the diverse career options available in the agriculture industry. Jobs in the agriculture sector are expected to continue to increase. The Food and Agriculture Organization says the world will require 60 per cent more food by 2050. The thinkAG Career Expo will be held at Corner Brook Regional High School today.

FFAW Website

RESPONSE TO ASP GRIEVANCE ON CRAB TIE-UP WHAT THE DECISION MEANS AND NEXT STEPS

February 21, 2024

Statement from Greg Pretty, FFAW-Unifor President

February 21, 2024

The 2023 crab tie-up was an extremely difficult time for the entire province and our members in both fishing and processing. Unfortunately, fish harvesters felt they had to act but outdated legislation makes it illegal for harvesters to strike, as well as illegal for the Union to authorize or declare a cessation of business dealings. It is this specific language where the arbitrator found FFAW-Unifor liable.

Instead of helping to resolve the catastrophically low-price in spring of 2023, ASP sat back and watched the fishery fall only later deciding to take legal action 6 months after the issue was resolved and fishery complete.

Luckily, the arbitrator recognized that outdated legislation makes it impossible for the FFAW to do its job of representing fish harvesters during a tie-up. The arbitrator acknowledges that if that the price is so low, no harvester has to fish. However, the arbitrator decided that FFAW has to wait for the tie-up to happen before we are allowed to start talking about it. Because the Union relayed publicly what we were hearing from our members before they made the ultimate decision to delay the fishery we were therefore liable of declaring people would not fish. In the future, to comply with legislation, the arbitrator states the Union would have to wait until the problem actually occurs and boats stay tied up before we were to start talking about it.

This is a backwards system where we cannot work on finding solutions to problems until they've already started which is the current legislation that exists for fishing. While there has been a finding that the FFAW declared the tie-up, it's important to note there hasn't been any determination as of yet if there will be any consequences for that.

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BayFM

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Qalipu Environment Team keeping an eye on green crab in the Bay of Islands

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Green crab was first found in North America in the early 1800's and has arrived in Newfoundland waters, adapting and expanding rapidly in its new environment. The species feeds on shellfish and other crustaceans, but also eats small and juvenile finfish in eelgrass beds. Green crab cut the roots of the eelgrass, which destroys an ecological habitat. Byron Bennett is a Natural Resources Technician. He says the Qalipu Environmental and Natural Resources team has been studying the population at sites throughout the Bay of Islands and the west coast. Bennett says aboriginal fisher guardians help them with this each day and data collected is analyzed to see if the population is declining. He says these invasive species make it hard for small fish to survive and they cover over species like mussels and clams, and prevent them from filter feeding to get the nutrients they need. Bennett says the team is also keeping an eye on an increase in tunicate, which is found on fishing gear and rocks at dockside, and looks like a thick slime.

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Intrafish

Grieg invests in first inhouse value-added salmon factory

The facility will cost the company an initial investment of \$12.4 million.

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By Rachel Mutter

Grieg Seafood will set up a new value-added processing facility near Oslo's international airport in Gardemoen, Norway.

It will be the company's first inhouse value-added factory and will process salmon from Grieg's production in both the north and south of Norway.

The investment cost of the project is NOK 130 million (11.5 million/\$12.4 million) and is part of the companys strategy to increase value creation and process more of its own fish.

Grieg Seafood aims to take one step closer to the customer and the market," said Grieg's Chief Commercial Officer Erik Holvik, adding the facility would also cut carbon emissions from global transportation.

The company will establish the processing factory in a new facility in Oslo Airport City. It will have annual processing capacity of 10,000/12,000 metric tons (head-on gutted equivalent), with an option of increasing the capacity to 20,000 metric tons if needed at a later stage.

The project will create 5060 new jobs.

The location makes it possible to process Grieg's salmon from its northern region farms in Finnmark as well as its southern region facilities in Rogaland.

Grieg Seafood will start processing its fish in the new facility during the summer of 2025.

To date, Grieg has worked with external partners to process some of its fish.

While these partnerships will continue, the new processing facility will offer opportunities for additional partnerships with salmon farmers and customers," said Holvik. "It will be an exciting journey."

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Attachments: Ordre du jour CCS_Mar 4-7 2024_FR.pdf, RAC draft Agenda_March 4-7 2024_EN.pdf

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Please find the tentative agenda attached for the Redfish Advisory Committee meeting that will occur on March 4 to 7, 2024.

Please take a moment to review the agenda and provide feedback if you have any suggestions or concerns. If there are other topics that you feel should be included in the agenda, please let me know by end of day on January 26. Your input is greatly appreciated.

Documents to support discussions outlined in the agenda will be distributed next week, as well as a Zoom link for virtual participation.

Thank you.

Veillez trouver ci-joint l'ordre du jour provisoire de la réunion du Comité consultatif sur les sébastes qui se tiendra du 4 au 7 mars 2024.

Veillez prendre le temps d'examiner l'ordre du jour et de faire part de vos commentaires si vous avez des suggestions ou des préoccupations. Si vous pensez que d'autres sujets devraient être inclus dans l'ordre du jour, veuillez m'en informer avant la fin de la journée du 26 janvier. Votre contribution est très appréciée.

Les documents nécessaires aux discussions prévues à l'ordre du jour seront distribués la semaine prochaine, ainsi qu'un lien Zoom pour une participation virtuelle.

Merci,

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Sent on Behalf of Todd Williams, Chair of the Redfish Advisory Committee - Envoyé au nom de Todd Williams directeur du Comité consultatif sur le sébaste

A hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting of the Redfish Advisory Committee (RAC) is scheduled **for Monday March 4 to Thursday March 7, 2024.**

The meeting will be held at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia. RSVP is required for in-person participation. We may need to restrict in-person participation due to space availability, but we will make every effort to accommodate all those interested in attending in person.

For planning purposes, a tentative agenda will be as follows. A formal agenda and Zoom meeting details will be distributed ahead of the meeting. Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be available.

Date	Title <i>Format</i>	Discussion Topics
March 4 <i>Full day</i>	Full RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	Management measures for Unit 1 TAC for Unit 1 and Unit 2
March 5 <i>Full day</i>	Full RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	Management measures for Unit 1 and 2
March 6 <i>Full day</i>	Partial RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	AM: Consultations on interim sub-allocations and quota management with Indigenous participants PM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Inshore fleet participants
March 7 <i>Full day</i>	Partial RAC <i>Hybrid</i>	AM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Gulf shrimp fleet participants PM: Consultations on interim fleet sharing and quota management with Midshore fleet participants

A limited number of hotel rooms have been reserved for the nights of March 3-6 (Group – Fisheries and Oceans). Please contact Marriott reservations (1-800-943-6760) by February 15 to get the group rate.

