



COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

A DISCUSSION PAPER



Strategy Update

+ Overview of Public Feedback

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Background

- A changing coastline and diversified economy
 - Fishing, aquaculture, offshore oil, ocean technology, transportation, tourism
- Associated challenges
 - Infrastructure constraints, limited coastal and ocean space, environmental and safety risks, competing needs and interests
- Stakeholders are becoming aware and engaged



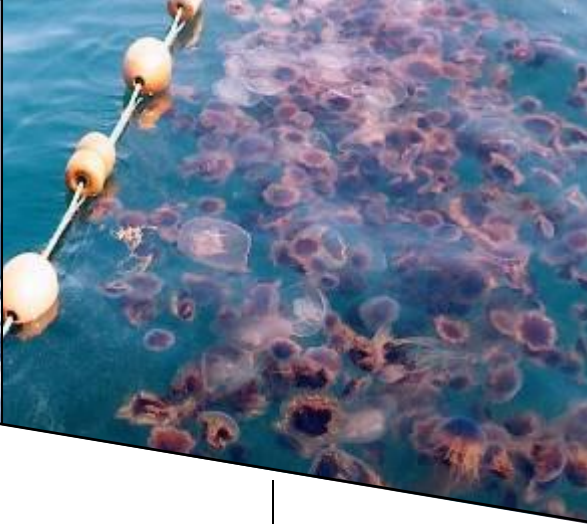
Rationale / Drivers

- Increased demand on/for marine resources
- Requirement for sustainable resource use
- Ocean technology opportunities
- Coordinating operations of Government
 - Multi-departmental approach needed
- Canada's Oceans Act (1996) and Strategy (2002)

Process to date

<p>2006</p>	<p><i>Government Direction:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and Policy Framework • Provincial Coastal and Ocean Network • Participation on federal-led initiatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote communication & cooperation • Guide strategy development • Coordinate feedback • 9 depts/3 agencies
<p>2007 2008</p>	<p><i>Issues Scans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations • Regional issues and priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROCOM & CNLCOM • LOMA's • MPA's & AOI's • CMA's
<p>2009 2010</p>	<p><i>Discussion Paper</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed outline and direction • Summary of issues and dept initiatives • Released July 7th – Stakeholder mail-out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23 responses





Issues Scan I - 2007

- 5 Coastal Management Areas – ICOM in practice
- Regional / Grassroots
- 12 overarching themes identified (local in nature)
- Supportive of Government commitment
- Balance: environment, economic, social and cultural

Issues Scan II - 2008

- The rest of NL's coast
- Synergy with issues in 1st scan
- Focus on 8 issues
- Lack of knowledge around federal ocean initiatives
- Challenge gaining Labrador and Aboriginal feedback and involvement

Discussion Paper - 2010

Proposed Outline:

- Vision
- Goals
- Principles
- Framework
 - **Coastal Issues**
- Tools
 - Coastal Management Areas
 - Ocean Technology

1. Social, cultural and economic sustainability
2. A Coastal land use plan
3. Competing needs and interests
4. Coastal and marine infrastructure
5. A Healthy marine environment
6. Climate change

Education & Awareness
and Jurisdictional Clarity



Question #1

Is there an opportunity in your region to bring social, cultural and economic issues into the decision making process?

What We Heard:

- Need more opportunities to bring forward conservation issues
- Incorporate local goals/expertise
- Gov't should provide the vehicle
- Review current management systems



Question #2

Is there additional protection required to ensure the conservation of our coastal and marine ecosystems?

What We Heard:

- Gov't should led by example
- Fish stock conservation
- Vulnerable marine ecosystems
- Impacts of recreation use
- Buffers
- Education and awareness
- Linking land-use planning with coastal policies



Question #3

Do you support the establishment of governance structures as an effective means to share information and avoid conflicts at the local level?

What We Heard:

- Transparent, accountable, local
- Provincial leadership
- More than just info sharing
- Impacts on the environment
- Marine spatial planning
- More collaboration (oil spills)
- Balance competing resource uses/users



Question #4

What coastal or marine infrastructure is required in your region to support existing activities and/or future development?

What We Heard:

- Lack of marine service centers
- Efficient marine transport system
- Eco-friendly infrastructure
- Need buoys to monitor environment/weather
- Need primary sewage treatment in all communities (>2000)
- Research vessels (provincial)
- Need hull de-fouling facility



Question #5

Can you identify actions that can be taken to improve marine health in your region?

What We Heard:

- Recovery plans (fish stocks)
- Management plans (VMEs)
- Use marine spatial planning
- Wastewater treatment
- Research and address impacts of:
 - Aquaculture, AIS, fishing gear, over-harvesting issues, etc.
- Natural infrastructure
- Look at land-based industries

Work
with
DFO



Question #6

What changes are occurring in your region that you believe are linked to climate change?

What We Heard:

- Decrease in ice/bergs
- Temp changes
- Larger boats - larger impacts
- Concentrations of people - development
- Increase/severity of storms



Question #7/8

Are CMA's the most effective means to promote ICOM? Are the proposed CMA criteria inclusive? What should be added or omitted?

What We Heard:

- How will CMAs impact decisions
- Local rep and feedback
- Involve schools
- Gov't should lead
- Role of ENGO's
- Decision-makers at the table
- Local leadership
- Reporting back
- Stakeholders participation issues
- Develop communication plan



Question #9


What are some of the issues ocean technology can help address in support of coastal and ocean management?

What We Heard:

- Monitor/delineate sensitive habitats
- Address knowledge gaps
- Use local knowledge
- Review impacts / monitor:
 - Fishing gear, construction, dumping, pollution, aquaculture capacity, AIS, etc.
- Health of our oceans indicators
- Aid law enforcement
- Whale research (oil/gas)
- Oil spill response



General Comments

- More involvement in federal issues not being addressed
 - more collaboration
 - Provincial commitment
 - Emphasis on conservation and protection
 - Use precautionary approach and best scientific info
 - Add intangible value of coasts
 - culture, heritage, recreation
 - Marine spatial planning
 - Too industry focused
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Next Steps

- Continue collaboration on coastal and ocean management initiatives in the province
- Finalizing strategy - now
- Senior level approval & submission to Cabinet



Documents available at www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca

Thank You – Questions?