



NATIONAL ADVISORY PANEL ON MPA STANDARDS

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GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

- The new **Department of Fisheries and Land Resources** was established to support the advancement and development of the province's fishing, aquaculture, forestry, and agriculture industries
- The department works with industry and stakeholders to achieve optimum sustainable economic growth in all sectors for the benefit of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador, as well as its ecological integrity
- The department is responsible for land, the conservation and protection of natural areas, wildlife, and wildlife habitat, including wilderness and ecological reserves

IMPORTANCE OF THE OCEAN

- People of NL have always been connected to the ocean
- The ocean is the reason NL was settled
- Our economic, social, and cultural well-being is connected to the ocean

IMPORTANCE OF THE OCEAN

Healthy and productive coastal areas and ocean resources:

- contribute to a prosperous economy
- contribute to the well-being of present and future generations

IMPORTANCE OF THE OCEAN

- Support healthy marine environments:
 - Protect, maintain, and restore coastal ecosystems and areas of ecological importance
 - Minimize damage and harm to coastal and ocean areas
 - Maintain ecosystem function allowing for sustainable human use

PRINCIPLES FOR OCEAN MANAGEMENT IN NL

- Conservation approach
- Supportive sustainable development
- Integrated management
- Evidence based decision making

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DETERMINING MPAs

- Must be based on good science
- Have clear conservation objectives
- Consultations with stakeholders
- Consider economic activities
- Co-ordinated decision making

FEDERAL OCEANS ACT NL MPAs

- Two existing MPAs:
 - Gilbert Bay
 - East Port
- One proposed MPA:
 - Laurentian Channel

MPA ESTABLISHMENT – LAURENTIAN CHANNEL

- Establishment as an area of interest in 2010 - 18,000 km²
- Several years of consultations
- Through discussion and compromised agreement reached - 11,600 km²
- Final decision delayed as a result of lobby effort during Canada Gazette I to increase protection measures

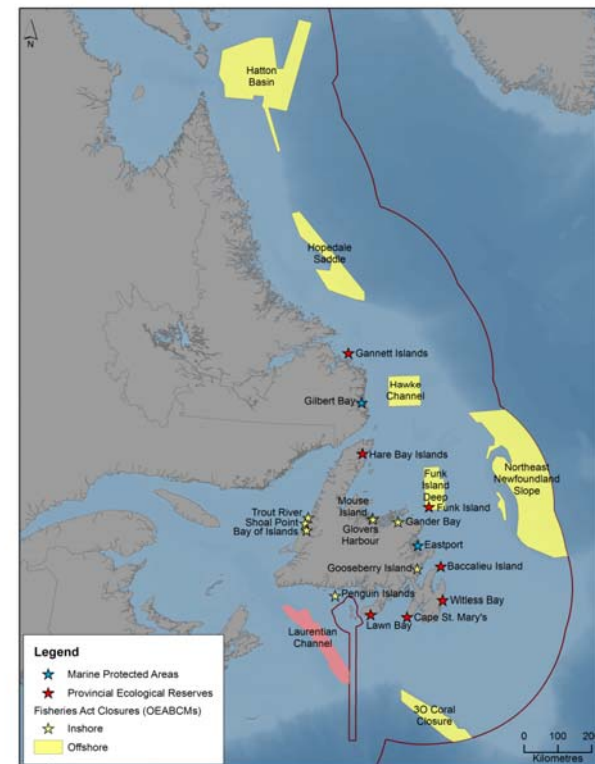


Source: DFO

MARINE REFUGES – FISHERIES ACT CLOSURES

December 21, 2017, DFO announced five new marine refuges:

1. Hatton Basin
2. Hopedale Saddle
3. Hawke Channel
4. Funk Island Deep
5. Northeast Newfoundland Slope



Source: DFO

MPA ESTABLISHMENT

- Province committed to working with Federal Government, indigenous people, industry stakeholders, and the public on marine conservation
- Finding a balance between conservation and economic opportunities is important
- Our ocean related industries are extremely important to the people, communities, and economy of the Province

