

Details on transfer payment programs

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Grants

1) Grants in Support of Aquatic Species and Aquatic Habitat

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	3,300,000	12,524,490	5,324,490	5,324,490
Total contributions	-	-	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	3,300,000	12,524,490	5,324,490	5,324,490

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

1.1 Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk – Grants

Start date

2024-25

End date

March 31, 2026

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Species at Risk

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk (CNFASAR) grant program is to support the efforts of Indigenous People in building the technical capacity regarding species at risk policies, programming, and regulatory initiatives and to support their greater involvement in the cooperation and consultation processes in the listing and related recovery document development for species at risk, as per the *Species at Risk Act* and Section 35 of the *Constitution Act*. By actively including and integrating Indigenous Knowledge and perspectives in the listing, protection, and recovery of aquatic species at risk, the CNFASAR grant seeks to uphold the rights and interests of Indigenous communities.

The overall objective related to all of DFO's aquatic ecosystems transfer payment programs is to conserve and protect Canada's oceans, other aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic species from human impact and invasive species.

Expected results

- increased participation of potentially affected Indigenous groups in species at risk consultation activities, with a target of 80% of potentially affected Indigenous groups participating in listing processes and recovery document development
- 100% of Indigenous groups that receive funding to support the listing or recovery document preparation for aquatic species at risk have their input incorporated in decision making
- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided, with 80% of aquatic species / designatable units at risk listed under the *Species at Risk Act* having a completed recovery strategy or management plan

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations, and authorities, including:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
- individuals

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

General information on the grant is available on the DFO CNFASAR website, but opportunities to apply for grant funding are formally offered in writing to affected and potentially affected Indigenous groups when the department consults on listing decisions as a result of the common law duty to consult, and engages in cooperative preparation of recovery documents for listed species at risk, as required under the *Species at Risk Act*.

1.2 Indigenous Habitat Participation Program – Grants

Start date

2018-19

End date

March 31, 2026

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Fish and Fish Habitat Protection

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Indigenous Habitat Participation Program (IHPP) is to support the participation of Indigenous groups, Indigenous communities, and Indigenous organizations in consultations with the Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program on departmental Crown conduct (i.e. decisions, such as arrangements, approvals, authorizations and permits) under the *Fisheries Act*, *Species at Risk Act* and section 82 of the *Impact Assessment Act*, and to support consultation when the program is the federal Crown consultation coordinator for a designated project after the Impact Assessment decision statement is issued under the *Impact Assessment Act*.

Grant funding may also be used for the following activities when the materiality of funding, and the risk profile of applicants and recipients is low: for engagement on the development of program policies, program and regulatory initiatives; and, the development of the technical capacity of Indigenous People to support their greater involvement in the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat and in other collaborative activities.

Expected results

Result: enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

- Indicator: number of agreements / arrangements involving Indigenous groups
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People trained through agreements / arrangements

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations and authorities, including:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
- individuals

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

In 2025-26, IHPP will engage Indigenous recipients through regional and national surveys to gather feedback on the changes that were made in 2024-25 to the program, in line with Action Plan 38 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, including flexibilities and streamlining of the proposal and agreement process. Program information, application information, and the application form are available on the DFO website and are highlighted in the "Most requested" section of DFO's Projects Near Water website. Direct emails about the program will also be sent to potentially interested Indigenous groups, First Nations, and communities.

1.3 Oceans Management Program – Grants

Start date

2016-17

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Marine Planning and Conservation

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Oceans Management Grant funding in support of Indigenous groups is to support the development and implementation of oceans conservation and management activities in areas where management of marine resources or proposed marine conservation measures overlap with traditional territories or domestic fishing areas established under modern treaties.

Expected results

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable. This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable. This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

Indigenous groups

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Targeted consultations with eligible recipients

2) Grants in Support of Asset Disposal Programming

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	750,000	650,000	500,000	500,000
Total contributions	-	-	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	750,000	650,000	500,000	500,000

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

2.1 Grants and Contributions Program for the Disposal of Surplus Lighthouses - Grants

Start date

April 1, 2012

End date

2025-26

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2022-23

Link to departmental result(s)

Internal Services

Link to the department's program inventory

Internal Services

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

This transfer payment program aims to facilitate the sale or transfer of surplus lighthouses to non-profit organizations and municipalities.

Expected results

- achievement of the main objective of the *Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act*, which is to facilitate the sales or transfers of heritage lighthouses while ensuring the lighthouses' public purpose
- preservation and public accessibility of heritage lighthouses
- compliance with the Treasury Board's Directive on the Management of Real Property (ensuring that departments dispose of surplus properties no longer required for program purposes)
- provision of funding to facilitate the disposal of surplus lighthouses at the lowest overall cost for the federal government

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

- a provincial or municipal government, or an agency thereof
- a local non-profit organization
- a local development association
- First Nations and First Nation-owned corporations (for profit and non-profit)
- an amalgamation of such interested parties

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Applicants and recipients engage directly with DFO staff during the grant negotiation process.

2.2 Small Craft Harbours Class Grant Program

Start date

April 1, 2012

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2022-23

Link to departmental result(s)

The commercial fishing industry has access to safe harbours

Link to the department's program inventory

Small Craft Harbours

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this transfer payment program is to offer grants to eligible recipients who accept a small craft harbour in "as is" condition. A grant is given in lieu of DFO's repairing a harbour for divestiture and leaves repair decisions to the recipient. All DFO responsibilities for the divested harbour are assumed completely by the recipient at the time of transfer.

Expected results

- compliance with the Treasury Board's Directive on Management of Real Property (ensuring that departments dispose of surplus properties no longer required for program purposes)
- limit the Government of Canada's liabilities by the provision of funding to facilitate the disposal of surplus harbours

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

Targeted recipient groups include: provincial or municipal government or agency thereof; local non-profit organizations; local development associations; First Nations and First Nations-owned corporations (for profit and non-profit); or an amalgamation of such interested parties.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

There are no formal mechanisms to engage applicants and recipients for the class grant program. Once a site has been deemed a surplus asset and is slated for divestiture, Small Craft Harbours staff will engage with the aforementioned groups in the order noted above. Should a group express interest, Small Craft Harbours staff then engages in negotiation with that group to find a mechanism and the terms for the

transfer that are satisfactory for both the identified group and the Government of Canada. A grant-in-lieu of repairs through the class grant programs is one of the mechanisms that can be identified to move forward with the transfer.

3) Grants in Support of Indigenous Reconciliation Priorities

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	745,860	1,097,660	745,860	745,860
Total contributions	-	-	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	745,860	1,097,660	745,860	745,860

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

3.1 Indigenous Reconciliation Transfer Payment Program – Grants

Start date

June 2020

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose is to support priorities such as Indigenous reconciliation, including building and sustaining Indigenous capacity to implement, monitor, evaluate, and report on project and/or agreement activities. These activities will often require consultation, engagement, and participation of Indigenous groups in preparation for agreeing to the reconciliation measures.

Expected results

Result: enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

- Indicator: number of agreements / arrangements involving Indigenous groups (target: 1)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People trained through agreements / arrangements (target: not applicable)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People employed through agreements / arrangements (target: not applicable)

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients must possess the legal capacity necessary to enter into a grant or contribution funding agreement in order to receive funding.

Prior to the signing of a grant or contribution funding agreement, a reconciliation agreement is required to have been signed between Canada and the Indigenous group or aggregate.

Eligible recipients include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements (land, reserves)
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups established by rights-holding communities to represent them
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous groups or organizations in fisheries, fish, and fish habitat, as determined by DFO

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Recipients are engaged on an ongoing basis through the development and administration of grant agreements.

4) Grants in Support of Organizations Associated with Research, Development, Management, and Promotion of Fisheries and Oceans-related Issues

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	275,500	275,500	275,500	275,500
Total contributions	-	-	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	275,500	275,500	275,500	275,500

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

4.1 Grants to Support Organizations Associated with Research, Development, Management, and Promotion of Fisheries and Oceans-related Issues - Class Grants

Start date

1986

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2012-13

Link to departmental result(s)

The class grants program supports all departmental results.

Link to the department's program inventory

The class grants program supports all programs in the Department's program inventory.

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose is to encourage the research, development, management, conservation, protection, or promotion of fisheries and oceans initiatives and related issues by providing assistance to selected organizations for designated activities, which will contribute to program objectives, as described in the Main Estimates.

The objective is to provide support for safe, healthy, productive waters and aquatic ecosystems for the benefit of present and future generations.

Expected results

Improved capacity for recipients and stakeholders to share and obtain knowledge and understanding of fisheries and oceans issues

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2013-14

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

- organizations, both Canadian and international
- Indigenous groups
- recognized post-secondary institutions
- other levels of government or agencies

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

- targeted call for proposal
- directed non-advertised processes

5) Grants in Support of Salmon Enhancement Programming

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	1,575,000	1,600,000	-	-
Total contributions	-	-	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	1,575,000	1,600,000	-	-

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

5.1 Salmon Enhancement Transfer Payment Program – Grants

Start date

2021-22

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Salmonid Enhancement

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The Salmon Enhancement Program aims to enhance salmon stocks and their habitat by supporting hatchery production, public education, stewardship, and engagement activities, thereby contributing to salmon conservation, ecosystem health, and sustainable fisheries. The program works with the public and First Nations to produce fish that support conservation, rebuilding, harvesting, assessment, education, and community involvement, thus contributing to ecosystem health, engagement, and economic productivity.

Expected results

Ninety grants will be issued by the Salmon Enhancement Directorate. None will be issued for projects formerly supported by contribution agreements. Four will be new grant agreements.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

This targeted program, which does not have an open application process, supports Indigenous groups, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and government entities in salmon conservation, education, and stewardship. The Community Involvement Fund focuses on small, community-based projects to restore salmon habitat, produce salmon, and promote public awareness. The Community Economic Development Fund supports Indigenous communities in building technical capacity, improving economic returns, and enhancing self-reliance through salmon hatchery operations.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Program staff engage regularly with program partners, both directly and virtually, to provide ongoing technical, biological, and administrative support for the successful delivery of enhancement programs. This communication ensures alignment with program objectives, fish health standards, and operational outcomes, while collaboration with recipients and applicants supports salmon conservation, public education, and sustainable fisheries.

