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Fisheries Renewal

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A credible, science-based, affordable and effective fisheries program which contributes to the sustainable wealth of Canadians.

Long Term Sustainability

By enabling DFO and resource users to achieve strong conservation outcomes through risk management frameworks incorporating the ecosystem and precautionary approaches.

Economic Prosperity

By aligning our fisheries policies and decision-making processes to support economically prosperous fisheries for Canadians.

Improved Governance

By increasing stability, transparency and accountability in fisheries management and by promoting shared stewardship.



Core Renewal Elements

- Several areas of policy / program renewal are underway to support long term sustainability, economic prosperity and improved governance:
 - Sustainable Fisheries Framework
 - Licensing Policy Renewal
 - Access and Allocation
 - Engagement & Collaboration
 - Market Access
- Recognize that *some* elements of Fisheries Renewal should be adapted to the Nunavut context





Sustainable Fisheries Framework

- The SFF allows for ecosystem-approach to fisheries management and the integration of biological and economic considerations into decision-making
 - Achieved through Integrated Fisheries Management Plans
- The SFF combines existing and new sustainable development policies and tools into one package:
 - It supports and builds on work already undertaken in marine fisheries to promote sustainability
 - It ensures a transparent, rigorous and systematic rules-based approach to decision-making
- The framework will continue to evolve as new policies and tools are created
 - More regional follow-up on the policies and tools themselves will be required



Licensing Policy Renewal

- Reform of existing licensing policy is underway
 - Aiming to consolidate licensing policies into a National Licensing Policy
 - Policy approach for the North needs to be discussed
- The goal is to have a cohesive approach with reduced fragmentation that promotes clarity, consistency, transparency and accountability. **HOWEVER**, it will still provide enough flexibility to adapt to the diversity of situations across Canada
 - In the north, that means respecting the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the authorities it provides other parties (e.g. Nunavut Wildlife Management Board) and taking into consideration the unique circumstances of the Nunavut-based fisheries
- The National Licensing Policy will be enabling, not prescriptive, by providing options for fleets and resource managers that promote and support economic prosperity
 - DFO recognizes that there is a strong desire to develop and apply Nunavut-specific fisheries strategies and policies
 - One size does not necessarily fit all





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- Also important to understand that some aspects of existing policies in other regions can be applied in the North. These policies stress the importance of:
 - Ability of industry to access capital
 - Transparency
 - Sustainability
- At a national level, it's important to note that the nature of a fishing licence, and the rights that flow from the licence, are also being shaped by litigation



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- Establishing and upholding key principles such as transparency, accountability, and predictability in the management process will require enhancing existing consultative mechanisms and/or developing more effective ones
- Current work and work plan at a national level includes:
 - Develop synopsis of existing regional advisory and consultative processes.
 - Complete a comparative analysis of Canadian approaches with other jurisdictions
 - Support establishment of an external National Fisheries Policy Advisory Committee
 - Develop a suite of engagement options/models
 - Test the engagement options both within and outside the Department





- Recognize Nunavut Land Claims Agreement already requires co-management process with respect to fisheries management
- Shared stewardship will allow:
 - Fishery participants to be more effectively involved in decision-making processes, at appropriate levels
 - DFO and resource users to achieve key objectives respecting sustainability and economic prosperity
- Future work to include inventory of co-management policies, processes and guidelines; and best practices.





- Ocean to Plate approach to commercial fisheries management is about enabling a self-reliant industry
 - This is achieved by aligning fisheries policies and decision-making processes along the seafood value chain in support of economic prosperity
- DFO provides support to industry with regard to eco-certification
 - For example: Provide scientific and management advice
- DFO also provides assistance to industry through marketing and outreach





- Market Access Demands for Tracking and Traceability
 - Canada's fisheries products face increasing challenges in the international marketplace where there is a growing "burden of proof" to demonstrate fish and fish products derive from legal, sustainable and well-managed fisheries:
 - EU IUU regulation in place January 2010
 - DFO launched its Catch Certification Office to support industry to meet new EU traceability demands; Budget 2010 provided \$3.6M annually for office's operations
 - Varying standards imposed are increasingly high (in some cases, higher than current Canadian standards) and not always consistent