



***Atlantic Coastal Zone  
Information Steering Committee***

**PRIORITIES**

**Preliminary Results from ACZISC  
Member Consultations**

**Spring - 2011**

# Members Consulted

- Between April 26 and May 13
- In person and over the phone
- 10 different member organizations
- 15 individuals
- Questions
  - Organizational priorities
  - Data accessibility
  - Value of ACZISC products and services

# The Plan for the Plan

Timing	Activity	Who
May 2011 Fredericton	Discuss and amend draft priorities	ACZISC
May 2011 – Sept. 2011	Develop draft strategies	Secretariat
Sept. 2011 Halifax	Discuss and amend draft strategies	ACZISC
Sept. 2011 – Jan. 2012	Develop draft Action Plans	Secretariat
Jan. 2012 Charlottetown	Discuss and amend draft Action Plans	ACZISC

# Interest in Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management (ICOM)

- Coastal and ocean development of natural resources
- Environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
  - Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence
- Integrated management plans for LOMAs
- Land / coastal interface and watershed aquatic health assessment
- Marine cadastre / marine boundaries
- Submerged lands
  - protection
  - environment / planning issues
- Regulation of ocean space / oil and gas activity
- Providing data in support of ocean management
- Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy / Coastal and Ocean Management Strategy
- The Minister of DFO “shall lead and facilitate the development and implementation of plans for the integrated management of all activities or measures in or affecting estuaries, coastal waters and marine waters that form part of Canada or in which Canada has sovereign rights under international law.” Oceans Act Section 31

# Legislated mandates (Canada)

- Canada Land Surveys Act
- Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation Act
- Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act
- Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- Department of Natural Resources Act
- Fisheries Act
  - Re: Habitat and Deleterious Substances
- Ocean's Act
- Resources and Technical Surveys Act

# Legislated mandates (NS)

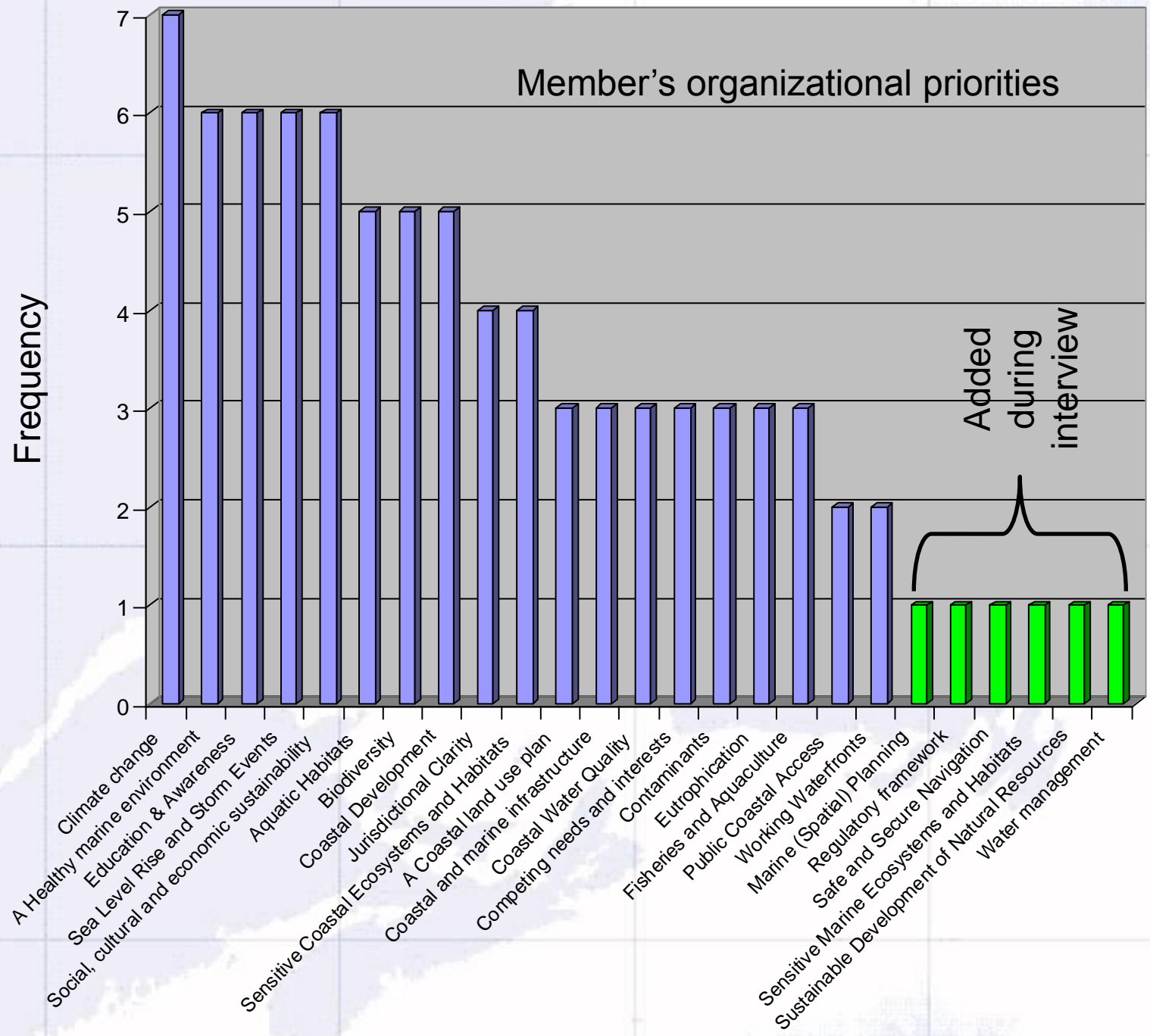
- Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation (Nova Scotia) Act
- Environmental Goals and Sustainable Prosperity Act
- Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act
- Water Resources Protection Act
- Sustainable Coastal Development Strategy (Cabinet Directive)
- Geomatics Strategy