6) Grant to the Aajuraq Conservation Fund Society for the Qikiqtani Project Finance for Permanence Aajuraq Fund

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	200,000,000	-	-
Total contributions	-	-	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	-	200,000,000	-	-

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

6.1 Grant to the Aajuraq Conservation Fund Society for the Qikiqtani Project Finance for Permanence Aajuraq Fund

Start date

As this is a new transfer payment program, the start date is yet to be confirmed.

End date

As this is a new transfer payment program, the end date is yet to be confirmed.

Type of transfer payment

Grant

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

This is an agreement approved directly by the Treasury Board. Consequently, the agreement serves as the terms and conditions.

Link to departmental result(s)

Negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided

Link to the department's program inventory

Marine Planning and Conservation

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this transfer payment program is to advance reconciliation and Inuit-led conservation in Canada's Arctic, as well as contribute to Canada's goal of conserving 30% of Canada's oceans by 2030.

Expected results

Negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This grant is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

The recipient of this grant agreement is the Aajuraq Conservation Fund Society.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

This grant provides directed funding of projects.

Contributions

1) Contribution in Support of the Pacific Salmon Foundation

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	1,590,633	1,590,633	940,633	940,633
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	1,590,633	1,590,633	940,633	940,633

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

1.1 Contribution Program with the Pacific Salmon Foundation

Start date

April 1, 2020

End date

March 31, 2025

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2022-23

Link to departmental result(s)

Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed

Link to the department's program inventory

Salmonid Enhancement

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to increase community capacity for awareness of, and involvement in, the conservation, protection, and restoration of Canadian Pacific salmon stocks to achieve healthy, sustainable, and naturally diverse stocks and habitat.

The objective of this program is to establish short-term and long-term partnerships with private sector individuals and organizations, First Nations organizations, and public sector agencies to further Pacific salmon stock and habitat conservation and restoration.

Expected results

First Nations, local communities, and external parties participate in cooperative fisheries and watershed stewardship activities

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

The recipient of this contribution agreement is the Pacific Salmon Foundation (PSF).

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Program managers meet (in-person and virtually) regularly (a minimum of 2 times per year) with the PSF to monitor program delivery, including program outcomes and decisions. The PSF seeks advice from DFO staff regarding their program priorities and also seeks advice on their funding disbursement decisions in order to ensure effectiveness is maximized.

2) Contribution in Support of the Salmon Sub-Committee of the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	317,900	328,100	338,300	348,500
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	317,900	328,100	338,300	348,500

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

2.1 Contribution Program for Salmon Sub-Committee

Start date

1995

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

- Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Aboriginal Programs and Treaties
- Salmonid Enhancement

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

Chapter 16 of the Yukon First Nations Umbrella Final Agreement mandates the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee (YSSC) to make recommendations to the Minister of Fisheries, Yukon First Nations governments, and/or the Yukon Government on all matters related to Pacific salmon allocations, salmon management, and salmon habitats in the Yukon, including legislation, research, policies, and programs.

Expected results

The YSSC will hold consultation and public engagement sessions to provide the opportunity for input from First Nations governments and Renewable Resource Councils, fishery participants, non-government

organizations, and the public on fishery management measures, policies, and/or programs (including the development of the 2025-26 Integrated Fisheries Management Plans for the Yukon and Alsek Rivers).

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

The one eligible recipient is the Salmon Sub-Committee.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Fisheries and Oceans Canada will provide administrative support to the YSSC, and a senior official from Fisheries and Oceans Canada in the Yukon will serve the Sub-Committee as Executive Secretary. As such, the YSSC and Fisheries and Oceans Canada will work closely to administer/implement the contribution agreement, facilitate development of ministerial recommendations, coordinate meetings, and engage with First Nations and stakeholders. Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee members, supported by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, will participate in Pacific Salmon Treaty - Yukon River Panel activities and comprise the majority of representatives appointed to the Canadian delegation.

3) Contribution in Support of the T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	21,367	21,367	21,367	21,367
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	21,367	21,367	21,367	21,367

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

3.1 Contribution Program with T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation

Start date

2014-15

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2022-23

Link to departmental result(s)

Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed

Link to the department's program inventory

Fisheries Management

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to promote awareness of and involvement in conservation, protection, and restoration of Canadian Pacific fish stocks and habitat to achieve healthy, sustainable, and naturally diverse stocks and habitat.

Expected results

The T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation is active in promoting sustainability primarily in collaboration with the commercial fishing industry, government agencies, and other environmental non-governmental organizations through:

- participation in multiple community and industry conferences and meetings
- participation in multiple government-sponsored national and international dialogues and conferences

- partnering with industry to test methods for reducing ghost gear and developing other sustainable fishing practices
- maintaining the OceanSmart Green Boating app and a social media presence that promotes sustainability
- working with industry participants to develop grant proposals for sustainable fishing projects

First Nations, local communities, and external parties participate in cooperative fisheries and watershed stewardship activities.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

The T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation is the single recipient of this program, who then parlays the contribution into the broader ripple effects noted in the expected results section above.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

DFO meets with the proponent multiple times each year to discuss progress and receive their Annual Report. New contribution agreements are developed every other year.

4) Contributions in Support of Aquatic Species and Aquatic Habitat

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	123,957,915	93,973,712	24,554,034	7,110,263
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	123,957,915	93,973,712	24,554,034	7,110,263

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

4.1 Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk – Contributions

Start date

2018-19

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Species at Risk

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Canada Nature Fund for Aquatic Species at Risk (CNFASAR) is to deliver on the Government of Canada's Nature Legacy initiative by engaging conservation partners in developing and implementing multi-species, place-based and threat-based approaches to protecting and recovering aquatic species at risk. The fund brings together Indigenous communities, not-for-profit organizations, provinces and territories, and other partners to undertake stewardship actions.

The overall objectives related to all of DFO's aquatic ecosystems transfer payment programs are to conserve and protect Canada's oceans, other aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic species from human impact and invasive species.

Expected results

- Protection and recovery actions for species at risk are enhanced through CNFASAR by undertaking or completing at least 30% of the measures in action plans and management plans to support the recovery and protection of aquatic species at risk listed in the *Species at Risk Act*.
- Working closely with funding recipients, 100% of CNFASAR projects for which recovery activities are outlined in contribution agreements are successfully implemented.
- Funding from CNFASAR is directed towards both aquatic species at risk assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada and aquatic species listed in the *Species at Risk Act*.
- CNFASAR projects are inclusive of Indigenous groups and appropriately consider and manage Indigenous Knowledge. Indigenous groups as project leads or partners participate in DFO-supported stewardship activities that support the recovery and protection of aquatic species at risk. The program currently has a target of including 30 Indigenous groups for CNFASAR by March 2026.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2021-22

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

- not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations, and authorities, including:
 - Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
 - district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
 - Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
 - Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
 - Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
 - partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
 - bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
 - service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish, and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
 - individuals
- research, academic, and educational institutions
- Canadian individuals
- for-profit organizations, such as small businesses with less than 500 employees, companies, corporations, and industry associations
- local organizations such as community associations and groups, seniors' and youth groups, and service clubs
- provincial, territorial, municipal, and local governments and their agencies (e.g., Crown corporations, conservation authorities)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

In addition to DFO's website that provides information and application forms for CNFASAR, communications with applicants and recipients are facilitated by the regional level via direct check-ins, such as email and telephone. Quarterly follow up meetings are scheduled with successful recipients to ensure projects are progressing as planned.

4.2 Habitat Stewardship Program

Start date

2018-19

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

Negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided

Link to the department's program inventory

Species at Risk

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the transfer payment program is to contribute to the recovery of endangered, threatened, and other species of concern by engaging Canadians in conservation actions to benefit wildlife and to protect aquatic species at risk.

The overall objectives related to all of DFO's aquatic ecosystems transfer payment programs are to conserve and protect Canada's oceans, other aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic species from human impact and invasive species.

Expected results

- important habitats for aquatic species at risk are improved and/or managed to meet their recovery needs
- threats to aquatic species at risk and/or their habitats are stopped, removed, and/or mitigated
- collaboration and partnerships support the conservation and recovery of aquatic species at risk
- funding is directed towards both aquatic species at risk assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada and aquatic species listed in the *Species at Risk Act*

Projects are inclusive of Indigenous groups and appropriately consider and manage Indigenous Knowledge. Indigenous groups as project leads or partners participate in DFO-supported stewardship activities that support the recovery and protection of aquatic species at risk.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2021-22

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

- not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations and authorities, including:
 - Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
 - district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
 - Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
 - Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
 - Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
 - partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
 - bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
 - service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish, and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
 - individuals
- research, academic, and educational institutions
- Canadian individuals
- for-profit organizations, such as small businesses with less than 500 employees, companies, corporations, and industry associations
- local organizations such as community associations and groups, seniors' and youth groups, and service clubs
- provincial, territorial, municipal and local governments and their agencies (e.g., Crown corporations, conservation authorities)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

In addition to DFO's website that provides information and application forms for the Habitat Stewardship Program, communications with applicants and recipients are facilitated by the regional level via direct check-ins, such as email and telephone. Quarterly follow up meetings are scheduled with successful recipients to ensure projects are progressing as planned.

4.3 Indigenous Habitat Participation Program – Contributions

Start date

2018-19

End date

March 31, 2026

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program Inventory

- Fish and Fish Habitat Protection
- Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this transfer payment program is to provide Indigenous communities with opportunities to participate in the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat. More specifically, contribution funding is provided to support engagement, collaboration, and capacity building related to the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat, and to ensure that funding is also available for Indigenous People in inland regions of Canada.

The overall objectives related to all of DFO's aquatic ecosystems transfer payment programs are to conserve and protect Canada's oceans, other aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic species from human impact and invasive species.

Expected results

Result: enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

- Indicator: number of agreements / arrangements involving Indigenous groups
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People trained through agreements / arrangements

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

- not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations and authorities, including:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
- individuals
- research, academic, and educational institutions
- Canadian individuals
- for-profit organizations, such as small businesses with less than 500 employees, companies, corporations, and industry associations
- local organizations such as community associations and groups, seniors' and youth groups, and service clubs
- provincial, territorial, municipal and local governments and their agencies (e.g., Crown corporations, conservation authorities)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

In 2025-26, IHPP will engage Indigenous recipients through regional and national surveys to gather feedback on the changes that were made in 2024-25 to the program, in line with Action Plan 38 of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, including flexibilities and streamlining of the proposal and agreement process. Program information, application information, and the application form are available on the DFO website and are highlighted in the "Most requested" section of DFO's Projects Near Water website. Direct emails about the program will also be sent to potentially interested Indigenous groups, First Nations, and communities.