Please RSVP before February 28 to liliya.baranova@dfo-mpo.gc.ca indicating the name of the participant, organization, and intent to participate in-person or virtually at the scheduled meetings.

Thank you,

Todd Williams
Chair – Redfish Advisory Committee

Une réunion hybride (en personne/virtuelle) du Comité consultatif sur le sébaste (CCS) est prévue du **lundi 4 mars au jeudi 7 mars 2024.**

La réunion se tiendra à l'hôtel Marriott Harbourfront à Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse. Le RSVP est requis pour la participation en personne. Il se peut que nous pourrions devoir restreindre la participation en personne en raison de la capacité des places disponibles, mais nous ferons tout notre possible pour répondre aux besoins de tous ceux qui souhaitent participer en personne.

L'ordre du jour provisoire est le suivant, à des fins de planification. Un ordre du jour officiel et les détails de la réunion Zoom seront distribués avant la réunion. Une interprétation simultanée anglais-français sera disponible.

Date	Titre <i>Format</i>	Sujets de discussion
4 mars <i>Journée complète</i>	CCS complet <i>Format hybride</i>	Mesures de gestion pour l'unité 1 TAC pour l'unité 1 et l'unité 2
5 mars <i>Journée complète</i>	CCS complet <i>Format hybride</i>	Mesures de gestion pour l'unité 1 et 2
6 mars <i>Journée complète</i>	CCS partiel <i>Format Hybride</i>	Matin: Consultations sur les sous-allocations provisoires et la gestion des quotas avec les participants autochtones Après-midi: Consultations sur le partage provisoire de la flottille et la gestion des quotas avec les participants de la flottille côtière
7 mars <i>Journée complète</i>	CCS partiel <i>Format Hybride</i>	Matin: Consultations sur le partage provisoire de la flottille et la gestion des quotas avec les participants à la flottille de pêche à la crevette du Golfe Après-midi: Consultations sur le partage provisoire de la flottille et la gestion des quotas avec les participants de la flottille semi-hauturière

Un nombre limité de chambres d'hôtel a été réservé pour les nuits du 3 au 6 mars (Groupe - Pêches et Océans). Veuillez contacter le service de réservation de Marriott (1-800-943-6760) avant le 15 février pour bénéficier du tarif de groupe.

Veuillez répondre avant le 28 février à liliya.baranova@dfo-mpo.gc.ca en indiquant le nom du participant, l'organisation et l'intention de participer en personne ou virtuellement aux réunions prévues.

Merci,

Todd Williams
Président du comité consultatif sur le sébaste

COMITÉ CONSULTATIF SUR LE SÉBASTE (CCS)
4-7 mars, 2024

Ordre du jour provisoire
Format hybride
Hôtel Marriott Harbourfront, Halifax, Nouvelle-Écosse

4 mars, 2024
(08:00 – 15:30 HNE, 09:00 – 16:30 HNA, 09:30 – 17:00 HNT)

09:00 HNA	Mot de bienvenue et d'ouverture <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Table ronde par le porte-parole• Aperçu de l'ordre du jour proposé• Gestion de la réunion
09:30	Science: Résumé de l'état des stocks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sommaire de l'évaluation des stocks de l'unité 1• Planification de l'enquête et de l'évaluation des stocks à venir
10:00	Pause Santé
10:15	Objectifs de pêche
10:45	Plafonds de prises accessoires pour les stocks du plan de reconstitution
12:00	DÎNER
13:00	Avis sur les totaux autorisés de captures (TAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• L'unité 1• L'unité 2
15:00	Pause Santé
15:15	Transports Canada: La sécurité en mer
16:00	Nova Scotia Power Inc.: le système de transmission Maritime Link
16:30	Fin de la journée

5 mars, 2024 (08:00 – 15:30 HNE, 09:00 – 16:30 HNA, 09:30 – 17:00 HNT)	
09:00 HNA	Résultats de la pêche expérimentale de l'unité 1
10:00	Considérations relatives à l'évitement des prises accessoires <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>S. fasciatus</i>• 4T Merluche blanche• 4TVn morue• 4RS3Pn morue• Flétan atlantique• Flétan du Groenland• Autres espèces
10:30	Pause Santé
10:45	Approche et mesures de gestion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fermetures saisonnières• Zones réglementées• Restrictions de profondeur
12:00	DÎNER
13:00	Approche et mesures de gestion (continué) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type et configuration de l'engin de pêche• Limites de pourcentage de prises accessoires• Protocole de déplacement pour les prises accessoires
14:30	Pause Santé
14:45	Exigences en matière de surveillance des prises <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Couverture des observateurs en mer• Surveillance à quai• Rapports quotidiens sur les prises• Système de surveillance des navires
16:00	Points de suivi et mot de la fin
16:30	Fin de la journée

6 mars, 2024 (08:00 – 15:00 HNE, 09:00 – 16:00 HNA, 09:30 – 16:30 HNT)	
09:00 HNA	Rencontre avec des groupes autochtones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentaires des jours 1 et 2 de CCS • Gestion intérimaire de l'allocation autochtone pour la saison 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Régime de gestion
12:00	DÎNER
13:00	Rencontre avec les titulaires de permis côtiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gestion intérimaire de l'allocation côtière pour la saison 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partage de l'allocation ○ Régime de gestion
16:00	Fin de la journée
7 mars, 2024 (08:00 – 15:00 HNE, 09:00 – 16:00 HNA, 09:30 – 16:30 HNT)	
09:00 HNA	Rencontre avec les pêcheurs de crevettes du Golfe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gestion intérimaire de l'allocation de crevettes du Golfe pour la saison 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partage de l'allocation ○ Régime de gestion
12:00	DÎNER
13:00	Rencontre avec les titulaires de permis semi-hauturiers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gestion intérimaire de l'allocation semi-hauturière pour la saison 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partage de l'allocation ○ Régime de gestion
16:00	Fin de la journée

REDFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAC)**March 4-7, 2024**

Tentative Agenda

Hybrid format

*Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia***March 4, 2024****(08:00 – 15:30 EST, 09:00 – 16:30 AST, 09:30 – 17:00 NST)**