# Legislated mandates (NB& NL)

- New Brunswick
  - Clean Water Act
    - includes coastal waters within jurisdiction of the province
  - Community Planning Act
  - Crown Lands Forestry Act
    - all lands vested in the Crown including submerged lands
- Newfoundland and Labrador
  - Canada-Newfoundland Atlantic Accord Implementation Act
  - Coastal and Ocean Management Strategy (Cabinet Directive)

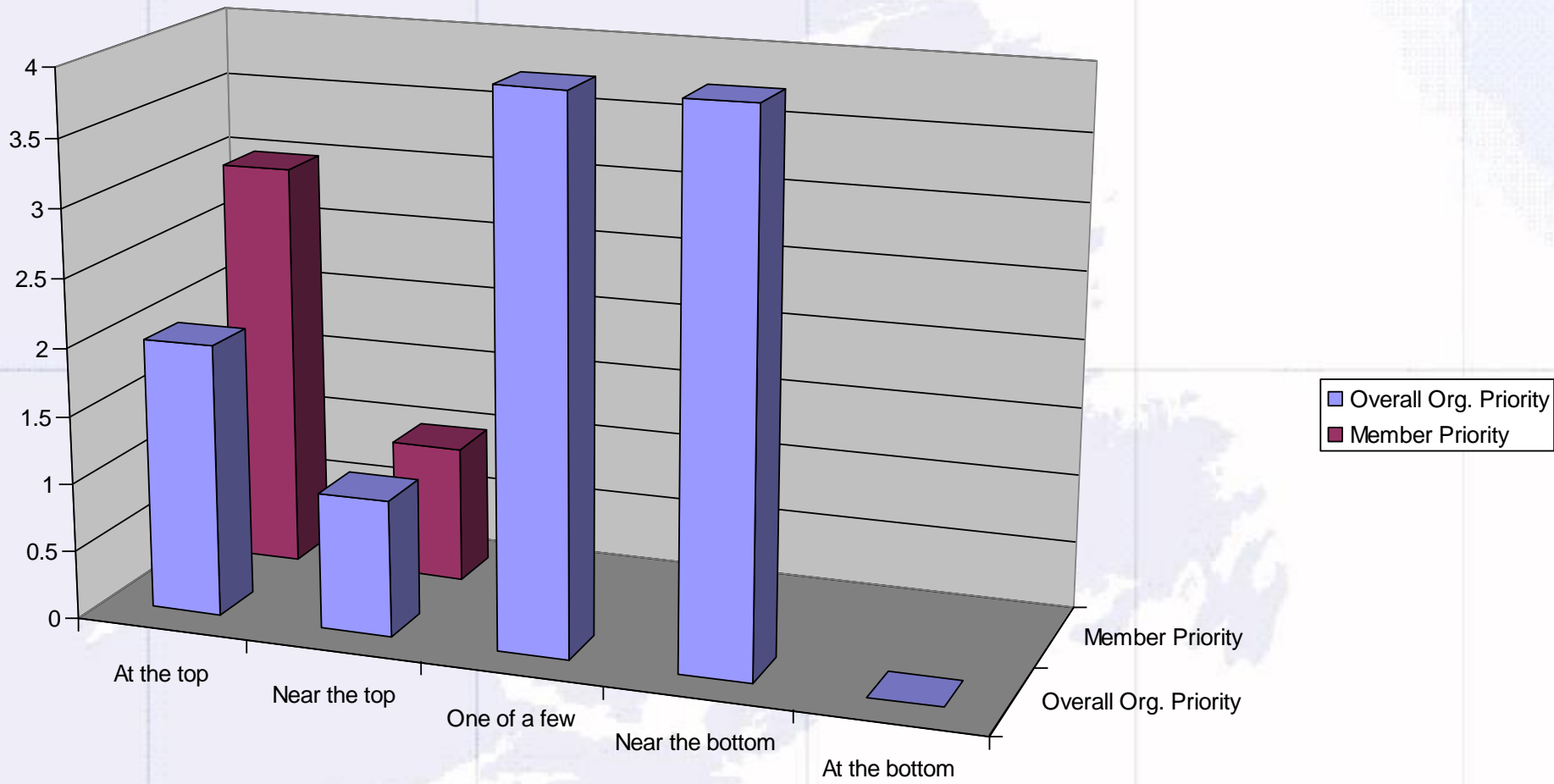
# Member's organizational priorities

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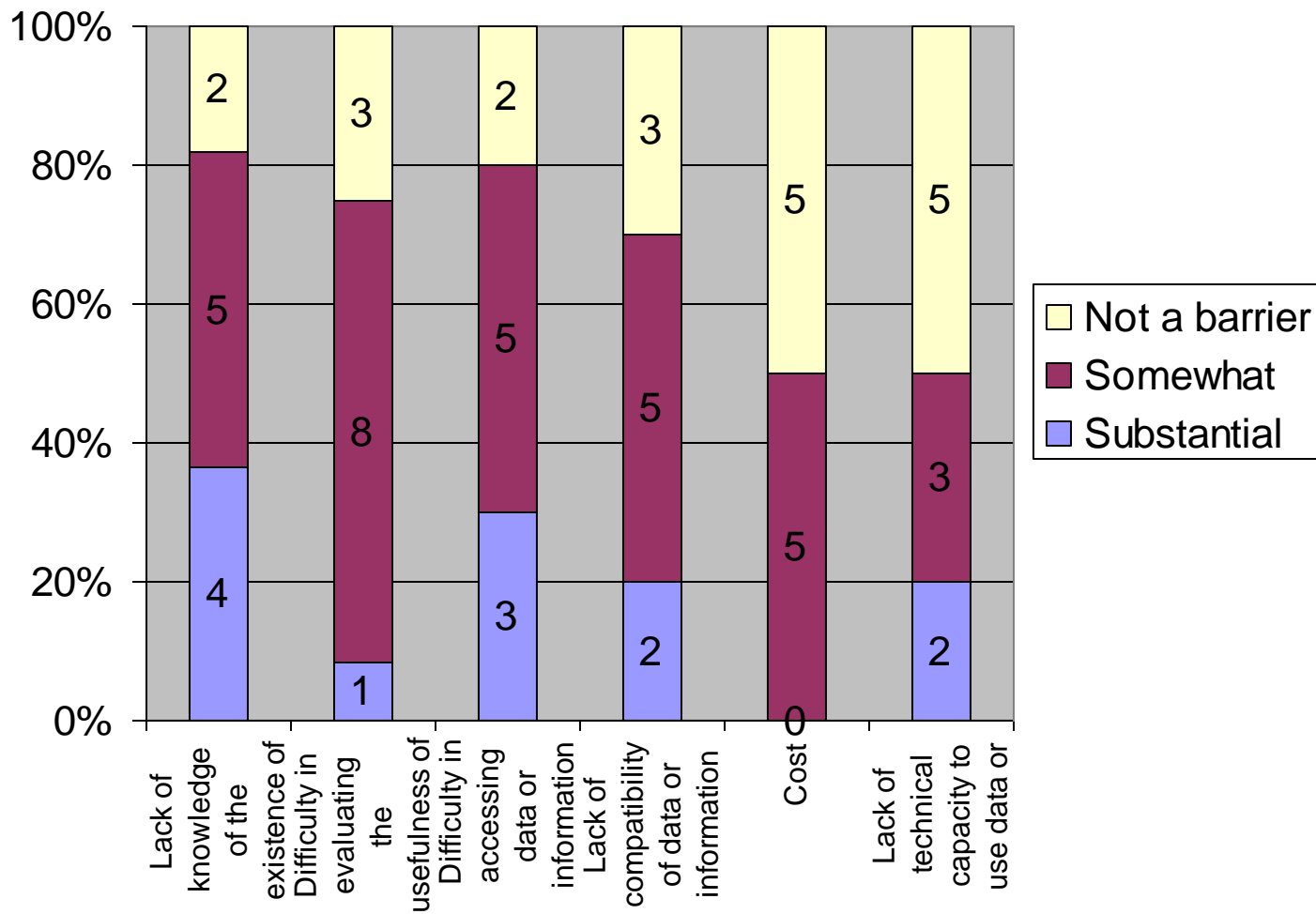
# Organizational Priority for ICOM