4.4 Aquatic Invasive Species Fund

Start date

Subcomponent - Aquatic Invasive Species Contribution Program: 2017-18

Subcomponent - Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund: 2022-23

End date

Subcomponent - Aquatic Invasive Species Contribution Program: ongoing

Subcomponent - Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund: March 31, 2027

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Treasury Board Submission: funding to expand the Aquatic Invasive Species Program to protect Canada's fisheries and ecosystems

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

Negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided

Link to the department's program inventory

Aquatic Invasive Species

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this transfer payment program is to minimize the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species and reduce the risk of consequences from them, with a focus on key species, such as Asian Carp.

In addition, the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund component of this transfer payment program is \$8.75 million over 5 years, with the purpose of detecting and responding to imminent aquatic invasive species invasions, including at borders, and facilitating on-the-ground action to prevent the introduction, establishment, and spread of aquatic invasive species through partnerships.

The overall objectives related to all of DFO's aquatic ecosystems transfer payment programs are to conserve and protect Canada's oceans, other aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic species from human impact and invasive species.

Expected results

In 2025-26, 12 contribution agreements are anticipated to be in place under the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund, including 4 with Indigenous organizations. These agreements will build capacity within partner organizations by creating dozens of jobs and training opportunities for hundreds of individuals, including Indigenous individuals. The expected results of this contribution program are: the implementation of activities related to detection, monitoring, education, and outreach; and response to prevent the spread and establishment of aquatic invasive species.

Additionally, 7 contribution agreements are anticipated to be in place under the Aquatic Invasive Species Contribution Program in 2025-26; at least 2 of these agreements will be with Indigenous organizations. The funding will be used to increase capacity of these organizations and further DFO's efforts towards the prevention and early detection of aquatic invasive species.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2016-17

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations and authorities, including:
 - Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
 - district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
 - Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
 - Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
 - Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
 - partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
 - bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
 - service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish, and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
 - individuals
- research, academic, and educational institutions
- Canadian individuals
- for-profit organizations, such as small businesses with less than 500 employees, companies, corporations, and industry associations
- local organizations such as community associations and groups, seniors' and youth groups, and service clubs
- provincial, territorial, municipal, and local governments and their agencies (e.g., Crown corporations, conservation authorities)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund engages applicants and recipients via an open call for proposals and directed funding. In addition to DFO's website, which provides information including the application process, communications with applicants and recipients are facilitated at the regional level via direct check-ins, such as emails and phone calls. Quarterly follow-up meetings are encouraged with successful recipients to ensure projects are progressing as planned.

The Aquatic Invasive Species Contribution Program is a directed funding program. Consultations and interactions with applicants and recipients are done at the regional level via emails and phone calls. Regular check-ins with recipients are done to ensure projects are progressing as planned.

4.5 Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration Fund

Start date

July 19, 2022

End date

March 31, 2027

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Fish and Fish Habitat Protection

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Fund (AERF) is to renew investments (previously provided through the Coastal Restoration Fund) for all Canadian coasts, with an expanded geographic scope to include upstream areas that have a direct impact on coastal aquatic ecosystems. Contribution funding is provided to Indigenous organizations, non-profit and community-based organizations, as well as academic researchers and institutions, to support aquatic restoration efforts in priority areas that have the greatest biological value, priority actions with the greatest benefit to mitigate specific coastal ecosystem threats, and activities that address the root causes of impacts on coastal areas. The program addresses impacts on Canadian coastal aquatic environments (e.g., climate change, new contaminants, algae blooms, agricultural runoff, etc.) and supports DFO's commitment to continue to protect and restore our oceans and coasts by:

- contributing to strategic planning and addressing restoration priorities
- supporting restoration and rehabilitation of aquatic habitats and their long-term sustainability
- educating the public on the impacts of human behaviour on aquatic habitats
- supporting co-benefits of aquatic restoration activities (such as nature-based solutions to climate change)
- encouraging and building local community capacity
- supporting Indigenous groups through strategic partnerships

Expected results

Result: negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided

- Indicator: number of square meters of aquatic habitat in marine and coastal areas of Canada that have been restored (target: greater than or equal to 700 million square meters by March 31, 2027)

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- non-profit organizations, including non-governmental environmental organizations
- community-based organizations
- Indigenous organizations, such as tribal councils, Indigenous communities, Indigenous conservation groups, governments of self-governing First Nations
- academic researchers or institutions are potential recipients
- AERF prioritizes Indigenous-led projects as well as projects that clearly demonstrate the inclusion of Indigenous partners (i.e., as part of the development, design, and implementation)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

AERF program funding has been distributed to recipients. The program is currently in the monitoring phase. Ongoing engagement with recipients occurs regularly between the recipients and regional staff. Regular check-ins take place to ensure projects are proceeding as planned, and advice is provided to recipients as required.

4.6 Oceans Management Program – Contributions

Start date

September 2016

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Marine Planning and Conservation

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Oceans Management Contribution funding is to support the development and implementation of oceans conservation and management activities in Canada.

The overall objectives related to all of DFO's aquatic ecosystems transfer payment programs are to conserve and protect Canada's oceans, other aquatic ecosystems, and aquatic species from human impact and invasive species.

Expected results

- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2017-18

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations, and authorities, including:
 - Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
 - district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
 - Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
 - Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards

- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
- individuals
- research, academic, and educational institutions
- Canadian individuals
- for-profit organizations, such as small businesses with less than 500 employees, companies, corporations, and industry associations
- local organizations such as community associations and groups, seniors' and youth groups, and service clubs
- provincial, territorial, municipal, and local governments and their agencies (e.g., Crown corporations, conservation authorities)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The program provides funding to eligible recipients through a regional funding model for activities under Marine Environmental Quality and Marine Conservation Targets, as well as through a national, competitive process that was widely announced through social media, website updates, and partner communications.

4.7 Pacific Salmon Conservation and Stewardship Partnerships Program

Start date

April 1, 2024

End date

March 31, 2026

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Fish and Fish Habitat Protection
- Salmonid Enhancement

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Pacific Salmon Conservation and Stewardship Partnerships Program (PSCSPP) is to support the participation and activities of external Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups providing advice to the Department on the conservation and stewardship of Pacific salmon.

Expected results

Result: negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided

- Indicator: percentage of Integrated Salmon Ecosystem Planning processes which incorporate the interests of stakeholders/partners within the planning area
- Indicator: number of partners involved through contribution agreements in relation to the Integrated Planning for Salmon Ecosystems program

Result: enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

- Indicator: number of Indigenous groups engaged in integrated salmon ecosystem planning processes

There are no targets for PSCSPP as there is no core funding associated with this transfer payment program at this time.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable. This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

- not-for-profit organizations, such as charitable and volunteer organizations, professional associations, and non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous organizations, governments, individuals, boards, commissions, communities, associations, and authorities, including:
 - Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
 - district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
 - Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
 - Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
 - Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
 - partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
 - bodies or entities established by rights-holding communities to represent them
 - service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations in fisheries, fish and fish habitat, as determined by DFO
 - individuals
- research, academic, and educational institutions
- Canadian individuals
- for-profit organizations, such as small businesses with less than 500 employees, companies, corporations, and industry associations
- local organizations such as community associations and groups, seniors' and youth groups, and service clubs
- provincial, territorial, municipal, and local governments and their agencies (e.g., Crown corporations, conservation authorities)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

This is a targeted program that does not have an open application process.

5) Contributions in Support of Ecosystems and Oceans Science

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	28,700,724	30,719,599	25,442,317	13,632,478
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	28,700,724	30,719,599	25,442,317	13,632,478

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

5.1 Ocean and Freshwater Science Contribution Program

Start date

May 2016

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Aquatic Animal Health
- Biotechnology and Genomics
- Hydrographic Services, Data and Science
- Aquatic Ecosystem Science
- Oceans and Climate Change Science
- Aquaculture Science
- Fisheries Science

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to encourage scientific research and related scientific activities (e.g., data collection, integration, monitoring, and communication, including communication via conferences and symposia) and dissemination of scientific knowledge in the areas of:

- fisheries and aquaculture science
- ecosystem science
- oceanography and modelling
- hydrographic science (to support the development of community-based hydrography)
- freshwater science

The objective of the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Terms and Conditions is to increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO Science priorities.

Expected results

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions
- Canadian non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous groups*
- Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- businesses and industry, including associations
- community groups
- Canadian not-for-profit organizations
- foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations
- foreign academic institutions
- port authorities

*Note

Indigenous organizations or groups include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The Ecosystems and Oceans Science (EOS) Grants and Contributions (G&C) Secretariat and the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Program leads participate in the following initiatives to engage applicants and recipients:

- presentations and training to engage both DFO and potential applicants

- active communication on social media platforms, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter), promoting grant and contribution (G&C) open calls for proposals
- collaboration of the Ecosystems and Ocean Science (EOS) G&C Secretariat with the National G&C Steering Committee to foster national communication and coordination of G&C programming and improved G&C program delivery
- ongoing updates and improvement to the EOS Contribution Framework Program website

5.2 Freshwater Research Contribution Program

Start date

May 2016

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Fisheries Science
- Aquaculture Science
- Aquatic Ecosystem Science
- Oceans and Climate Change Science
- Hydrographic Services, Data and Science

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to encourage scientific research and related scientific activities (e.g., data collection, integration, monitoring, and communication, including communication via conferences and symposia) and dissemination of scientific knowledge in the areas of:

- fisheries and aquaculture science
- ecosystem science
- oceanography and modelling
- hydrographic science (to support the development of community-based hydrography)
- freshwater science

The objective of the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Terms and Conditions is to increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO Science priorities.

