
**Long-term Objectives**

**Strengthened Indigenous-Crown Relationship**
DFO-Coast Guard partners with Indigenous groups on a rights recognition and differentiation basis, using aggregates where feasible. Indigenous groups' role in management and decision-making is well-defined, implemented, accepted by all parties.

**Recognized Self-Determination**
Indigenous groups effectively manage their own fisheries and other marine assets in their territories. Indigenous groups share in fisheries, oceans, aquatic habitat, and marine waterways decision-making.

**Reduced Socio-Economic Gaps**
Indigenous groups have appropriate food, social, ceremonial (FSC) and commercial fish access. Indigenous groups participate in a variety of economic development opportunities (e.g., fish harvesting, aquaculture, marine infrastructure).

**Departmental Result**
Enhanced relationships with, involvement of, and outcomes for Indigenous peoples

**Departmental Indicators**
- # of agreements / arrangements involving Indigenous groups
- # of Indigenous people trained through agreements / arrangements
- # of Indigenous people employed through agreements / arrangements

**Programs Contributing to Indicators**
- Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation
- Aquaculture Management
- Salmonid Enhancement
- International Engagement
- Small Craft Harbours
- Conservation and Protection
- Fisheries Protection
- Aquaculture Science
- Fisheries Science
- Hydrographic Services, Data and Science
- Oceans and Climate Change Science
- Marine Communications and Traffic Services
- Shore-Based Asset Readiness
- Search and Rescue
- Environmental Response
- Fleet Maintenance

**Guiding Principles**
- Acknowledge the historic relationship DFO-Coast Guard has had with Indigenous peoples
- Collaborate with Indigenous peoples in the renewal of laws, policies, programs, and operational practices
- Support operational predictability and stability in the sector
- Coordinate among all DFO-Coast Guard sectors and with other government departments
- Bring everyone along—rights-holders, stakeholders, provincial/territorial governments, Canadians
- Aggregate where feasible to facilitate efficient processes and help build institutional capacity
- Adjust approaches based on geographic, cultural, social, economic, and capacity needs and differences
- Build on the strengths of existing relationships, tools, and processes
- Take the time required to build relationships—reconciliation is a long-term commitment
Enhance the role of Indigenous governments and organizations in marine spatial planning through formal agreements and capacity building.

Work collaboratively with Indigenous organizations and communities in the development and implementation of new policy, program, and legislative directions in the aquaculture sector.

Enhance Indigenous involvement in fisheries management processes.

Maintain and support ongoing tracking and reporting on spending related to Indigenous activities and issues.

Develop procedures to enable the use of honouraria and ceremonial gifts for Indigenous Elders.

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