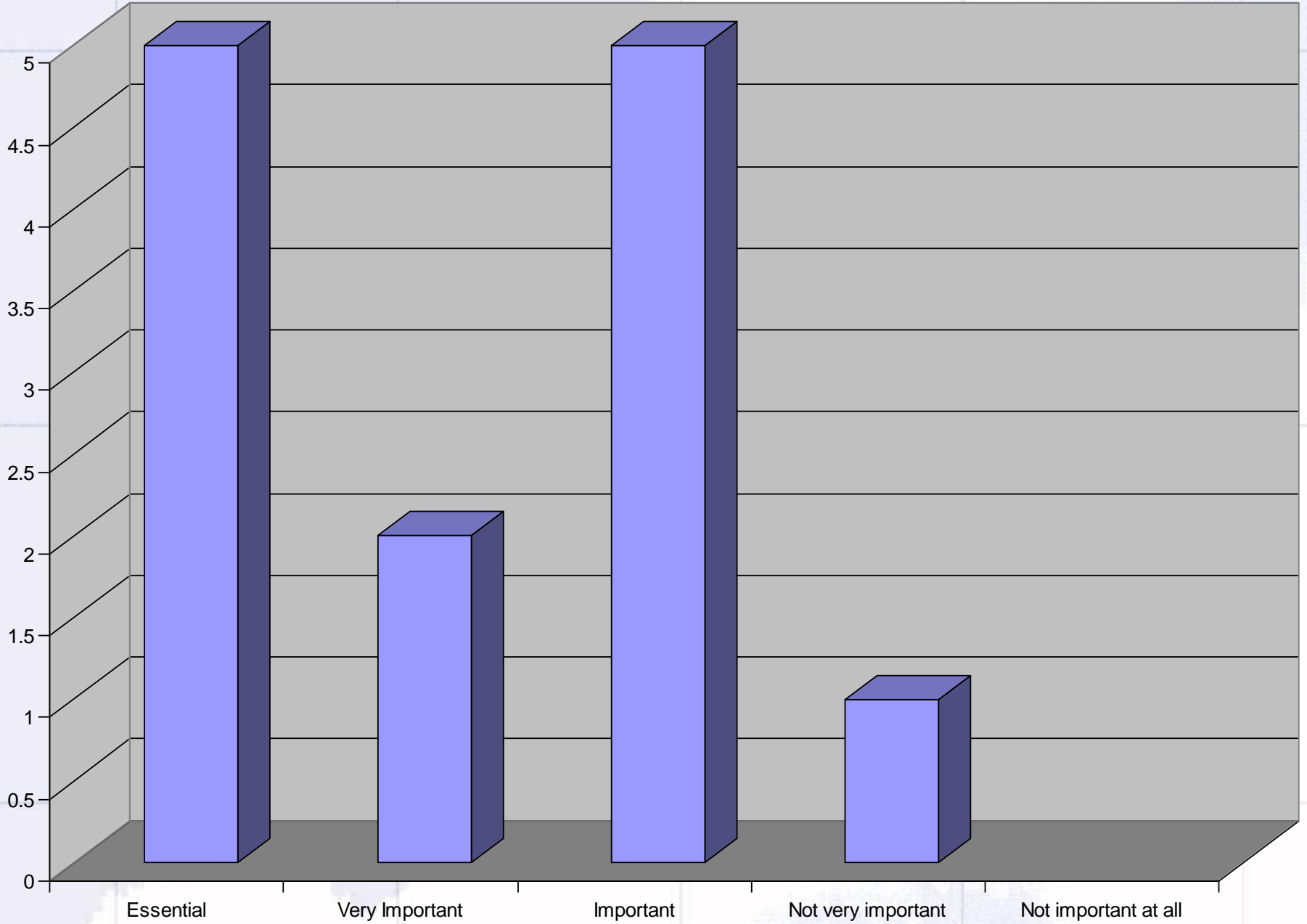
# Data Accessibility

- Barriers to accessing data
- Importance of access to other organizations' data
- Organization's approach to public access to data