Expected results

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions
- Canadian non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous groups*
- Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- businesses and industry, including associations
- community groups
- Canadian not-for-profit organizations
- foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations
- foreign academic institutions
- port authorities

*Note

Indigenous organizations or groups include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The Ecosystems and Oceans Science (EOS) Grants and Contributions (G&C) Secretariat and the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Program leads participate in the following initiatives to engage applicants and recipients:

- presentations and training to engage both DFO and potential applicants
- active communication on social media platforms, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter), promoting grant and contribution (G&C) open calls for proposals
- collaboration of the Ecosystems and Ocean Science (EOS) G&C Secretariat with the National G&C Steering Committee to foster national communication and coordination of G&C programming and improved G&C program delivery
- ongoing updates and improvement to the EOS Contribution Framework Program website

5.3 National Contaminants Advisory Group Contribution Program

Start date

May 2016

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Fisheries Science
- Aquaculture Science
- Aquatic Ecosystem Science
- Oceans and Climate Change Science
- Hydrographic Services, Data and Science

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to encourage scientific research and related scientific activities (e.g., data collection, integration, monitoring, and communication, including communication via conferences and symposia) and dissemination of scientific knowledge in the areas of:

- fisheries and aquaculture science
- ecosystem science
- oceanography and modelling
- hydrographic science (to support the development of community-based hydrography)
- freshwater science

The objective of the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Terms and Conditions is to increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO Science priorities.

Expected results

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions
- Canadian non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous groups*
- Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- businesses and industry, including associations
- community groups
- Canadian not-for-profit organizations
- foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations
- foreign academic institutions
- port authorities

*Note

Indigenous organizations or groups include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The Ecosystems and Oceans Science (EOS) Grants and Contributions (G&C) Secretariat and the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Program leads participate in the following initiatives to engage applicants and recipients:

- presentations and training to engage both DFO and potential applicants
- active communication on social media platforms, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter), promoting grant and contribution (G&C) open calls for proposals
- collaboration of the Ecosystems and Ocean Science (EOS) G&C Secretariat with the National G&C Steering Committee to foster national communication and coordination of G&C programming and improved G&C program delivery
- ongoing updates and improvement to the EOS Contribution Framework Program website

5.4 Coastal Environmental Baseline Program Contribution Program

Start date

May 2016

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Fisheries Science
- Aquaculture Science
- Aquatic Ecosystem Science
- Oceans and Climate Change Science
- Hydrographic Services, Data and Science

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to encourage scientific research and related scientific activities (e.g., data collection, integration, monitoring, and communication, including communication via conferences and symposia) and dissemination of scientific knowledge in the areas of:

- fisheries and aquaculture science
- ecosystem science
- oceanography and modelling
- hydrographic science (to support the development of community-based hydrography)
- freshwater science

The objective of the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Terms and Conditions is to increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO Science priorities.

Expected results

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions
- Canadian non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous groups*
- Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- businesses and industry, including associations
- community groups
- Canadian not-for-profit organizations
- foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations
- foreign academic institutions
- port authorities

*Note

Indigenous organizations or groups include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The Ecosystems and Oceans Science (EOS) Grants and Contributions (G&C) Secretariat and the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Program leads participate in the following initiatives to engage applicants and recipients:

- workshops and training to engage both DFO and potential applicants
- active communication on social media platforms, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter), promoting grant and contribution (G&C) open calls for proposals
- collaboration of the Ecosystems and Ocean Science (EOS) G&C Secretariat with the National G&C Steering Committee to foster national communication and coordination of G&C programming and improved G&C program delivery
- ongoing updates and improvement to the EOS Contribution Framework Program website

5.5 Marine Environmental Quality Regulatory / Non-Regulatory Measures Contribution Program

Start date

May 2016

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Fisheries Science
- Aquaculture Science
- Aquatic Ecosystem Science
- Oceans and Climate Change Science
- Hydrographic Services, Data and Science

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to encourage scientific research and related scientific activities (e.g., data collection, integration, monitoring, and communication, including communication via conferences and symposia) and dissemination of scientific knowledge in the areas of:

- fisheries and aquaculture science
- ecosystem science
- oceanography and modelling
- hydrographic science (to support the development of community-based hydrography)
- freshwater science

The objective of the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Terms and Conditions is to increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO Science priorities.

Expected results

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions
- Canadian non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous groups*
- Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- businesses and industry, including associations
- community groups
- Canadian not-for-profit organizations
- foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations
- foreign academic institutions
- port authorities

*Note

Indigenous organizations or groups include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The Ecosystems and Oceans Science (EOS) Grants and Contributions (G&C) Secretariat and the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Program leads participate in the following initiatives to engage applicants and recipients:

- workshops and training to engage both DFO and potential applicants
- active communication on social media platforms, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter), promoting grant and contribution (G&C) open calls for proposals
- collaboration of the Ecosystems and Ocean Science (EOS) G&C Secretariat with the National G&C Steering Committee to foster national communication and coordination of G&C programming and improved G&C program delivery
- ongoing updates and improvement to the EOS Contribution Framework Program website

5.6 Freshwater Habitat Science Contribution Program

Start date

May 2017

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Aquatic Ecosystem Science
- Oceans and Climate Change Science

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to encourage scientific research and related scientific activities (e.g., data collection, integration, monitoring, and communication, including communication via conferences and symposia) and dissemination of scientific knowledge in the areas of:

- fisheries and aquaculture science
- ecosystem science
- oceanography and modelling
- hydrographic science (to support the development of community-based hydrography)
- freshwater science

The objective of the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Terms and Conditions is to increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO Science priorities.

Expected results

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions
- Canadian non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous groups*
- Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- businesses and industry, including associations
- community groups
- Canadian not-for-profit organizations
- foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations
- foreign academic institutions
- port authorities

*Note

Indigenous organizations or groups include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

- presentations and training to engage both DFO and potential applicants
- active communication on social media platforms, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter), promoting grant and contribution (G&C) open calls for proposals
- collaboration of the Ecosystems and Ocean Science (EOS) G&C Secretariat with the National G&C Steering Committee to foster national communication and coordination of G&C programming and improved G&C program delivery
- ongoing updates and improvement to the EOS Contribution Framework program website

5.7 Sustainable Fisheries Science Fund Contribution Program

Start date

2020-21

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

Scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions

Link to the department's program inventory

Fisheries Science

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this program is to encourage scientific research and related scientific activities (e.g., data collection, integration, monitoring, and communication, including communication via conferences and symposia) and dissemination of scientific knowledge in the areas of:

- fisheries and aquaculture science
- ecosystem science
- oceanography and modelling
- hydrographic science (to support the development of community-based hydrography)
- freshwater science

The objective of the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Terms and Conditions is to increase the pool of scientific knowledge aligned with DFO Science priorities.

Expected results

- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions
- scientific information on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems is available to inform management decisions
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions

- Canadian non-governmental organizations
- Indigenous groups*
- Canadian provincial, territorial, and municipal governments
- businesses and industry, including associations
- community groups
- Canadian not-for-profit organizations
- foreign governments and international non-governmental organizations
- foreign academic institutions
- port authorities

*Note

Indigenous organizations or groups include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaties
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The Ecosystems and Oceans Science (EOS) Grants and Contributions (G&C) Secretariat and the Ecosystems and Oceans Science Contribution Framework (EOSCF) Program leads participate in the following initiatives to engage applicants and recipients:

- workshops and training to engage both DFO and potential applicants
- active communication on social media platforms, such as Facebook, LinkedIn, and X (Twitter), promoting grant and contribution (G&C) open calls for proposals
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- ongoing updates and improvement to the EOS Contribution Framework Program website

6) Contributions in Support of Indigenous Reconciliation Priorities

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	120,644,955	175,344,629	43,316,105	23,316,104
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	120,644,955	175,344,629	43,316,105	23,316,104

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

6.1 Indigenous Reconciliation Transfer Payment Program – Contributions

Start date

2020-21

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose is to support priorities such as Indigenous reconciliation, including building and sustaining Indigenous capacity to implement, monitor, evaluate, and report on project and/or agreement activities. These activities will often require consultation, engagement, and participation of Indigenous groups in preparation for agreeing to the reconciliation measures.

Expected results

Result: enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

- Indicator: number of agreements / arrangements involving Indigenous groups (target: 17)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People trained through agreements / arrangements (target: 34)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People employed through agreements / arrangements (target: 219)

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

Indigenous communities and organizations

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Recipients are engaged on an ongoing basis through the development and administration of contribution agreements.

7) Contributions in Support of Organizations Associated with Research, Development, Management, and Promotion of Fisheries and Oceans-related Issues

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	91,217	241,217	241,217	241,217
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	91,217	241,217	241,217	241,217

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

7.1 Contributions to Support Organizations Associated with Research, Development, Management, and Promotion of Fisheries and Oceans-related Issues - Class contributions

Start date

1986

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2019-20

Link to departmental result(s)

The class contribution program supports all departmental results.

Link to the department's program inventory

The class contribution program supports all programs in the Department's program inventory.

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose is to encourage the research, development, management, conservation, protection, or promotion of fisheries and oceans initiatives and related issues by providing assistance to selected organizations for designated activities.

The objective is to provide support for safe, healthy, productive waters and aquatic ecosystems for the benefit of present and future generations.

Expected results

- improved capacity for recipients and stakeholders to share and obtain knowledge and understanding of fisheries and oceans issues
- dissemination of information concerning fisheries and oceans issues

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2013-14

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

- not-for-profit and charitable organizations, Canadian or international
- companies, businesses, organizations, Canadian or international
- Indigenous groups and organizations
- recognized post-secondary institutions
- other levels of government and their agencies, or Crown corporations

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

- targeted call for proposal
- directed non-advertised processes

8) Contributions in Support of Salmon Enhancement Programming

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	7,516,000	8,066,000	3,766,000	3,766,000
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	7,516,000	8,066,000	3,766,000	3,766,000

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

8.1 Salmon Enhancement Transfer Payment Program – Contributions

Start date

April 1, 2018

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2021-22

Link to departmental result(s)

- Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Salmonid Enhancement

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The Salmon Enhancement Program aims to enhance salmon stocks and their habitat by supporting hatchery production, public education, stewardship, and engagement activities, thus contributing to salmon conservation, ecosystem health, and sustainable fisheries. The program works with the public and First Nations to produce fish that support conservation, rebuilding, harvesting, assessment, education, and community involvement, thereby contributing to ecosystem health, engagement, and economic productivity. From 2021 through 2026, funding for this program has been or will be substantially supplemented by Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative (PSSI) funding, with a focus on modernizing and upgrading key elements of the community hatchery program.

