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# Development of Nunavut's Fishing Industry

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# Fisheries Development

- Fisheries Identified as a Pillar of Nunavut's Economy (NEDS)
- Commitment by Gov't to Develop a Sustainable Industry
- Subsistence and Commercial
- Offshore and Inshore
- Contribute Millions (revenue + jobs)



# Funding Fisheries

- Fisheries identified as an investment sector under SINED
- 1.4 million over 3 years
- More federal investment still needed
- Limited programs available
- To date ~ \$1 million spent on Fisheries projects (F&S Division)
- Staff and resources are limited

# Projects

Projects funded under program include:

- Nunavut Coastal Resource Inventory (Igloolik Pilot community complete)
- Offshore Multi-species Survey
- Arctic Char Assessments
- Community Test Fisheries (Clyde/Pond inshore turbot)





# Projects con't

- Arctic Char Marketing Strategy
- Seabed Impacts Workshop
- Gear Technology Development
- Nunavut's 1<sup>st</sup> Fisheries Symposium
- 27' Fisheries Vessel for Nunavut



# Outcomes

- Increasing knowledge of our fisheries (commercial potential of new species)
- Bridging gap between science and IQ
- Identifying new development opportunities
- Assisting in community coastal management and conservation
- Building capacity in the industry
- Assisting in training opportunities
- Providing advice on fisheries quotas

# Outcomes con't

- Increasing offshore turbot quotas for Nunavut
- Developing sustainable and proactive fishing gear
- Providing forums for fisheries discussions
- Increasing marketing potential of char
- Implementing Fisheries Strategy recommendations
- Raising awareness of fisheries issues and opportunities





# Challenges

- Many challenges face Nunavut's Fishery
- Current quota disputes with Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Lack of science and infrastructure investment by DFO
- Need to address the gaps
- Strong partnerships needed between territory, federal agencies, industry and communities

# NUNAVUT FISHERIES STRATEGY

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## Investment Needed

- Towards implementation of [Nunavut Fisheries Strategy](#)

### Six Key Objectives

- Science and Conservation
- Organizational Capacity and Governance
- Access and Allocation
- Labour Market Development and Training
- Infrastructure
- Funding and Revenue Generation

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# Investment Projects



- Multi-year Research and Exploratory Fisheries Program
  - Currently lacking science investment and fisheries data
- Both offshore and inshore investments needed
- Survey's and stock assessments (char/turbot/benthic)
- Identify areas of emerging species development
- Research into improved harvesting methods and research into habitat identification (i.e. innovative gear technology and seabed mapping)
- Combine local and scientific knowledge to identify opportunities for commercial and/or subsistence fisheries

# Future Outcomes

- Growth of the fishery
- Community fishery capacity building
- Economic diversification
- Identification of emerging fisheries
- Commercial quota increases
- Better management and conservation of fisheries ecosystems
- Ensure sustainable development



# Thank You

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