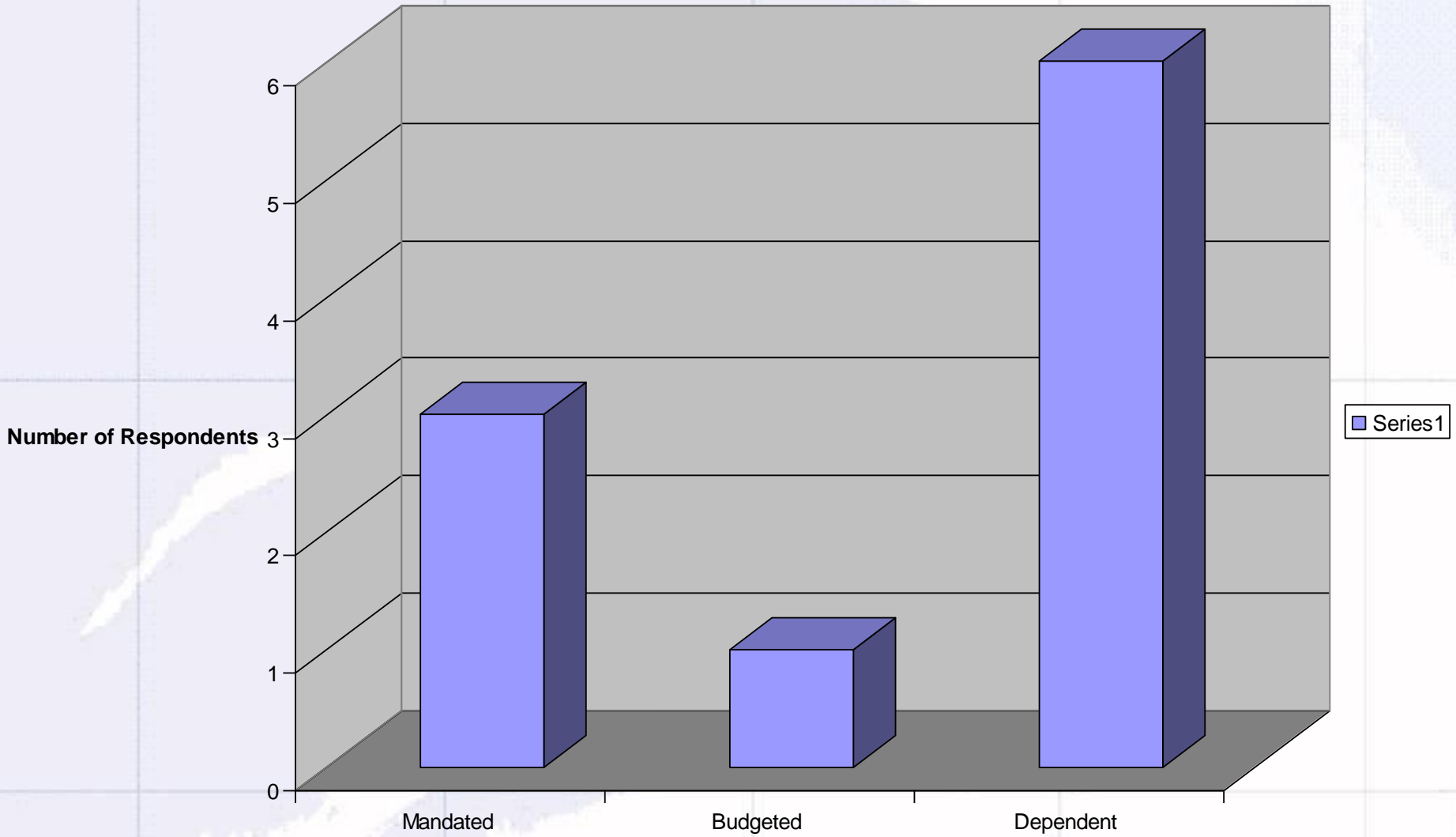
## Barriers to Information



# Access to Other's Data



# Approach to Public Access to Data



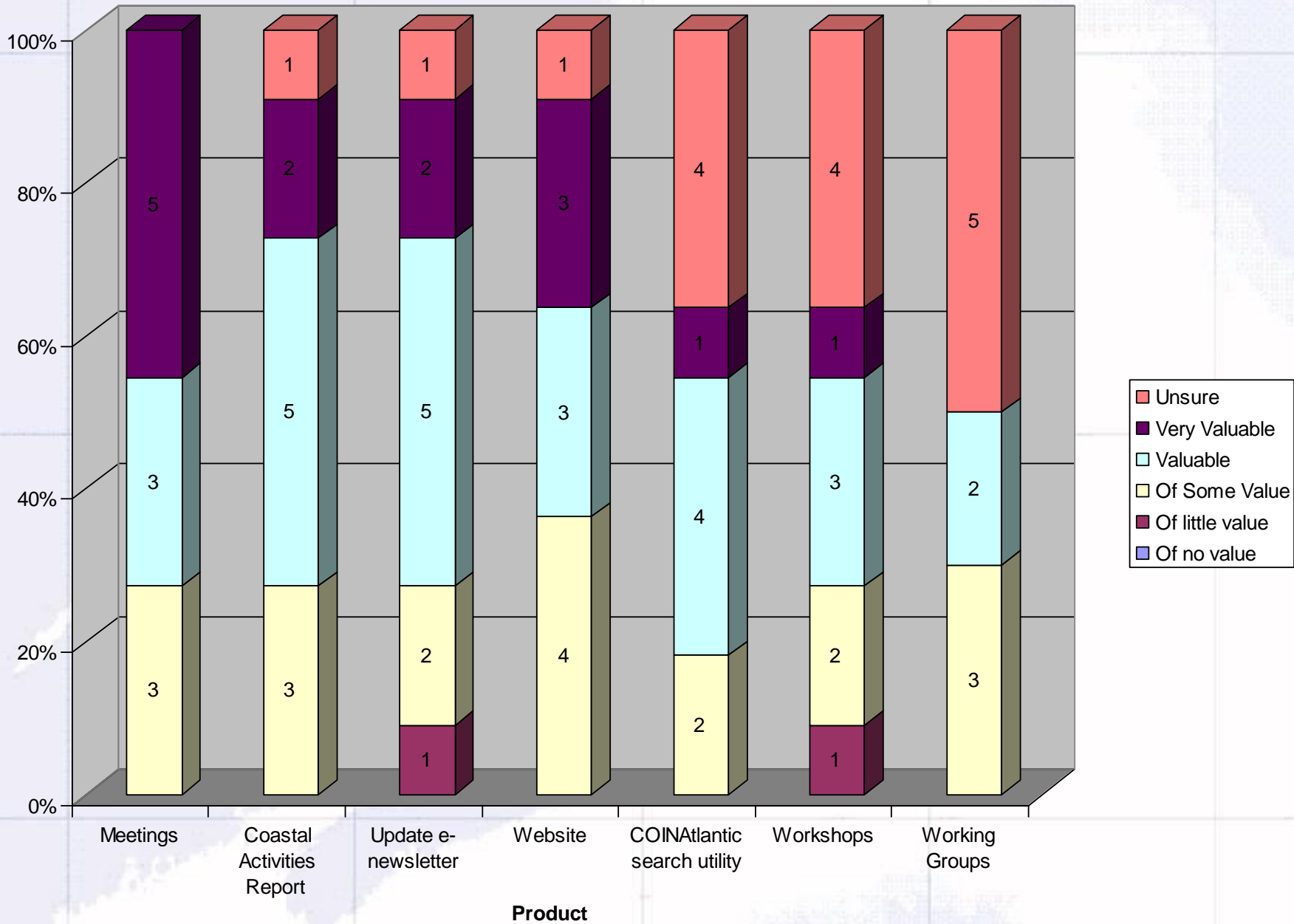
# Other Barriers Mentioned

- Differences between jurisdictions in the interpretation of legislation (e.g. freedom of information / privacy)
- Barriers from a public perspective would be different
- Knowing who to talk to in organizations about data issues
- Lack of utilities and applications
- One place to find and access information still not a reality – NS mentioned as a model
- People are afraid to risk making data accessible
  - Forcing duplication rather than sharing
- Proprietary Rights / Privacy
- Shifting priorities of other organizations providing data
- Temporal component sometimes not evident

# Value of ACZISC Products

- ACZISC Meetings (three times a year)
- Coastal Activities in Atlantic Canada
- ACZISC Coastal Update E-Newsletter
- ACZISC Website
- Geospatial Search Utility
  - Formerly COINAtlantic Search Utility
- Workshops
- Working Groups

### Value of ACZISC Products





# How to make products more valuable

- Improve people's awareness of the ACZISC, e.g. in the NGO world
- Concentrate on information members need to do their job tomorrow
- Consider bringing in Mt St. Vincent University Public Relations students
- Encourage earlier availability of biophysical information
- Live streaming of meetings
- Newsletter
  - Selectively remind members / solicit input for the Newsletter
  - Newsletter should have more local events
- Tackle specific problems with clear goal at the end
- Timely delivery of products (e.g. Coastal Activities report)
- Website and COINAtlantic Search Utility (CSU)
  - Improve the website and the CSU
  - Don't let the website go stale
  - CSU needs more work would be used a lot more if the functionality was there
  - Include the community level on the website
- Workshops could be utilized a lot more using the ACZISC brand