Expected results

Thirty-one contribution agreements will be issued in 2025-26. This will be the final year of the current PSSI funding investment, so the focus will be on the completion of PSSI projects and transformative work.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

This targeted program, which does not have an open application process, supports Indigenous groups, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and government entities in salmon conservation, education, and stewardship. The Community Involvement Fund focuses on small, community-based projects to restore salmon habitat, produce salmon, and promote public awareness. The Community Economic Development Fund supports Indigenous communities in building technical capacity, improving economic returns, and enhancing self-reliance through salmon hatchery operations.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Program staff engage regularly with program partners, both directly and virtually, to provide ongoing technical, biological, and administrative support for the successful delivery of enhancement programs. This communication ensures alignment with program objectives, fish health standards, and operational outcomes, while collaboration with recipients and applicants supports salmon conservation, public education, and sustainable fisheries.

9) Contributions in Support of the Canadian Coast Guard Integrated Program

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	34,630,414	26,834,048	28,926,698	19,919,390
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	34,630,414	26,834,048	28,926,698	19,919,390

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

9.1 Canadian Coast Guard Marine Operations and Response Transfer Payment Program – Contributions

Start date

2019

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2022-23

Link to departmental result(s)

- Canadian Coast Guard has the capability to respond to on-water incidents
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Environmental Response
- Search and Rescue

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The overarching purpose of this transfer payment program (TPP) and its 2 components is to support enhancements in marine safety and marine environmental protection in Canadian waters, while embracing the concepts of co-development and sustainable economic development.

The objectives of the Canadian Coast Guard's TPP are to enhance the capacity and facilitate the participation of partners and stakeholders in support of marine safety and marine environmental protection by increasing response capacity outside of the agency, as well as by improving and implementing holistic mechanisms within the national response framework.

Expected results

- Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary members are available to respond to maritime search and rescue incidents
- Indigenous and coastal communities have improved capacity to respond to marine incidents
- reduce risks to life and ecosystems, and improve community capacity and self-determination

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2021-22

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2026-27

General targeted recipient groups

- federally incorporated non-profit Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary corporations and the Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue organization
- Indigenous organizations / communities
- Canadian coastal communities
- non-federal stakeholders (e.g., provincial, territorial, and municipal governments and agencies)
- Canadian non-profit organizations, volunteer associations
- societies and coalitions
- Canadian post-secondary academic institutions
- international post-secondary academic institutions
- emergency preparedness and response businesses and industry

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Not applicable for fiscal year 2025-26

10) Contributions in Support of the Integrated Aboriginal Programs Management Framework

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	190,484,645	242,535,270	164,788,007	99,050,012
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	190,484,645	242,535,270	164,788,007	99,050,012

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

10.1 Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management Program

Start date

2005-06

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The transfer payment program supports Indigenous groups as they work together to develop, grow, and maintain aquatic resource and oceans management departments that provide fisheries, habitat, science, and oceans related services along a watershed, or participate in related management or advisory processes and decision making.

Expected results

Collaborative programs

- collaborative management capacity, infrastructure, governance, processes, and relationships are in place with Indigenous groups
- management elements are in place for the collaborative management of Indigenous food, social and ceremonial fisheries

- commercial fishing enterprises and license eligibilities, obtained through the voluntary retirement of existing licence holders, are held and managed by Indigenous groups
- capacity and standards are in place to support compliance and accountability

Negotiations Support and Implementation branch

Result: enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

- Indicator: number of agreements / arrangements involving Indigenous groups (target: 12)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People trained through agreements / arrangements (target: 29)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People employed through agreements / arrangements (target: 121)

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2024-25

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2028-29

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients for contributions under the DFO Indigenous contribution programs include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations, as determined by DFO
- stakeholders, organizations representing stakeholders in fisheries or the fishing industry, or other interested organizations working in support of:
 - increasing Indigenous participation in the fisheries or the fishing and aquaculture industry
 - fisheries collaborative management
- additional recipients for economic access components:
 - holders of valid DFO-issued commercial fishing licences, quota or leases
 - owners of registered fishing vessels and/or gear
 - contractors or builders constructing new vessels and gear

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Recipients are engaged on an ongoing basis through the development and administration of contribution agreements.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's transfer payment programs focused on Indigenous participation in fisheries are designed to support productive relationships that further the goals of sustainability and prosperity. The intended outcome is stable collaborative fisheries management regimes and industries that operate effectively within a larger integrated fishery, with respectful and transparent rules for all.

In 2017, DFO partnered with the National Indigenous Fisheries Institute to undertake a comprehensive, multi-year Indigenous Program Review (IPR) process involving 50 workshops and plenaries with more than 500 participants. The findings and recommendations that emerged from IPR have fostered an ongoing commitment to the principles of program co-design, co-development and co-delivery with

Indigenous partners, guided by the [Action Plan for the Renewal and Expansion of DFO's Indigenous Programs](#).

Since 2020, the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS) and Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) programs have been continuously engaged with the Collaborative Programs Management Committee (CPMC), a joint DFO-Indigenous governance committee that oversees program planning and delivery. Informed by CPMC, DFO will continue to support the Indigenous-led Capacity Development Team (CDT) and the Indigenous Training and Skills Development (ITSD) Hub. Designed to offer trusted, third-party advice to Indigenous communities and organizations as they establish and implement tailored capacity development plans, the CDT and ITSD represent a significant shift in the way DFO's Indigenous programs are delivered, and are a demonstration of IPR's principles of co-design, co-development, and co-delivery in action.

Each year, the Department concludes approximately 35 AAROM contribution agreements with Indigenous communities, groups and organizations. Recipients are engaged from the outset as they develop the work plans and budgets needed to support their fisheries and aquatic resource management objectives. Engagement continues throughout the year by way of regular meetings, site visits, and discussions on the progress of work, program results, and related expenditures. The Department actively works with Indigenous organizations to address emerging issues or requirements through additional funding streams like the annual AAROM Innovation and Collaboration Fund.

Collectively, AAROM program participants represent a diverse network of Indigenous-led organizations with significant capacity, knowledge, and technical expertise in fisheries and aquatic resource management. Regular meetings of the AAROM Network Steering Committee ensure that DFO and participating Indigenous groups are able to effectively identify and advance the priorities and objectives of the broader network, which are presented, discussed, and affirmed at annual and semi-annual gatherings hosted by the Steering Committee and different member organizations. These action-oriented and operationally focused meetings bring Indigenous executives together with DFO program managers to discuss shared priorities and advance opportunities for collaboration.

In 2025-26, building on the momentum of the fourth National AAROM Meeting hosted by Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in April 2024, DFO will work closely with the AAROM network and Steering Committee to strengthen channels of communication between and amongst Indigenous organizations and the Department. Doing so will allow the AAROM platform to better support collaboration on areas of shared priority, particularly those relating to knowledge, science, and data sharing. This work will also contribute to implementation of the findings and recommendations of the recently published 2023-24 [Evaluation of the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy \(AFS\) and Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management \(AAROM\) Programs](#).

10.2 Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy - Negotiation and Implementation of Fisheries Agreements

Start date

1992

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

This transfer payment program provides for negotiated arrangements with Indigenous communities and organizations on the management of food, social, and ceremonial fisheries. It also facilitates participation in local management initiatives such as stock assessment, habitat restoration, and monitoring and enforcement by Indigenous Fishery Guardians. Financial contributions are intended to support participant organizations as they develop and maintain the capacity to deliver on these objectives.

Expected results

- collaborative management capacity, infrastructure, governance, processes, and relationships are in place with Indigenous groups
- management elements are in place for the collaborative management of Indigenous food, social and ceremonial fisheries
- commercial fishing enterprises and license eligibilities, obtained through the voluntary retirement of existing licence holders, are held and managed by Indigenous groups
- capacity and standards are in place to support compliance and accountability

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2024-25

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2028-29

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients for contributions under the DFO Indigenous contribution programs include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies

- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations, as determined by DFO
- stakeholders, organizations representing stakeholders in fisheries or the fishing industry, or other interested organizations working in support of:
 - increasing Indigenous participation in the fisheries or the fishing and aquaculture industry
 - fisheries collaborative management
- additional recipients for economic access components:
 - holders of valid DFO-issued commercial fishing licences, quota or leases
 - owners of registered fishing vessels and/or gear
 - contractors or builders constructing new vessels and gear

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

In 2017, DFO partnered with the National Indigenous Fisheries Institute to undertake a comprehensive, multi-year Indigenous Program Review (IPR) process involving 50 workshops and plenaries with more than 500 participants. The findings and recommendations that emerged from IPR have fostered an ongoing commitment to the principles of program co-design, co-development, and co-delivery with Indigenous partners, guided by the [Action Plan for the Renewal and Expansion of DFO's Indigenous Programs](#).

Since 2020, the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS) and Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) programs have been continuously engaged with the Collaborative Programs Management Committee (CPMC), a joint DFO-Indigenous governance committee that oversees program planning and delivery. Informed by CPMC, DFO will continue to support the Indigenous-led Capacity Development Team (CDT) and the Indigenous Training and Skills Development (ITSD) Hub. Designed to offer trusted, third-party advice to Indigenous communities and organizations as they establish and implement tailored capacity development plans, the CDT and ITSD represent a significant shift in the way DFO's Indigenous programs are delivered, and are a demonstration of IPR's principles of co-design, co-development and co-delivery in action.

Each year the Department concludes approximately 135 AFS contribution agreements with Indigenous communities, groups and organizations. Recipients are engaged from the outset as they develop the work plans and budgets needed to support their fisheries and aquatic resource management objectives. Engagement continues throughout the year by way of regular meetings, site visits and discussions on the progress of work, program results, and related expenditures. The Department actively works with Indigenous organizations to address emerging issues or requirements through additional funding streams like the AFS Capacity Support Fund.

The 2025-26 fiscal year will see the AFS Program solidify its investment in community-based fisheries management capacity. This will include targeted and incremental expansion in the number of Indigenous communities participating in the program, as well as continued delivery of the resource management officer technician initiative, a multi-year funding and capacity building component of the broader AFS platform focused on fisheries monitoring and habitat stewardship.