09:00 AST	Welcome and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable by spokesperson • Overview of Agenda • Meeting management
09:30	Science: Summary of Stock Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1 stock assessment update summary • Upcoming survey and stock assessment planning
10:00	Health Break
10:15	Fishery Objectives
10:45	Bycatch Caps for Rebuilding Plan Stocks
12:00	LUNCH
13:00	Advice on Total Allowable Catch (TAC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unit 1 • Unit 2
15:00	Health Break
15:15	Transport Canada: Safety at Sea
16:00	Nova Scotia Power Inc.: Maritime Link Transmission system
16:30	End of day

March 5, 2024
(08:00 – 15:30 EST, 09:00 – 16:30 AST, 09:30 – 17:00 NST)

09:00 AST	Findings of the Unit 1 Experimental Fishery
10:00	Bycatch Avoidance Considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>S. fasciatus</i> • 4T White hake • 4TVn cod • 4RS3Pn cod • Atlantic halibut • Greenland halibut • Other species
10:30	Health Break
10:45	Management Approach and Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal closures • Restricted areas • Depth restrictions
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Management Approach and Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gear type and configuration • Bycatch percentage limits • Move-on protocol for bycatch
14:30	Health Break
14:45	Catch Monitoring Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-sea Observer coverage • Dockside monitoring program • Daily Hail reporting • Vessel Monitoring System
16:00	Follow-up Items and Closing Remarks
16:30	End of day

March 6, 2024
(08:00 – 15:00 EST, 09:00 – 16:00 AST, 09:30 – 16:30 NST)

09:00 AST	Meeting with Indigenous Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments from RAC Day 1 and 2 • Interim management of Indigenous allocation for 2024 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Management regime
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Meeting with Inshore Licence Holders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim management of inshore allocation for 2024 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allocation sharing ○ Management regime
16:00	End of day

March 7, 2024
(08:00 – 15:00 EST, 09:00 – 16:00 AST, 09:30 – 16:30 NST)

09:00 AST	Meeting with Gulf Shrimp Harvesters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim management of Gulf Shrimp allocation for 2024 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allocation sharing ○ Management regime
12:00	Lunch
13:00	Meeting with Midshore Licence Holders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim management of inshore allocation for 2024 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allocation sharing ○ Management regime
16:00	End of day

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From: Baldwin, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:26 AM
To: Sheppard, Miranda
Subject: FW: Gulf of St Lawrence Redfish
Categories: Hayley to action/follow-up

One of two

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From: Loveless, Elvis <ElvisLoveless@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Baldwin, Paul <PaulBaldwin@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Gulf of St Lawrence Redfish

From: Loveless, Elvis <ElvisLoveless@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 9:56 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Gulf of St Lawrence Redfish

Hello [REDACTED]

I would be happy to sit with you and discuss your concerns. This whole announcement has left a lot of us scratching our heads, me included and I don't mind in saying I am still trying to figure this all out and how this will impact those like you that I don't fully have a grasp on and I am glad you brought this forward.

So yes I would be happy to sit down with you. I will chat with Minister Byrne on this.

Elvis Loveless
Minister
Fishery, Forestry & Agriculture
MHA - Fortune Bay - Cape La Hune
709-729-3705 (Office)

On Feb 7, 2024, at 9:43 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

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Greetings Mr Loveless, My name is [REDACTED] and a member of the [REDACTED]. I am writing to request a meeting with you and Mr Byrne and whomever you wish to attend, when you come to corner brook on Feb 19 and 20, as I have requested the help of Mr Byrne (and he has graciously accepted) on the subject of the gulf redfish and how it is impacting a small number of indigenous enterprise holders that are not being supported by the ffaw, of which we are all members of too, however they are withholding information from you that I feel you should be aware of before all final decisions are to be made, you see that the ffaw are fighting for the shrimp harvesters without even as much as a mention or side note of us, we were the only ones fishing redfish in the gulf for a number of years because the rest of the fleet up north were occupied with the more lucrative shrimp fishery. We think they should also be putting our concerns on their agenda. Our small portion of the fleet are fully dependent upon the redfish for our enterprise. We were denied access to the shrimp because the fleet down on the northern peninsula with the help of the ffaw formed a committee called north of 50 30, for the sole purpose to keep us from obtaining access to the shrimp. We feel that if any extra allocation be to those of us that have no acces to shrimp first and any extra after that can be given to the shrimp fleet. The shrimp fleet has no justification of asking for a seperate allocation that takes from the overall TAC when they have the same access to the inshore allocation as we do. We do not have shrimp and are solely dependent on the groundfish/redfish But this will leave them who already has more than us because of the shrimp with a larger portion of the TAC, and an extra 10% that I can't access because they descriminated against the 4 or 5 enterprises back in the 90's. I asked Mr Byrne if he could arrange for you and I to meet and he encouraged me to reach out to you through email and noted to me that he would give his support to the request.

I leave you with my gratitude to you for taking the time to review this note and with the hope of meeting with you soon, as this matter is very important to us and our communities and as you know time is running out before decisions are to be made. Furthermore I will be reaching out to Mr Barry,(Barry group) to whom I owe my longevity in this fishery to, Mr Dicks and Jenny Brake of the Qualipu first nation's to attend as well, of which I know I have support of in this matter.

Once again thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Kindest regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: Baldwin, Paul
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 11:27 AM
To: Sheppard, Miranda
Subject: FW: Redfish projects
Categories: Hayley to action/follow-up
Attachments: Approved Redfish Projects - February 14, 2024.xlsx

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From: Loveless, Elvis <ElvisLoveless@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:01 AM
To: Baldwin, Paul <PaulBaldwin@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Redfish projects

From: Chippett, Jamie <JamieChippett@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2024 9:48 AM
To: Loveless, Elvis <ElvisLoveless@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Redfish projects

This is worth a look.

Jamie

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hanlon, Bren M." <BrenHanlon@gov.nl.ca>
Date: February 22, 2024 at 9:09:47 AM NST
To: "Chippett, Jamie" <JamieChippett@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Redfish projects

This is good info, NL has:

Primary 10/15
Secondary 3/8
Indirect 50/76
Under Eval 8/9

So overall 71/108 Total redfish related projects

From: Barry, Sean P <seanbarry@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:14 PM
To: Hanlon, Bren M. <brenhanlon@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Redfish projects

Fyi this includes AFF approvals from other provinces.