FISHING INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT IN NL

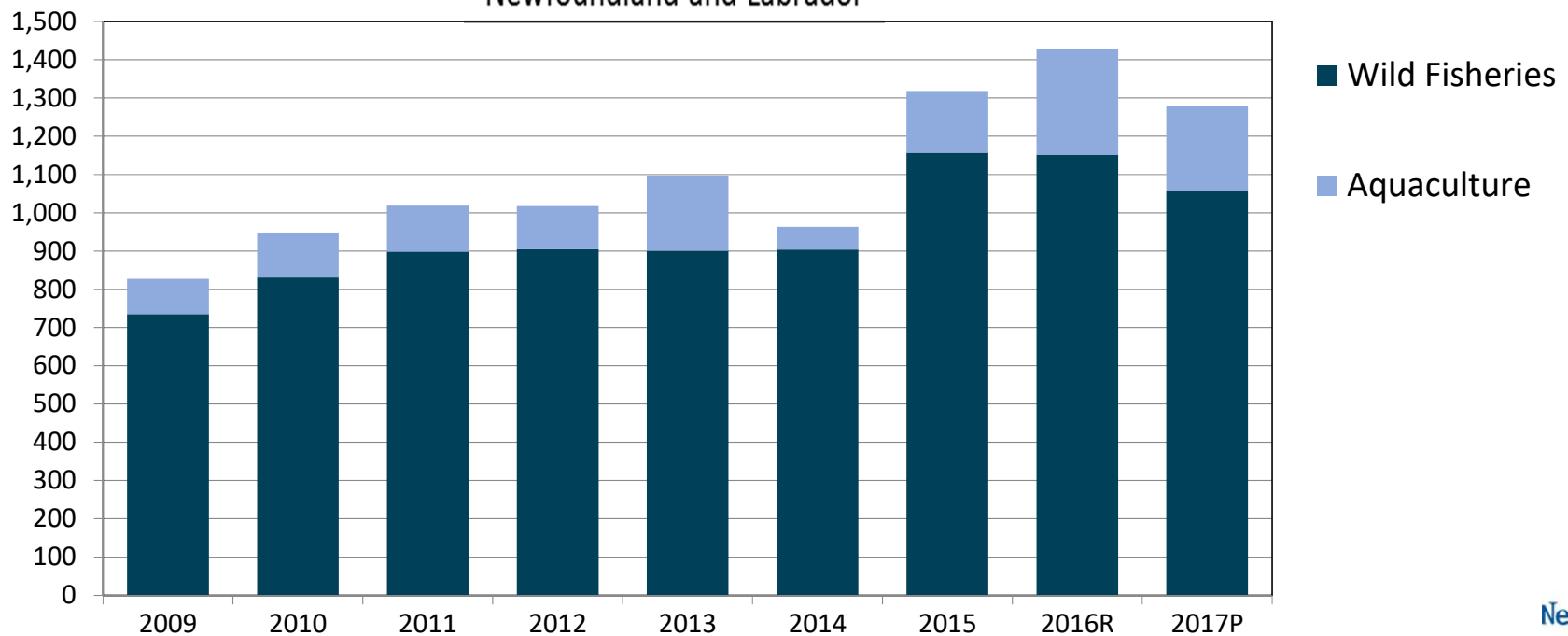
Industry Sector	2016R	2017P	% Change
Aquaculture	424	424	0
Harvesting (Wild Fisheries)	9,417	9,415	0
Processing (Aquaculture and Wild Fisheries)	7,557	6,780	-10
Total	17,398	16,619	-4

FISHING INDUSTRY VALUE IN NL

Production Market Value

Newfoundland and Labrador

\$ Millions



R=Revised; P=Preliminary

Source: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO); Department of Fisheries and Land Resources (FLR); Statistics Canada

MPA DECISIONS AFFECT FISHERY

- The Fishery is dependent on a healthy marine environment
- Decisions to close an area to traditional forms of fishing are significant
- Decisions should not be made without good scientific information
- Decisions that seriously affect jobs or the economy should be reevaluated to seek other options