The AFS will also respond to the findings and recommendations of the 2023-24 [Evaluation of the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy \(AFS\) and Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management \(AAROM\) Programs](#) by working with internal and external partners to strengthen its administrative processes and better support program delivery, communications, and joint training opportunities with Indigenous participants.

10.3 Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative

Start date

2007-08

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The objectives of Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (AICFI) include:

- build knowledge and skills required to manage fisheries enterprises
- increase access to training to fish safely and effectively operate their vessels
- build the capacity needed to meet future commercial fisheries operations, administration, and training requirements independently
- enhance economic returns from fisheries and aquaculture for the local and broader benefit of communities

Expected results

- collaborative management capacity, infrastructure, governance, processes, and relationships are in place with Indigenous groups
- management elements are in place for the collaborative management of Indigenous food, social and ceremonial fisheries
- commercial fishing enterprises and license eligibilities, obtained through the voluntary retirement of existing licence holders, are held and managed by Indigenous groups
- capacity and standards are in place to support compliance and accountability

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients for contributions under the DFO Indigenous contribution programs include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements

- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations, as determined by DFO
- stakeholders, organizations representing stakeholders in fisheries or the fishing industry, or other interested organizations working in support of:
 - increasing Indigenous participation in the fisheries or the fishing and aquaculture industry
 - fisheries collaborative management
- additional recipients for economic access components:
 - holders of valid DFO-issued commercial fishing licences, quota or leases
 - owners of registered fishing vessels and/or gear
 - contractors or builders constructing new vessels and gear

AICFI can only be accessed by the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet First Nations communities in the Gaspé region of Québec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, which were affected by the Supreme Court of Canada Marshall decision as well as the Peskotomuhkati in New Brunswick.

AICFI will apply to areas where DFO manages the fishery in the case of fisheries-related projects or to all areas in the case of aquaculture projects. This program is subject to applicable criteria and/or limitations set out in a program charter.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's transfer payment programs focused on Indigenous participation in fisheries are designed to support productive relationships that further the goals of sustainability and prosperity. The intended outcome is stable collaborative fisheries management regimes and industries that operate effectively within a larger integrated fishery, with respectful and transparent rules for all.

In 2017, DFO partnered with the National Indigenous Fisheries Institute to undertake a comprehensive, multi-year Indigenous Program Review (IPR) process involving 50 workshops and plenaries with more than 500 program participants. The findings and recommendations that emerged from IPR have fostered an ongoing commitment to the principles of co-design, co-development and co-delivery, with implementation guided by the Action Plan for the Renewal and Expansion of DFO's Indigenous programs.

The Indigenous Commercial Programs are co-delivered with Indigenous partners and the administration of the programs are governed by management committees that are co-chaired by the DFO Program Authority and a partnering Indigenous organization. Additionally, key co-delivery partners of Indigenous Commercial Programs are the Commercial Fisheries Enterprise (CFE) Business Development Teams (BDTs) and the Training Advisory Coordinators (TACs). The BDTs provide comprehensive and hands-on advice and assistance to participating communities and CFEs, and in particular, assist with the preparation of business cases for funding and the implementation of projects. The TACs support Indigenous Commercial Program participants in the identification of specific training needs of their CFE. Working directly with the CFE, the TAC assists with the development and maintenance of CFE training plans, which prioritize harvester and enterprise management training activities that align with the priorities of the CFE.

10.4 Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative

Start date

2007-08

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI) provides funding and support to Indigenous groups and communities in British Columbia to maximize the potential of their communal commercial fishing enterprises and strengthen community economic self-sufficiency within the framework of an orderly, stable, integrated commercial fishery. The program seeks to:

- improve accountability in fisheries information and decision making
- increase compliance with regulations and management controls in all fisheries
- improve collaboration within and between commercial fishing fleets and the federal government
- collaboratively engage at the multi-sector level in the management and promotion of sustainable integrated fisheries
- improve the business and operational capacities required by Indigenous commercial fisheries enterprises in British Columbia to successfully manage sustainable fisheries

Expected results

- collaborative management capacity, infrastructure, governance, processes, and relationships are in place with Indigenous groups
- management elements are in place for the collaborative management of Indigenous food, social and ceremonial fisheries
- commercial fishing enterprises and license eligibilities, obtained through the voluntary retirement of existing licence holders, are held and managed by Indigenous groups
- capacity and standards are in place to support compliance and accountability

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients for contributions under the DFO Indigenous contribution programs include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations, as determined by DFO
- stakeholders, organizations representing stakeholders in fisheries or the fishing industry, or other interested organizations working in support of:
 - increasing Indigenous participation in the fisheries or the fishing and aquaculture industry
 - fisheries collaborative management
- additional recipients for economic access components:
 - holders of valid DFO-issued commercial fishing licences, quota or leases
 - owners of registered fishing vessels and/or gear
 - contractors or builders constructing new vessels and gear

PICFI will apply to areas where DFO manages the fishery in the case of fisheries-related projects or to all areas in the case of aquaculture projects. This program is subject to applicable criteria and/or limitations set out in a program charter.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's transfer payment programs focused on Indigenous participation in fisheries are designed to support productive relationships that further the goals of sustainability and prosperity. The intended outcome is stable collaborative fisheries management regimes and industries that operate effectively within a larger integrated fishery, with respectful and transparent rules for all.

In 2017, DFO partnered with the National Indigenous Fisheries Institute to undertake a comprehensive, multi-year Indigenous Program Review (IPR) process involving 50 workshops and plenaries with more than 500 program participants. The findings and recommendations that emerged from IPR have fostered an ongoing commitment to the principles of co-design, co-development and co-delivery, with implementation guided by the Action Plan for the Renewal and Expansion of DFO's Indigenous programs.

The Indigenous Commercial Programs are co-delivered with Indigenous partners and the administration of the programs are governed by management committees that are co-chaired by the DFO Program Authority and a partnering Indigenous organization. Additionally, key co-delivery partners of Indigenous Commercial Programs are the Commercial Fisheries Enterprise (CFE) Business Development Teams (BDTs) and the Training Advisory Coordinators (TACs). The BDTs provide comprehensive and hands-on advice and assistance to participating communities and CFEs, and in particular, assist with the preparation of business cases for funding and the implementation of projects. The TACs support Indigenous Commercial Program participants in the identification of specific training needs of their CFE. Working directly with the CFE, the TAC assists with the development and maintenance of CFE training plans, which prioritize harvester and enterprise management training activities that align with the priorities of the CFE.

10.5 Northern Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative

Start date

2017-18

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The Northern Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (NICFI) provides funding and support to Indigenous communities and groups aimed at communal commercial fishing enterprise and aquaculture enterprise development. This program is available to all Indigenous communities and groups not eligible for the Atlantic or Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiatives (AICFI or PICFI) in all areas where DFO manages the fishery; however, this does not apply for aquaculture-related projects. The objectives of NICFI include:

- build knowledge and skills required to manage fisheries enterprises
- increase access to training to fish safely and effectively operate their vessels
- build the capacity needed to meet future commercial fisheries operations, administration, and training requirements independently
- enhance economic returns from fisheries and aquaculture for the local and broader benefit of communities

Expected results

- collaborative management capacity, infrastructure, governance, processes, and relationships are in place with Indigenous groups
- management elements are in place for the collaborative management of Indigenous food, social and ceremonial fisheries
- commercial fishing enterprises and license eligibilities, obtained through the voluntary retirement of existing licence holders, are held and managed by Indigenous groups
- capacity and standards are in place to support compliance and accountability

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2020-21

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2025-26

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients for contributions under the DFO Indigenous contribution programs include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations, as determined by DFO
- stakeholders, organizations representing stakeholders in fisheries or the fishing industry, or other interested organizations working in support of:
 - increasing Indigenous participation in the fisheries or the fishing and aquaculture industry
 - fisheries collaborative management
- additional recipients for economic access components:
 - holders of valid DFO-issued commercial fishing licences, quota or leases
 - owners of registered fishing vessels and/or gear
 - contractors or builders constructing new vessels and gear

NICFI will apply to areas where DFO manages the fishery in the case of fisheries-related projects or to all areas in the case of aquaculture projects. This program is subject to applicable criteria and/or limitations set out in a program charter.

NICFI is only available to Indigenous groups not eligible for AICFI or PICFI, or organizations that provide related support services.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's transfer payment programs focused on Indigenous participation in fisheries are designed to support productive relationships that further the goals of sustainability and prosperity. The intended outcome is stable collaborative fisheries management regimes and industries that operate effectively within a larger integrated fishery, with respectful and transparent rules for all.

In 2017, DFO partnered with the National Indigenous Fisheries Institute to undertake a comprehensive, multi-year Indigenous Program Review (IPR) process involving 50 workshops and plenaries with more than 500 program participants. The findings and recommendations that emerged from IPR have fostered an ongoing commitment to the principles of co-design, co-development and co-delivery, with implementation guided by the Action Plan for the Renewal and Expansion of DFO's Indigenous programs.

The Indigenous Commercial Programs are co-delivered with Indigenous partners and the administration of the programs are governed by management committees that are co-chaired by the DFO Program Authority and a partnering Indigenous organization. Additionally, key co-delivery partners of Indigenous Commercial Programs are the Commercial Fisheries Enterprise (CFE) Business Development Teams (BDTs) and the Training Advisory Coordinators (TACs). The BDTs provide comprehensive and hands-on advice and assistance to participating communities and CFEs, and in particular, assist with the preparation of business cases for funding and the implementation of projects. The TACs support Indigenous Commercial Program participants in the identification of specific training needs of their CFE. Working directly with the CFE, the TAC assists with the development and maintenance of CFE training plans, which prioritize harvester and enterprise management training activities that align with the priorities of the CFE.

10.6 Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk

Start date

2004-05

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

- Aboriginal Programs and Treaties
- Species at Risk

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) was established to facilitate active participation by Indigenous communities in the implementation of the *Species at Risk Act*. It contributes funding to Indigenous communities and organizations across Canada, as they develop organizational capacity and implement projects or activities that contribute to the conservation, stewardship, and recovery of species at risk.