From: Penney, Mark <Mark.Penney@df-mpo.gc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 2:08 PM
To: Barry, Sean P <seanbarry@gov.nl.ca>; Peddle, Lynette <LynettePeddle@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Redfish projects

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Hi Sean and Lynette,

In case you are interested, we have been pulling together a list of all the projects we have done thus far that involve redfishsee attached

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Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador Region
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Program Pillar	Sector	Legal Name (Account) (Account)	Project Name	Description Short	Agreement Type	Project Number	Total Project Costs	Approved Contribution	Project Status	Project Status Date	Agreement Date	Address 1: City (Location of Project)	Province	Approved by MLI
Innovation	Harvesting	FÉDÉRATION RÉGIONALE ACADIENNE DES PÊCHEURS PROFESSIONNEL S INC.	FRAPP - Pêche Expérimental Sébaste	Development of sustainable Redfish fishing practices by testing mid-water and twin/paired trawl comparative fishing methods to reduce by-catch, undersized fish, and other commercially important fish species and develop handling practices to improve quality and value of the landed resource, as part of an experimental redfish fishing license.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-1066	\$908,363	\$914,852	Control Period/N	4/4/2023	10/4/2019	Shippagan	NB	9/6/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	661845 N.-B. INC.	Pêcherie Benjamin Félix - Projet de calle	Purchase and install a holding well refrigeration system for an existing redfish and crab vessel, to improve catch quality	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-2103	\$99,828	\$49,914	Approved by Min	5/24/2023	6/5/2023	Caraquet	NB	5/17/2023
Innovation	Harvesting	Fish, Food and Allied Workers-Unifor - Sustainable and Profitable Redfish: Laying the Foundation for a Rebuilt Gulf Fishery	Profitable Redfish: Laying the Foundation for a Rebuilt Gulf Fishery	Sustainable and Profitable Redfish: Laying the Foundation for a Rebuilt Gulf Fishery	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1060	\$624,381	\$499,505	Control Period/N	3/30/2020	4/9/2020	St. John's	NL	1/28/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	KMKA Voyager Enterprises Ltd. - Fishing Vessel Electronic Improvements	KMKA Voyager Enterprises Ltd.	Acquisition of a Marport trawl monitoring system and Koden Echo Sounder to test towing efficiencies during redfish mid-water trawling.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-144	\$88,302	\$70,642	Control Period/N	11/28/2018	12/14/2018	Anchor Point	NL	7/13/2018
Innovation	Harvesting	Fish, Food and Allied Workers-Unifor - Making It Operational: Sustainable Redfish Fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence	Fish, Food and Allied Workers-Unifor - Making It Operational: Sustainable Redfish Fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence	Sustainable Redfish Fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1528	\$934,578	\$634,921	Control Period/N	2/18/2021	1/18/2021	St. John's	NL	12/8/2020
Infrastructure	Processing	Barry Group Inc. - Purchase and install a redfish descaling machine	Barry Group Inc.	Fabrication and Installation of Redfish Descaler	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1635	\$72,900	\$54,675	Approved by Min	8/3/2021	8/26/2021	Corner Brook	NL	7/28/2021
Innovation	Harvesting	Fish, Food and Allied Workers-Unifor - Testing of harvesting technologies to build a sustainable redfish fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence	Fish, Food and Allied Workers-Unifor - Testing of harvesting technologies to build a sustainable redfish fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence	Conduct a study on deep-water redfish to build a sustainable redfish fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1889	\$799,651	\$444,911	Control Period/N	5/31/2023	4/17/2022	St. John's	NL	4/3/2022
Innovation	Harvesting	Fish, Food, and Allied Workers-Unifor - Sustainable Redfish: Reducing By-catch and Catches of Small redfish	Fish, Food, and Allied Workers-Unifor - Sustainable Redfish: Reducing By-catch and Catches of Small redfish	Development of Sustainable Redfish Fishing Practices using Mid-Water and Bottom Paired-Trawl Comparative Fishing to Reduce By-catch of Undersized Redfish and Commercially Important Species.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-218	\$881,938	\$705,550	Control Period/N	3/21/2019	11/28/2018	St. John's	NL	11/20/2018
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Resources, Marine Institute of Memorial University - Sea trial testing of modified cod ends on redfish trawls to reduce bycatch	Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Resources, Marine Institute of Memorial University - Sea trial testing of modified cod ends on redfish trawls to reduce bycatch	Sea trial testing of modified cod ends on redfish trawls to reduce bycatch	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2264	\$357,141	\$261,781	Approved by Min	1/8/2024		St. John's	NL	1/9/2024
Innovation	Harvesting	Oswan Tucker - Install size selective redfish trawl	Oswan Tucker	Development and demonstration of sustainable fishing technology for the developing redfish fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-232	\$99,090	\$79,272	Control Period/N	6/20/2019	12/8/2018	Reef's Harbour	NL	11/20/2018
Infrastructure	Processing	Synergy Seafoods Ltd. - Redfish Processing Project	Synergy Seafoods Ltd.	To provide a higher quality for our redfish fillets and whole gutted redfish.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1017	\$125,000	\$93,750	Control Period/N	8/21/2020	1/21/2020	Comeauville Met	NS	12/20/2019

Market Access and Development (CFSOF)		Atlantic Groundfish Council	Atlantic Groundfish Council - Market Diversification Program	Development and implementation of a market diversification strategy in China, Europe and the United States for redfish.	Non-Repayable	CFSOF-1001	\$4,140,000	\$3,609,659 Approved by Min	1/18/2021	3/3/2021	Manotick	ON	1/18/2021
Processing	Market Access ar	Atlantic Groundfi	AGC- Market Research & I	Market research for select groundfish species to supp	Non-Repayable	CFSOF-01	\$390,000	\$351,000 Control Period/N	5/31/2020	9/23/2019	Manotick	PanAtl	9/6/2019
Innovation	Harvesting	Fish, Food and AI	Fish, Food and Allied Wor	Sustainable and Profitable Redfish: Laying the Founda	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1060	\$624,381	\$499,505 Control Period/N	3/30/2020				
Innovation	Harvesting	Fish, Food and AI	Fish, Food and Allied Wor	Sustainable Redfish Fishery in the Gulf of St. Lawrenc	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1528	\$934,578	\$634,921 Control Period/N	2/18/2021	1/18/2021	St. John's	NL	12/8/2020
					15 Projects		\$11,080,131	\$8,904,858					

