

# National Indigenous Fisheries Institute and Indigenous Program Review

## Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management Program WORKSHOP

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**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS  
FISHERIES INSTITUTE**  
Indigenous Program Review

**INSTITUT NATIONAL DES  
PÊCHES AUTOCHTONES**  
Examen des programmes autochtones

# Our Agenda Today

- Getting to know your group
- Understanding your services (and service delivery potential)
  - Science, monitoring and data collection
  - Habitat, species at risk, and oceans management responsibilities
  - Emergency response and other environment-related activities
- Understanding your relationships (Fisheries & Oceans and others)
  - Indigenous knowledge and input in decision-making
  - Linkages to the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy and Fishery Guardian program
  - Awareness-raising of services
- Program improvements
  - Defining success to improve performance reporting
  - Professional standards, skills development and training

# **About the Institute and the Indigenous Program Review**

# National Indigenous Fisheries Institute

- Technical organization began in May 2017
- Purpose to promote program design & development consistency across Fisheries and Oceans Canada's Indigenous programs:
  - Indigenous Program Review first task
- Board of national and regional Indigenous executives:
  - Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat
  - First Nations Fisheries Council of British Columbia
  - Assembly of First Nations
  - Ulnooweg Development Group
  - Nunavut Tuningavik
- Institute Board and Fisheries and Oceans Canada make up Indigenous Program Review Panel

# Indigenous Program Review

- Technical (not policy) review of a number of programs, including the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management program
  - Examined evaluations, audits, and departmental practises
  - Considered other interconnected federal Indigenous programming and relevant external reports
  - Findings used to develop Discussion Paper on the aquatic resource and oceans management program and to inform our workshop

**Tell us about your  
Aquatic Resource and Oceans  
Management Group**

# **Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management Groups: Your Services**

# Exercise One: Defining Services

1. Fish-related science, monitoring and data collection
    - Stock assessments
  2. Habitat protection and species at risk responsibilities
    - Restoring habitat, ecosystems, species at risk
  3. Oceans management
    - Marine research and marine protection
  4. Emergency response
  5. Other natural resource or environment-related activities
    - Migratory birds, reforestation, etc.
- What services are you interested in delivering?



# Exercise Two: Service Delivery Funding

- Basic program budget:
  - Administration and professional costs
  - Services delivered through this budget
- Estimated costs of desired services
- Funding options:
  - Share professionals with other aquatic resource and oceans management groups?
  - Potential funding sources: Science, Oceans Protection Plan, Fisheries Protection Program (habitat), Species at Risk
  - Potential funding sources: Provincial, Other Federal Department (e.g., Parks, Environment and Climate Change, etc.)

# **Your Relationship with Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Others**

# Information Sharing

1. Indigenous knowledge and input
  2. Participation in decision-making processes
  3. Receiving data and information from member communities
    - Linkages with Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy and Fishery Guardian programs
  4. Awareness-raising of services
- Exploring how information is shared and used

# Making Program Improvements

# Exercise Three: Defining Success

1. Performance reporting based on your top priorities
  - List three priorities
2. Professional standards, skills development and training
  - Is performance success based on the skill-set of your team?
  - Would professional standards improve performance and achievements?

**Thank You for Participating!  
What Happens Next?**

# Program Review Timeline: At a Glance

## Indigenous Program Review Timeline



# More Information

- Institute website: [indigenousfisheries.ca](http://indigenousfisheries.ca)
  - Facebook ([indigenousfisheries](https://www.facebook.com/indigenousfisheries)) and Twitter ([indigenousfish](https://twitter.com/indigenousfish))
- Indigenous Program Review section
  - Discussion materials: guide, annexes and papers
  - Engagement activities:
    - Schedule of workshops, plenaries, and other engagement sessions (e.g., meetings where a presentation given)
    - Agendas of workshops
    - ‘What we Heard’ reports
  - Submissions received uploaded to website
- Institute contact information in discussion guide and online



# Recommendations: Active Implementation

- Final Report Recommendations
  - How the change will be implemented
- Co-delivery partners
  - This does not require Ministerial approval to go forward
- How are we going to do this?
  - Solicit input as to how to achieve program changes in the recommendation report