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Balancing Conservation with Socio-Economic Considerations

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About FCC

- Established in 1915
- National voice for commercial fisheries – coastal and inland waters
- Members are processors, and some also harvest
 - Small, medium and large
 - Indigenous enterprises
- Members are proud of being key employers in their communities



Canada's Leadership in Fisheries Management

Well-established regulatory regime that has
a strong reputation internationally



2/3 of wild capture production is 3rd-party certified

Compared to only 10% of the world's fisheries being certified



Economic Importance of the Sector

- OECD calls ocean a “new economic frontier”
- Part of the agri-food economic engine for Canada
 - Federal 2025 target of \$75 B in exports
- Significant presence in Atlantic Canada and Quebec, followed by BC and Nunavut
 - Some freshwater fishing concentrated in Manitoba and the Great Lakes
- Directly employs 80,000 people
- \$7 Billion in Exports annually to 139 countries
 - US, China, the EU, and Japan



Recommendation #1

- Science based decision making which recognizes the role of sustainable fisheries management
 - Fisheries sector is a marine conservation partner
 - Fisheries management is constantly improving and evolving
 - Early dialogue can perhaps...
 - find an alternative to MPA
 - refine objective and measures
 - Interactions across MPA boundaries can affect success/failure
 - Effective management of activities outside boundaries affects strategies inside



Recommendation #2

- Incorporating the socio-economic considerations
 - Potentially conflicting national objectives
 - Government Agri-Food economic growth objective vs marine conservation target
 - Comparing benefits vs costs
 - Costs likely more localized than benefits
 - Recognize data challenges for modelling
 - Data doesn't always exist or data sets are not compatible
 - Improve integration at beginning of establishment process
 - Creates better understanding of objectives, challenges, and potential solutions



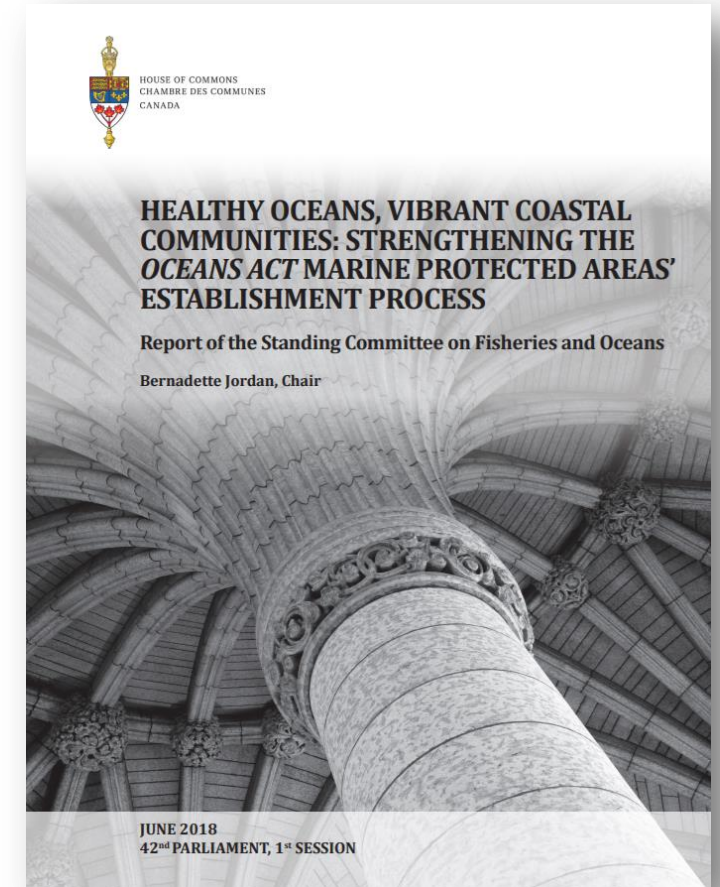
Recommendation #3

- Taking a flexible approach in selecting the right conservation tool for the situation
 - Oceans Act MPA vs. OEABCM vs. Fisheries Act measures
 - MPAs not effective at enhancing fish productivity, especially for jurisdictions with modern fisheries conservation measures - like Canada
 - Enable industrial activity if not impacting protection objective
 - Use the best tool regardless of how it may or may not count towards international commitment
 - FCC supports Canada's efforts in international discussions to instill more flexibility in what measures are recognized as marine conservation.



Standing Committee Report on MPAs

- Social support is key to a successful MPA
- DFO can improve the process to ensure MPAs, and other measures, are effective and achieving their intended benefits.
 - Transparency, consultation, socio-economic considerations
- 24 recommendations – many of which could be incorporated into the Panel's recommendation on MPA standards



Responses to 5 Questions

1. MPAs are not appropriate for all situations
 - E.g. rebuilding depleted fish stocks in open-shelf marine systems
 - Not clear that DFO has the resources to actively manage marine conservation measures to ensure effectiveness
2. FCC has Indigenous members
3. IUCN Guidelines provide context but made-in-Canada approach based on using best tool for specific objectives
4. FCC supports Canada's efforts to gain more recognition of OEABCMs within the international monitoring of achievements towards SDGs
5. Canada is perhaps beyond the Guidelines and should be learning from successes and failures of past measures



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