Expected results

- collaborative management capacity, infrastructure, governance, processes, and relationships are in place with Indigenous groups
- management elements are in place for the collaborative management of Indigenous food, social and ceremonial fisheries
- commercial fishing enterprises and license eligibilities, obtained through the voluntary retirement of existing licence holders, are held and managed by Indigenous groups
- capacity and standards are in place to support compliance and accountability

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2021-22

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients for contributions under the DFO Indigenous contribution programs include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies

- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations, as determined by DFO
- stakeholders, organizations representing stakeholders in fisheries or the fishing industry, or other interested organizations working in support of:
 - increasing Indigenous participation in the fisheries or the fishing and aquaculture industry
 - fisheries collaborative management
- additional recipients for economic access components:
 - holders of valid DFO-issued commercial fishing licences, quota or leases
 - owners of registered fishing vessels and/or gear
 - contractors or builders constructing new vessels and gear

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's transfer payment programs focused on Indigenous participation in fisheries are designed to support productive relationships that further the goals of sustainability and prosperity. The intended outcome is stable collaborative fisheries management regimes and industries that operate effectively within a larger integrated fishery, with respectful and transparent rules for all.

The Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) program is an annual, application-based program that engages Indigenous groups throughout the proposal and agreement development process. Every year, a formal call for proposals is released publicly through the DFO website, with additional outreach through social media platforms and existing national and regional communications channels. Approximately 45 AFSAR contribution agreements are concluded annually with different Indigenous communities, groups, and organizations across the country. Engagement continues throughout the year and includes regular meetings, site visits, and discussions about the progress of planned activities and related results and expenditures.

10.7 Treaty Related Measures

Start date

June 2020

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2020-21

Link to departmental result(s)

Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Aboriginal Programs and Treaties

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The overall objectives of DFO's Aboriginal programming are to:

- provide support to Indigenous communities and organizations to more effectively collaborate with each other, DFO, and other parties in the management of sustainable fisheries, aquatic resources, and oceans resources
- provide for the management of communal food, social and ceremonial fisheries within integrated management systems that support sustainability and conservation of fisheries resources
- support Indigenous communities in becoming successful participants in commercial fisheries and aquaculture
- provide a more resilient and stable regulatory and enforcement regime related to Indigenous fisheries, in collaboration with Indigenous communities and others
- provide a foundation for the development and implementation of treaties and self-government agreements

The Treaty Related Measures (TRM) Program is an interim measure with a purpose to provide funding to 35 Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqey, and Peskotomuhkati communities while treaty and/or reconciliation negotiations are underway in order to directly advance governance approaches that may be adopted under a fisheries-related Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights and Self-Determination Agreement or final agreement. TRM agreements deliver immediate, tangible benefits (e.g., economic benefits, employment) and enable First Nations to test fisheries governance structures and activities in advance of concluding a longer-term negotiated fisheries reconciliation agreement.

Expected results

Result: enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

- Indicator: number of agreements / arrangements involving Indigenous groups (target: 12)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People trained through agreements / arrangements (target: 29)
- Indicator: number of Indigenous People employed through agreements / arrangements (target: 121)

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients for contributions under the DFO Indigenous contribution programs include:

- Indigenous communities / bands / settlements
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- Indigenous associations / organizations / societies
- Indigenous fisheries commissions / councils / authorities / boards
- Indigenous economic institutions / organizations / corporations / co-operatives
- partnerships or aggregations of Indigenous groups
- service providers mandated to work with Indigenous organizations, as determined by DFO
- stakeholders, organizations representing stakeholders in fisheries or the fishing industry, or other interested organizations working in support of:
 - increasing Indigenous participation in the fisheries or the fishing and aquaculture industry
 - fisheries collaborative management
- additional recipients for economic access components:
 - holders of valid DFO-issued commercial fishing licences, quota or leases
 - owners of registered fishing vessels and/or gear
 - contractors or builders constructing new vessels and gear

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Recipients are engaged on an ongoing basis through the development and administration of contribution agreements.

11) Contributions in Support of the Integrated Fish and Seafood Sector Management Framework

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	82,894,265	80,203,218	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	82,894,265	80,203,218	-	-

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11.1 Atlantic Fisheries Fund

Start date

2017-18

End date

2025-26

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2018-19

Link to departmental result(s)

Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed

Link to the department's program inventory

Fish and Seafood Sector

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

- increase productivity, competitiveness, quality, and sustainability in the fish and seafood sector
- enhance capacity to adapt to and address ecosystem shifts and their impacts on the fish and seafood sector, including shifts related to climate change, and support the protection and restoration of priority fish stocks across Canada, such as wild salmon
- increase recognition of Canadian fish and seafood products as market-leading in terms of quality and sustainability

Expected results

In collaboration with its provincial and territorial funding partners, the Atlantic Fisheries Fund (AFF) will continue to administer the implementation of its final projects under each of the 3 Atlantic strategic pillars: Innovation, Infrastructure, and Science Partnerships. Limited new projects will be assessed and approved

in the final year of the program; however, with over 1,250 active projects that require administration through monitoring, claims processing, results data collection, and file closure, the fund will shift its focus to these as its primary activities. This will allow the fund to further demonstrate its progress towards realizing its ultimate outcome of sustainable economic growth in the Atlantic Canadian Fish and Seafood Sector while winding down the fund. In addition, AFF will continue to manage and administer the repayments of its significant repayable portfolio, valued at over \$132 million in federal and provincial funds, which will continue to be gradually received over the next 10 years.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This transfer payment program is currently planned to end on March 31, 2026.

General targeted recipient groups

Atlantic Fisheries Fund recipient groups include fish and seafood sector industry associations (harvesting, seafood processing, and aquaculture), Indigenous groups, commercial enterprises (harvesters, aquaculturists, and seafood processors), academics and universities, research institutions, and provincial Crown corporations. To be eligible the recipients must reside in an Atlantic province, be active in the fish and seafood sector activities, and demonstrate maximum economic benefits accruing to the Atlantic region.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

The fund will continue to meet with its recipients in-person as it refocuses on in-person monitoring to document contribution agreement compliance, project progress, and results. In addition, the Atlantic provincial partners will continue to be regularly engaged to discuss the evolving needs of the sector and emerging priorities for all parties. Also, ongoing engagement with funding recipients will continue to be required to effectively manage the program, process expense claims, administer repayments, and closeout project files.

11.2 Quebec Fisheries Fund

Start date

2018-19

End date

2025-26

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2018-19

Link to departmental result(s)

Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed

Link to the department's program inventory

Fish and Seafood Sector

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

- increase productivity, competitiveness, quality, and sustainability in the fish and seafood sector
- enhance capacity to adapt to and address ecosystem shifts and their impacts on the fish and seafood sector, including shifts related to climate change; and support for the protection and restoration of priority fish stocks across Canada, such as wild salmon
- increase recognition of Canadian fish and seafood products as market-leading in terms of quality and sustainability

Expected results

To date, the Quebec Fisheries Fund has signed 21 contribution agreements with various partners in the Quebec fishing industry. The majority of these projects involve the adoption of new technologies and equipment for the redfish fishery, thereby promoting the sustainable development of Quebec's fisheries.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This transfer payment program is currently planned to end in 2025-26.

General targeted recipient groups

Commercial, for-profit enterprises, including the following:

- sole proprietorships
- partnerships (unincorporated businesses owned by more than one person)
- co-operatives
- incorporated entities

Non-commercial, non-profit enterprises, including the following:

- industry associations
- post-secondary institutions
- research and innovation institutions
- academics
- Indigenous organizations or groups that are not commercial enterprises

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Our provincial partner and key industry players are regularly engaged to discuss the evolving needs of the sector and emerging priorities for all parties. Regular exchanges with funding recipients and applicants are required to effectively manage the program. Where in-person visits are not possible, calls and emails are effective substitutes until in-person visits can be arranged.

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11.3 British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund

Start date

February 28, 2019

End date

March 31, 2026

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2018-19

Link to departmental result(s)

Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed

Link to the department's program inventory

Fish and Seafood Sector

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

- increase productivity, competitiveness, quality, and sustainability in the fish and seafood sector
- enhance capacity to adapt to and address ecosystem shifts and their impacts on the fish and seafood sector, including shifts related to climate change; and support for the protection and restoration of priority fish stocks across Canada, such as wild salmon
- increase recognition of Canadian fish and seafood products as market-leading in terms of quality and sustainability

Expected results

Phase 2 projects are ongoing. They began in 2024 and will end in 2026. Thus far, all of the 73 Phase 2 projects have resulted in improvements in one or more of the following areas: protection and conservation of wild Pacific salmon, improving understanding of ecosystem shifts, or involving Indigenous Knowledge.

- 100% (73/73) of projects were on time, on scope, and on budget
- 73 signed contribution agreements
- 17 infrastructure projects
- 30 science partnership projects with a focus on climate change and/or ecosystems
- 26 new or innovative products, processes, technologies, or equipment were adopted/adapted through British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF) funding
- 270 Indigenous People trained through agreements
- 320 Indigenous People employed through agreements
- 29% (21/73) funded projects contributed to the improved sustainability of fishing practices
- 86% (63/73) funded projects supported the protection and restoration of wild Pacific salmon
- 39 published or publicly released studies/articles resulting from funded projects
- 64% (47/73) projects incorporated Indigenous Knowledge
- 74% (54/73) agreements involved Indigenous groups as project leads or partners
- 85% (62/73) of all projects support Pacific Salmon
- in the first year of BCSRIF (2023-24), Phase 2 project results included:
 - 31 publications/datasets were produced/released
 - 977 people were paid with BCSRIF funds
 - 690 people were trained
 - 93% (68/73) projects involved women

- 64% (47/73) projects involved Indigenous People

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2022-23

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Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

2024-25

General targeted recipient groups

BCSRIF has broad eligibility for BC-based organizations and prioritizes coverage amongst eligible organization types when recommending funding. In particular, in the most recent application and funding round, BCSRIF instituted a principle 'Indigenous participation and the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge' in order to better prioritize strong Indigenous-led and partnered projects. As a result, 40% of BCSRIF-funded projects are led by Indigenous organizations, with an additional 34% having Indigenous partners (i.e., approximately three quarters of BCSRIF-funded projects have Indigenous involvement).

Composition of other organization types funded by BCSRIF: commercial (11%), Indigenous (40%), Environmental Non-governmental Organizations (21%), Academia (16%), Stewardship groups (12%)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

BCSRIF conducts intensive engagement both externally with eligible organizations and internally with government colleagues (i.e., DFO and BC) in order to arrive at both strategic funding priorities for each application round and to bilaterally analyze the priorities of potential applicants to provide advice and determine potential for funding.