Program Pillar	Sector	Legal Name (Account) (Account)	Project Name	Description Short	Agreement Type	Project Number	Total Project Costs	Approved Contribution	Project Status	Project Status Date	Date Agreement signed by Recipient	Address 1: City (Account) (Account)	Location of Project Province	Approved by MINO
Innovation	Processing	McGraw Seafood (2008	McGraw Seafood-Implem	Add a production line to bring to full commercialization a new product of alternative baits made from fish offal for the lobster and snow crab fishers; this to replace traditional bait made of fish suitable for human consumption.	Conditionally Rej	AFF-NB-47	\$1,473,085	\$375,000	Control Period/N	1/31/2020	6/21/2019	Tracadie-Sheila	NB	4/29/2019
Innovation	Processing	Perennia Food and Agriculture Corporation	Expanding Export Markets with Premium Quality Seafood	This Innovation project will develop quantifiable quality standards top-selling Nova Scotia seafood species. and will develop resources for industry to meet the standars in their business. This is a new approach for the Nova Scotia industry. By enduring that quality standards exist for all major control points along the value chain, this project will create global confidence in Nova Scotia seafood products. Since such criteria already exists for live and frozen lobster, this proposal will focus on the following 15 species (herein known as "species list"): Atlantic Halibut, Cold Water Shrimp, Atlantic Sea Scallop, Tuna, Swordfish, Snow Crab, Herring, Silver Hake, Sea Urchin, Red Fish, Sea Cucumber, Mussels, Atlantic Pollock and Atlantic Salmon.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1065	\$1,473,188	\$1,178,550	Control Period/N	2/28/2023	10/1/2019	Kentville	NS	9/4/2019
Infrastructure	Processing	Kenney & Ross, Limited	Raw Material Conveying System	Raw Material Conveying System	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1193	\$86,198	\$86,198	Control Period/N	9/30/2020	4/2/2020	Port Saxon	NS	3/10/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Ocean Choice International	Ocean Choice International - Flat Fish Gutting System	Purchase, Installation and Modification of Flatfish Gutting System	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-298	\$200,000	\$92,500	Control Period/N	3/28/2023	6/27/2019	St. John's	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Processing	Scotia Harvest Inc.	New Processing Facility	Looking to construct a new groundfish processing facility, which will house a new state of the art processing line.	Unconditionally I	AFF-NS-1063	\$8,256,610	\$3,750,000	Control Period/N	10/1/2021	6/24/2020	Seabrook	NS	4/8/2020
Science partnerships	Other	Center for Fisheries Ecosystems Research (CFER), Marine Institute of Memorial University	Center for Fisheries Ecosystems Research of Memorial University - Sustainable Capture Fisheries and Their Ecosystems	A five-year applied scientific research project to develop new or improved stock assessment models and methods that incorporate new ways of utilizing spatial distribution and environmental data.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-174	\$9,196,767	\$4,354,901	Approved by Mir	8/20/2018	11/23/2018	St. John's	NL	8/20/2018
Infrastructure	Processing	Rocky Coast Seafoods L	Upgrade grading operatic	Acquire new grading equipment to automate processing operations, Increase capacity and increase overall productivity and efficiency of the processing operations.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1394	\$134,389	\$99,900	Control Period/N	1/21/2021	1/28/2021	Saulnierville	NS	12/21/2020
Infrastructure	Processing	Barry Group Inc.	Barry Group Inc. - Herring	Construction of a new building, equipped with the latest I	Unconditionally I	AFF-NL-1120	\$5,201,000	\$1,713,622	Control Period/N	9/30/2022	8/4/2020	Corner Brook	NL	6/17/2020
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Infrastructure	Harvesting	Charlesville Fisheries Limited	Acquisition and installation of an advanced trawl monitoring system	Acquisition and installation of an advanced trawl monitoring system for a fishing vessel.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-95	\$76,358	\$61,087	Control Period/N	9/27/2019	9/12/2019	Lower East Pubni NS	9/6/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Acadian Fish Processors Limited	Marport Trawl Monitoring System	Purchase and trial of Marport advanced trawl monitoring system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-88	\$133,822	\$99,900	Control Period/N	4/28/2020	8/16/2019	Lower West Pubri NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	W. T. Grover Fisheries Limited	Multibeam Sonar for Mapping of Sea Bottom	Purchase and install a multibeam sonar system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-87	\$105,095	\$84,076	Control Period/N	5/2/2020	8/23/2019	Larry's River NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Lawrence Corkum Fisheries Limited	Install Marport Trawl System	Purchase and trial of Marport advanced trawl monitoring system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-78	\$76,358	\$57,268	Control Period/N	10/15/2019	9/12/2019	South Ohio NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	R.J. King Fisheries Limited	Echo Shrimp Detector	procurement and installation of echo system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-75	\$115,784	\$92,627	Control Period/N	11/28/2019	8/29/2019	Meteghan Centre NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	W.M. Shrader Fisheries Limited	Echo Shrimp Detector	Acquire and install Notus Echo Trawl monitoring system for a shrimp harvesting vessel.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-73	\$124,952	\$99,962	Control Period/N	12/28/2019	8/8/2019	Tor Bay NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	B&J Draggers Limited	By-catch Reduction Technology	procure and install Notus Mantis technology for cod by-catch reduction	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-68	\$115,579	\$92,463	Control Period/N	3/31/2020	9/20/2019	Lower West Pubri NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	SMD Fisheries Ltd.	By-Catch Reduction Technology	Procure and Install Notus Mantis technology for cod by catch reduction	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-66	\$115,579	\$92,463	Control Period/N	11/12/2019	9/12/2019	Lower West Pubri NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Jenny May Fisheries Limited	By-catch Reduction Technology	Purchase and trial of Notus Mantis trawl monitoring system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-64	\$115,579	\$92,463	Control Period/N	9/30/2020	9/4/2019	West Pubnico, NS	7/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	M.V. Osprey Limited	Echo Shrimp Detector	Purchase and trial of Notus Echo trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-46	\$123,352	\$98,682	Control Period/N	2/2/2020	6/13/2019	North Sydney NS	5/16/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Y.B.M. Fish Limited	Notus Mantis	Procure and install Notus Mantis for groundfish	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-2155	\$124,497	\$60,000	Approved by Min	10/23/2023	11/3/2023	Church Point NS	10/23/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Fairhaven Holdings Limited	Limited - By-catch Reduction Technology	Acquire and install trawl monitoring equipment technology for cod by-catch reduction.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1533	\$122,567	\$60,000	Approved by Min	2/17/2021	4/25/2021	Chester, NS	2/17/2021
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Seaman's Toy Fisheries (2008) Limited	Seaman's Toy Fisheries (2008) Limited - By-catch Reduction Technology	Purchase and trial of Notus Mantis Trawl system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1476	\$123,815	\$99,052	Control Period/N	11/30/2021	1/8/2021	Martin's Point NS	12/21/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	SMD Fisheries Ltd.	Atec Multibeam Sounder install	Purchase and install Multibeam Seafloor Mapping technology.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1474	\$100,450	\$80,360	Control Period/N	2/20/2021	1/27/2021	Lower West Pubri NS	12/21/2020
Infrastructure	Processing	Acadian Fish Processors Limited	Acadian Fish Processors Limited - Marport Advanced Trawl System Installation	Procure and install Marport Advanced Trawl System to improve the visibility of the net performance.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1472	\$93,807	\$75,046	Control Period/N	6/30/2021	1/20/2021	Lower West Pubri NS	12/21/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	C. I. Fisheries Limited	Echo for shrimp detection	Install and procure automated trawl monitoring equipment system for a commercial fishing vessel operating in the Atlantic shrimp fishery.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1453	\$124,934	\$99,900	Control Period/N	7/16/2021	11/9/2020	Arcadia NS	9/2/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	West Point Fisheries Limited	Marport Trawl System	Installing bridge hardware and pc, hydrophones underneath the vessel and sensors within trawl gear.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1414	\$80,858	\$64,686	Control Period/N	2/3/2022	9/14/2020	Yarmouth County NS	7/16/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Inshore Fisheries Limited	Acquire Marport Trawl system for a fishing vessel	Acquire and install a Marport Advanced Trawl System for a fishing vessel.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-123	\$76,358	\$57,269	Control Period/N	10/15/2019	9/13/2019	Middle West Pub NS	9/6/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Mersey Seafoods Limited	Mersey Seafoods Limited - Echo for Shrimp Detection	Purchase and installation of an echo sensor system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1086	\$124,697	\$93,523	Control Period/N	5/26/2021	1/23/2020	Liverpool NS	12/20/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Seaman's Toy Fisheries (2008) Limited	Seaman's Toy Fisheries (2008) Limited - By-catch Reduction Technology	Procure and install Notus system for by-catch reduction.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NS-1047	\$115,167	\$92,134	Control Period/N	7/28/2020	2/21/2020	Martin's Point NS	12/20/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Salt Water Foam Company Limited	Salt Water Foam Company Limited - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install new Notus Echo System.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-320	\$119,261	\$95,409	Control Period/N	6/17/2020	3/16/2020	Anchor Point NL	1/28/2020