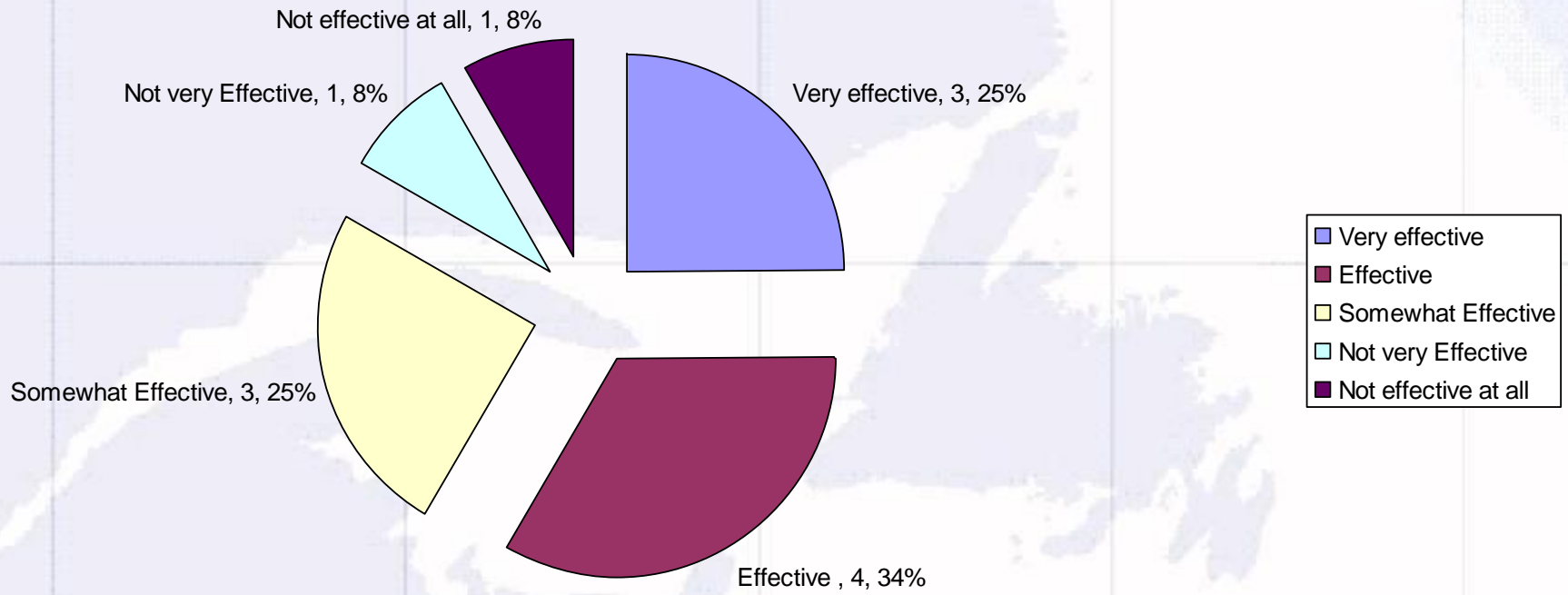
# Other Products

- Analysis of ICOM initiatives in other countries
- Collect / coordinate information and research needs
- Contribute to higher level education
  - e.g. editorials / ready-made briefing notes
- Delivery of value added products i.e. with analysis
- Develop access to data sets through COINAtlantic
- Discussion around key new developments, doing it right from the beginning
  - e.g. hydrocarbon regulation in the Gulf of St. Lawrence
- Expand role for facilitating dialog and conversation regionally
  - especially with not for profit sector, become more active in the ICOM arena, have a greater physical presence
- Include information on watersheds
- Link with RCOM and ROC
- People finder i.e. source of subject matter experts and organizations
- Workshops on emerging issues / specific topics

# Facilitating relationships with other member organizations

- Organizations have well established bilateral relationships with their key partners
- ACZISC is more valuable for interaction with groups members don't normally see
- Other Comments on relationship effectiveness
  - Dependent on how new a member representative is to the ACZISC – maybe some turn over is good
  - especially other provinces and federal departments based elsewhere
  - meet some members only at meetings
  - good for those members not directly connected with / non-key members
  - especially provinces

# Interaction Effectiveness



# How to improve facilitation of relationships

- Have a watershed sub-focus
- More working groups to address specific problems
- Provide linkage between government and non-government
- Provincial departments are compartmentalized / invitations to non-member provincial departments
- Relevant focused discussion
- Return of geomatics organizations to the table
- Solicit members for invitations to meetings
- Work within MOU sub-agreements (Canada – Nova Scotia)
- Workshop on issues

# Who is absent from the table

- Aboriginal organizations
- Academia
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)
  - too little activity for CAPP interest but value for CAPP consultants
- Coast Guard
- Harbour authorities
- NGOs / Not for profit sector e.g. Ducks Unlimited
- Planning / Admin / GIS groups from municipalities
  - suggestion of a half day forum for municipal contacts
- Seafood producers / Aquaculture industry / Fishermen's organizations
- Transport Canada
- Watershed groups

# Draft ACZISC Priorities

- Collaborative sharing of information (policy, best practices, etc.) on issues of priority to members related to ICOM.
- Promoting recognition of ICOM as a tool to realize environmental, economic and social sustainability.
- Delivery of high quality products that meet the needs of members and the wider ICOM Community of Practice (CoP).
- Engage both ACZISC members and the ICOM CoP network that reflect the diversity of the ICOM CoP.
- Improving productivity of member organizations and other members of the ICOM CoP by:
  - reducing barriers to the access of data and information.
  - increasing the commitment and investment of data providers to inter-organizational and public access to data and information.