12) Contributions in Support of the Small Craft Harbours Class Program

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	200,000	2,600,000	1,000,000	730,000
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	200,000	2,600,000	1,000,000	730,000

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12.1 Small Craft Harbours Class Contribution Program

Start date

2008

End date

Ongoing

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2024-25

Link to departmental result(s)

The commercial fishing industry has access to safe harbours

Link to the department's program inventory

Small Craft Harbours

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of the Small Craft Harbours Class Contribution Program is to support the acquisition, development, construction, improvement, or repair of eligible fishing and recreational harbours, as well as their management, maintenance, safety, and accessibility. This will be accomplished by providing assistance to eligible recipients for designated activities which will contribute to the objectives of the Small Craft Harbours (SCH) Program.

Expected results

- harbour capacity of scheduled harbours to support fishing industry infrastructure is improved
- operational and capacity support to harbour authorities managing small craft harbours is provided

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation
2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation
Continuation

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation
2027-28

General targeted recipient groups

Recipients for this program are harbour authorities, harbour authority support organizations, and organizations that manage harbours under the purview of the *Fishing and Recreational Harbours Act* (non-profit organizations, industry-related). Other eligible recipients are provinces, territories, agencies (as defined in Section 2 of the *Fishing and Recreational Harbours Act*), and Indigenous groups, organizations, or communities.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Small Craft Harbours will continue to engage with harbour authorities across the country, many of which receive funding through the SCH Class Contribution Program, through existing mechanisms such as the National Harbour Authority Advisory Committee, the Regional Harbour Authority Advisory Committees, and provincial harbour authority associations. Regional employees will also continue ongoing dialogues with recipients.

Also, specific representations were made to different harbour authorities on the SCH Abandoned and Wrecked Vessels Removal Program, and updated information is available on the SCH website.

Work continues on updating the terms and conditions of the SCH Class Contribution Program in order to better respond to the needs identified by applicants and recipients in the context of this ongoing dialogue.

13) Contributions in Support of the Sustainable Management of Canada's Fisheries

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	22,920,723	15,241,995	3,350,000	3,350,000
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	22,920,723	15,241,995	3,350,000	3,350,000

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

13.1 Marine Mammal Protection Contribution Program

Start date

2018-19

End date

2025-26

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2023-24

Link to departmental result(s)

- Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Fisheries Management

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The overarching purpose of this program is to encourage the sustainable management of Canada's fisheries, Indigenous fisheries programs, aquaculture activities, and support commercial fishing harbours.

The objectives of DFO's fisheries-related transfer payment programs are to support the healthy, sustainable, and economically productive use of fish stocks and ecosystems by promoting awareness of, and involvement in, relevant domestic and international commitments in support of the conservation, protection, and restoration of fish stocks and ecosystems.

Expected results

The Marine Mammal Response Capacity Building Fund is to build capacity across Canada for safe, effective, and timely marine mammal incident response.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable. This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable. This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients, including both Canadian and international, must possess the legal capacity necessary to enter into a grant or contribution agreement in order to receive funding under any of the Fisheries' transfer payment programs.

Eligible recipients include the following, where they are associated with the research, innovation, development, management, conservation, harvesting, protection, enforcement, or promotion of fisheries, aquaculture, and oceans resources and related issues:

- not-for-profit, charitable organizations and associations
- for-profit organizations and commercial enterprises, including individuals (self-employed), companies, businesses, organizations, associations
- Indigenous groups, organizations, and communities*
- recognized research, academic, and educational institutions
- other levels of government and their agencies or Crown corporations
- individuals

*Note

Indigenous groups, organizations, and communities include:

- First Nations / Inuit / Métis
- bands / settlements (land, reserves, trusts)
- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaty
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Proposals for funding may be solicited or directed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and may use an Expressions of Interest process.

13.2 Pacific Salmon Commercial Transition Contribution Program

Start date

2019-20

End date

2025-26

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2023-24

Link to departmental result(s)

Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed

Link to the department's program inventory

Fisheries Management

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The objectives of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's fisheries-related transfer payment programs are to support the healthy, sustainable, and economically productive use of fish stocks and ecosystems by promoting awareness of, and involvement in, relevant domestic and international commitments in support of the conservation, protection, and restoration of fish stocks and ecosystems.

The Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative aims to modernize and stabilize salmon fisheries by transforming the way that salmon is harvested through extensive closures to commercial salmon fisheries. As a mitigation measure, the Pacific Salmon Commercial Licence Retirement Program will provide harvesters with the option to retire their licences for fair market value and will facilitate the transition to a smaller and more economically viable commercial harvesting sector.

Expected results

In 2025-2026, the Department expects to successfully complete the fifth round of licence retirements for its final year of the program. In total, 417 eligible commercial salmon licences have been retired since the program launch, and updates on the total number of licences retired by fleet have been communicated through the Department's website after the completion of each round. Additional licence retirements are expected to be completed by March 2026, and final updates on the program end results will be communicated.

By the end of 2025-2026, the Derelict Vessel Mitigation and Gear Disposal Program is anticipating the disposal of up to 15 additional vessels and up to 168,000 kg of associated gear. Final disposal statistics will be communicated through the Department's website.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable. This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable. This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients, including both Canadian and international, must possess the legal capacity necessary to enter into a grant or contribution agreement in order to receive funding under any of the Fisheries' transfer payment programs.

Eligible recipients include the following where they are associated with the research, innovation, development, management, conservation, harvesting, protection, enforcement, or promotion of fisheries, aquaculture, and oceans resources and related issues:

- not-for-profit, charitable organizations and associations
- for-profit organizations and commercial enterprises, including individuals (self-employed), companies, businesses, organizations, associations
- Indigenous groups, organizations, and communities*
- recognized research, academic, and educational institutions
- other levels of government and their agencies or Crown corporations
- individuals

*Note

Indigenous groups, organizations, and communities include:

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- Indigenous governments referred to in a self-government or modern treaty
- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Proposals for funding may be solicited or directed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and may use an Expressions of Interest process.

Since the program launch in December 2022 and the completion of three rounds of intakes in the fall of 2024, applicants were provided with another opportunity to apply to the program through the fourth round of the intake process, which closed on October 31, 2024.

Applications with offers to retire salmon licence eligibilities were reviewed and applicants were notified of the results in December 2024. Updates on the total number of licences retired by fleet, as well as details of future opportunities to apply to the program, will be communicated through the Department's website.

13.3 Sustainable Fisheries Contribution Program

Start date

2023-24

End date

2027-28

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

2023-24

Link to departmental result(s)

- Canadian fisheries are sustainably managed
- fisheries, oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are protected from unlawful exploitation and interference
- scientific information on fisheries resources is available to inform management decisions

Link to the department's program inventory

Fisheries Management

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The overarching purpose of this program is to encourage the sustainable management of Canada's fisheries, Indigenous fisheries programs, and aquaculture activities; support commercial fishing harbours; increase maritime cooperation; and create a healthy marine environment while supporting measures against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

The objective of this program is to support the healthy, sustainable, and economically productive use of fish stocks and ecosystems by promoting awareness of and involvement in relevant domestic and international commitments that support the conservation, protection, and restoration of fish stocks and ecosystems.

Expected results

- global fisheries are sustainably managed
- fisheries, oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are protected from unlawful exploitation and interference

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable. This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable. This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

Eligible recipients, including both Canadian and international, must possess the legal capacity necessary to enter into a grant or contribution agreement in order to receive funding under any of the Fisheries' transfer payment programs.

Eligible recipients include the following, where they are associated with the research, innovation, development, management, conservation, harvesting, protection, enforcement, or promotion of fisheries, aquaculture, and oceans resources and related issues:

- not-for-profit, charitable organizations and associations
- for-profit organizations and commercial enterprises, including individuals (self-employed), companies, businesses, organizations, associations
- Indigenous groups, organizations, and communities*
- recognized research, academic, and educational institutions
- other levels of government and their agencies or Crown corporations
- individuals

*Note

Indigenous groups, organizations, and communities include:

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- Indigenous communities or groups
- district councils / chiefs' councils / tribal councils
- organizations / societies / associations / institutions that are Indigenous-led and/or serve an Indigenous population
- corporations (major shareholder is Indigenous)

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Proposals for funding may be solicited or directed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and may use an Expressions of Interest process.

14) Contribution to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association for the Nauttiguqtiit Conservation Centre Project – Qikiqtani Regional Conservation Model

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2024-25 forecast spending	2025-26 planned spending	2026-27 planned spending	2027-28 planned spending
Total grants	-	-	-	-
Total contributions	-	20,000,000	-	-
Total other types of transfer payments	-	-	-	-
Total program	-	20,000,000	-	-

For questions related to the information in this table, please contact the Parliamentary Reporting Operations at DFO.NCRRResults-ResultatsRCN.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

14.1 Contribution to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association for the Nauttiguqtiit Conservation Centre Project – Qikiqtani Regional Conservation Model

Start date

April 1, 2025 (subject to the contribution agreement being listed in the 2025-26 Main Estimates, negotiated, and then signed by all parties)

End date

June 30, 2030 (subject to the Contribution Agreement being listed in the 2025-26 Main Estimates, negotiated, and then signed by all parties)

Type of transfer payment

Contribution

Type of appropriation

Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions

This is an agreement approved directly by the Treasury Board. Consequently, the agreement serves as the terms and conditions.

Link to departmental result(s)

- negative impacts on Canada's oceans and other aquatic ecosystems are minimized or avoided
- enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous People

Link to the department's program inventory

Marine Planning and Conservation

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program

The purpose of this transfer payment program is to support the construction of Nauttiguqtiit conservation centres.

Expected results

The expected results are the construction of Nauttiguqtiit conservation centres, which will enable Inuit-led stewardship activities, including the Qikiqtani Inuit Association's Nauttiguqtiit programs, in the communities where Nauttiguqtiit conservation centres are constructed.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Decision following the results of last evaluation

Not applicable (new program)

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation

This contribution is exempted from section 42.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* as per the Policy on Results. However, when deemed applicable, it will be included in program evaluations.

General targeted recipient groups

The recipient of this funding is the Qikiqtani Inuit Association.

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients

Targeted negotiations and consultations