Infrastructure	Harvesting	Marine Harvesters Ltd	Marine Harvesters Ltd. - Echo Patey and Spence Limited. - Echo Trawl Monitoring System	Procurement and installation of Echo System for Shrimp Trawling and Seining.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-313	\$132,408	\$92,899	Control Period/N	5/15/2020	4/1/2020	Badgers Quay	NL	1/28/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Patey and Spence Limited.	Sea Voyager II Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procurement and Installation of Echo Trawl System.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-266	\$124,012	\$99,210	Control Period/N	3/30/2020	6/9/2019	Port Saunders	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Sea Voyager II Ltd.	Perfect Storm Fisheries Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system that detects shrimp and trawl bottom contact.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-265	\$122,047	\$97,638	Control Period/N	2/24/2020	6/10/2019	Anchor Point	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Perfect Storm Fisheries Ltd	Cornick Enterprises Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procurement and Installation of Echo Trawl System.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-264	\$121,226	\$96,981	Control Period/N	9/17/2020	6/20/2019	Bartlett's Harbou	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Cornick Enterprises Ltd	G & S Rumbolt Enterprises Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-257	\$124,283	\$99,426	Control Period/N	4/24/2020	6/8/2019	Port au Choix	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	G & S Rumbolt Enterprises Ltd.	Port Saunders Enterprises Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procurement and installation of Echo Trawl System.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-256	\$124,569	\$99,655	Control Period/N	9/25/2020	9/16/2020	Castor River Nort	NL	6/17/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Port Saunders Enterprises Ltd.	B & N Enterprises Inc. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install a Notus Echo system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-253	\$124,512	\$99,610	Control Period/N	2/5/2020	6/9/2019	Port Saunders	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	B & N Enterprises Inc.	Warren Fisheries Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-252	\$115,626	\$92,501	Control Period/N	6/29/2021	7/4/2019	Port Saunders	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Warren Fisheries Ltd	Anchor Point Enterprises Limited - Echo Trawl System	Procurement and installation of Echo Trawl System.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-249	\$124,569	\$99,665	Control Period/N	6/17/2020	7/22/2019	Cook's Harbour	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Anchor Point Enterprises Limited	Dempsters Fisheries Ltd	Purchase and installation of a Notus Trawl Monitoring System to improve fishing operations productivity in the Gulf and Northern shrimp fisheries.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-241	\$122,047	\$97,638	Control Period/N	5/26/2021	6/12/2019	Anchor Point	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Dempsters Fisheries Ltd	Strait Star Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Purchase and installation of Notus Echo Trawl Monitoring System for use in the Newfoundland and Labrador Northern shrimp fishing industry.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-239	\$119,261	\$95,408	Control Period/N	9/2/2019	6/11/2019	Anchor Point	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Strait Star Limited	Rainbow Ventures Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install new Echo system for shrimp detection and groundfish trawling.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-237	\$119,261	\$95,408	Control Period/N	12/13/2019	6/17/2019	Flower's Cove	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Rainbow Ventures Ltd	Green's Pride Limited - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of Notus Echo Trawl Monitoring System to improve fishing operations productivity in the Gulf and Northern shrimp fisheries.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-236	\$119,261	\$95,408	Control Period/N	6/22/2019	6/7/2019	Anchor Point	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Green's Pride Limited	Brothers Five Fisheries Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2273	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	1/8/2024	1/24/2024	Portugal Cove-St.	NL	1/9/2024
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Brothers Five Fisheries Ltd.	M. V. Marine Fisher Limited - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2242	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	1/8/2024	1/16/2024	Cape Broyle	NL	1/9/2024
Infrastructure	Harvesting	M. V. Marine Fisher Limited	Straits Commander Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2205	\$125,063	\$99,900	Approved by Min	1/8/2024		Black Duck Cove	NL	1/9/2024
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Straits Commander Ltd.	PDG Exporters Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2204	\$125,063	\$99,900	Approved by Min	1/8/2024		Anchor Point	NL	1/9/2024
Infrastructure	Harvesting	PDG Exporters Ltd.		Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2194	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	1/4/2024		Coley's Point	NL	1/4/2024

Infrastructure	Harvesting	Hartensons Enterprises Inc.	Hartensons Enterprises Inc. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2191	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	1/4/2024	1/24/2024	Fogo	NL	1/4/2024
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Miss Way II Ltd.	Miss Way II Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2190	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	1/4/2024		Savage Cove	NL	1/4/2024
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Ashley's Pride Enterprises Limited	Ashley's Pride Enterprises Limited - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2189	\$114,432	\$91,546	Approved by Min	1/4/2024		Bay Roberts	NL	1/4/2024
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Vernon Petten Enterprises Ltd.	Vernon Petten Enterprises Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2183	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	10/26/2023	12/3/2023	Coley's Point	NL	10/23/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	A & S Fishing Enterprises Ltd.	A & S Fishing Enterprises Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2160	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	10/26/2023	1/15/2024	Blackduck Cove	NL	10/23/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	C & K Gould Enterprises Ltd.	C & K Gould Enterprises Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system that detects shrimp and trawl bottom contact	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-214	\$109,361	\$87,489	Control Period/N	4/3/2020	6/10/2019	Port au Choix	NL	5/13/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Eldred G. Burden Co. Ltd.	Eldred G. Burden Co. Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2138	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	10/26/2023	1/23/2024	Port Hope Simps	NL	10/23/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Roberts Sisters Limited	Roberts Sisters Limited - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2112	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	4/16/2023	4/18/2023	St. John's	NL	4/11/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Glen & Jerry Fisheries Inc.	Glen & Jerry Fisheries Inc. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2111	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	10/26/2023	1/1/2024	Fogo	NL	10/23/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Hicks Fisheries Ltd.	Hicks Fisheries Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2084	\$125,679	\$99,900	Approved by Min	4/16/2023	6/6/2023	Musgrave Harbor	NL	4/11/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Ashco Fishing Limited	Ashco Fishing Limited - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2047	\$125,679	\$99,900	Control Period/N	3/28/2023	1/2/2023	Clarke's Beach	NL	12/2/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	R. Randell & Sons Ltd.	R. Randell & Sons Ltd. - Seinemaster Purse Seine Monitoring System	Purchase and installation of Notus Echo Seinemaster Monitoring System to improve fishing operations productivity.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-200	\$39,643	\$31,714	Control Period/N	3/9/2021	9/16/2019	Woodstock	NL	9/3/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	R. & M. Fisheries Limited	R. & M. Fisheries Limited - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1977	\$124,258	\$99,406	Control Period/N	4/17/2023	11/20/2022	Seldom	NL	10/6/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Northern Wind Fisheries Ltd.	Northern Wind Fisheries Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1969	\$124,258	\$97,406	Control Period/N	11/14/2023	9/14/2022	Anchor Point	NL	7/13/2022

Infrastructure	Harvesting	Sam Tooktoshina	Sam Tooktoshina - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1962	\$124,934	\$99,900	Approved by Min	10/26/2023	Happy Valley-Gor	NL	10/23/2023
Infrastructure	Harvesting	T.D. Grace Ltd.	T.D. Grace Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Procure and install a trawl monitoring system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1910	\$124,934	\$99,900	Control Period/N	12/12/2022	8/1/2022 St. Lewis	NL	7/3/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Northern Auk Fisheries Inc.	Northern Auk Fisheries Inc. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Acquisition of Trawl Monitoring System	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1903	\$73,869	\$59,095	Control Period/N	5/5/2022	4/17/2022 Englee	NL	4/3/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	P.K. Limited	P.K. Limited - Echo Trawl System	Purchase and Install a Notus Echo System	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-188	\$109,361	\$87,489	Control Period/N	5/13/2019	9/30/2018 Port AU Choix	NL	7/17/2018
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Straits Venture Inc.	Straits Venture Inc. - Echo Trawl System	Purchase and Install a Notus Echo System	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-171	\$111,362	\$89,090	Control Period/N	5/15/2019	8/16/2018 Flowers Cove	NL	7/17/2018
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Olivic Fisheries Inc.	Olivic Fisheries Inc. - Purchase and install trawl monitoring system	Procure and install Notus Echo.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1706	\$124,934	\$99,900	Control Period/N	2/21/2022	2/17/2022 Springdale	NL	1/13/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Lady Small II Ltd.	Lady Small II Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Procure and install a trawl monitoring system for shrimp detection.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1611	\$124,934	\$99,900	Control Period/N	11/22/2022	7/12/2022 La Scie	NL	1/30/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Four Jacks Enterprises Ltd.	Four Jacks Enterprises Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1424	\$124,632	\$99,490	Approved by Min	12/12/2022	1/5/2023 Clarke's Beach	NL	12/2/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Keith & Patricia Ltd.	Keith & Patricia Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Purchase and Install a Notus Echo System	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-136	\$85,723	\$68,758	Control Period/N	1/3/2019	7/31/2018 Black Duck Cove	NL	7/17/2018
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Hill Enterprises Ltd.	Hill Enterprises Ltd. - Echo Trawl Monitoring System	Purchase and trial of Notus Echo trawl monitoring system.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-128	\$113,569	\$90,855	Control Period/N	10/15/2019	4/10/2019 Norman's Cove	NL	3/19/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Ocean Surfer Ltd.	Ocean Surfer Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Procure and install Notus Echo	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1277	\$124,822	\$99,857	Control Period/N	8/10/2022	4/9/2022 La Scie	NL	4/4/2022
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Strugnell's Fishing Enterprise Ltd.	Strugnell's Fishing Enterprise Ltd. - Sustainable fishing equipment adaptation	Adopting a trawl monitoring system for efficient fish harvesting.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1180	\$108,041	\$86,433	Control Period/N	8/26/2020	9/18/2020 St. Lewis	NL	6/17/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	L. & M. Harvesters Ltd.	L. & M. Harvesters Ltd. - Purchase and install trawl monitoring system	Purchase and install trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1158	\$116,872	\$93,498	Control Period/N	9/28/2021	8/4/2021 New-Wes-Valley	NL	5/27/2021
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Janica II Enterprise Ltd.	Janica II Enterprise Ltd. - Echo Trawl System	Purchase and installation of Notus Echo Trawl Monitoring System to improve fishing operations productivity in the shrimp fisheries.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1112	\$123,569	\$98,855	Approved by Min	8/25/2020	9/17/2020 Anchor Point	NL	8/25/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Lady Jennifer Limited	Lady Jennifer Limited - Echo Trawl System	Purchase and installation of Notus Echo Trawl Monitoring System to improve fishing operations productivity in the shrimp fisheries.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1111	\$123,569	\$98,855	Control Period/N	11/26/2021	3/2/2021 Port au Choix	NL	8/25/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	J & W Harvesters Ltd.	J & W Harvesters Ltd. - Purchase and install trawl monitoring system	Purchase and install trawl monitoring system	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1093	\$114,411	\$91,529	Control Period/N	7/14/2021	8/2/2021 Wesleyville	NL	5/27/2021
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Martin Caines Limited	Martin Caines Limited - Echo Shrimp Detector	Echo Shrimp Detector.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-1043	\$122,047	\$97,638	Control Period/N	7/26/2022	12/22/2020 Port au Choix	NL	6/17/2020
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Pêcheries Lady Gloria Ltée	Pêcheries Lady Gloria Ltée - Echo Trawl System	procure and install Notus Echo	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-75	124012.00	99210.00	File closed	6/20/2023	3/4/2020 Caraquet	NB	2/5/2020

Infrastructure	Harvesting	PECHERIES MV STELIE LTEE	Pêcheries MV Stélie Ltée - Notus censor système	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system for efficient detection of shrimp and trawl bottom contact.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-55	\$124,012	\$99,210	File closed	6/20/2023	6/24/2019	Caraquet	NB	4/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Pêcheries Gionet Ltée.	Pêcheries Gionet Ltée. - Echo Shrimp Detector	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system for efficient detection of shrimp and trawl bottom contact.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-54	124012.00	99206.00	File closed	3/7/2023	6/11/2019	Bas-Caraquet	NB	4/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	PÊCHERIES ANITA BERNARD INC.	Pêcheries Anita Bernard Inc. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system for efficient detection of shrimp and trawl bottom contact.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-45	\$124,569	\$99,655	File closed	3/7/2023	6/8/2019	Shippagan	NB	4/29/2019
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Sir Eldon Ltd.	Sir Eldon Ltd. - Echo Trawl Monitoring System	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system for efficient detection of shrimp and trawl bottom contact.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-13	\$118,658	\$94,926	File closed	3/7/2023	7/11/2018	Canobie	NB	6/19/2018
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Pêcheries APMG Inc.	Pêcheries APMG Inc. - Echo Trawl System	Procure and install the new Notus Echo system for efficient detection of shrimp and trawl bottom contact	Non-Repayable	AFF-NB-11	\$120,304	\$96,243	File closed	3/7/2023	7/11/2018	Caraquet	NB	6/19/2018
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Infrastructure	Harvesting	Northern Prowler Inc.	Northern Prowler Inc. - Equipping Fishing Vessel with Trawl Monitoring System	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl performance monitoring system to improve enterprise productivity and reduce fishing gear impacts on the seabed.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2403	\$144,365	\$99,900	Recommended for approval by Program Officer	1/16/2024		Charlottetown NL
Infrastructure		McCarthy's Wild Fisheries Ltd.	McCarthy's Wild Fisheries Ltd. - Notus Trawl Sensors	Procure and Install Notus Trawl Sensors			AFF-NL-2393			Evaluation in progress	1/2/2024		Mount Pea NL
		SGR Fisheries Limited	SGR Fisheries Limited - Notus Echo	Procure and Install Notus Echo			AFF-NL-2379			Evaluation to commence	12/7/2023		Seldom NL
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Atlantic Dragon Inc.	Atlantic Dragon Inc. - Notus Echo	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl performance monitoring system to improve enterprise productivity and reduce fishing gear impacts on the seabed.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2376	\$125,679		Recommended for approval by Program Officer	1/1/2024		Old Perlica NL
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Thorne Enterprises Limited	Thorne Enterprises Limited - Notus Echo	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl performance monitoring system to improve enterprise productivity and reduce fishing gear impacts on the seabed.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2373	\$125,679		Recommended for approval by Program Officer	12/31/2023		Thornlea NL
		Black Eagle Venture Ltd.	Black Eagle Venture Ltd. - Notus Echo	Procure and install Notus Echo			AFF-NL-2367			Evaluation to commence	11/27/2023		Gander NL
Infrastructure	Harvesting	Three Arms Enterprises Ltd.	Three Arms Enterprises Ltd. - Notus Echo	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl performance monitoring system to improve enterprise productivity and reduce fishing gear impacts on the seabed.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2366	\$125,679		Recommended for approval by Program Officer	12/31/2023		Gander NL
Infrastructure	Harvesting	L. S. J. Fisheries Ltd.	L. S. J. Fisheries Ltd. - Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl monitoring system	Purchase and installation of a trawl performance monitoring system to improve enterprise productivity and reduce fishing gear impacts on the seabed.	Non-Repayable	AFF-NL-2353	\$125,679		Recommended for approval by Program Officer	11/30/2023		La Scie NL
Infrastructure	Processing	OCEAN PIER INC.	OCEAN PIER INC. - Expansion of processing line	Addition of new equipment for new seafood based ready-to-eat products, including redfish, in order to increase productivity and quality.	The new seafood frying line consists of a new energy efficient fryer and batter breading line as well as all the related equipment and new freezing capacity for optimal operation of the new production line. The new production line will be dedicated to seafood based ready-to-eat products, including redfish. The AFF project consists of the acquisition and installation of the equipment as well as the refrigeration and supporting equipment and all related installation costs.	Unconditionally Re	AFF-NB-2357	\$4,000,000	\$3,000,000	Evaluation completed	12/4/2023		Scoudouc NB

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