

Coastal and Ocean Management Strategy and Policy Framework



Tom Dooley

Director

Sustainable Fisheries and Oceans Policy
NL Dept. Fisheries and Aquaculture

Atlantic Coastal Zone Information
Steering Committee (ACZISC)

May 16, 2012



OUTLINE

- Rationale
- National Context
- Direction
- Governance
- Issue Scans
- Discussion Paper
- The Strategy
- Initiatives
- Moving Forward





RATIONALE

- Increased demand on/for marine resources
- Requirement for sustainable resource use
- Oceans technology opportunities
- Coordinating operations of Government
 - Multi-department approach needed
- *Canada's Oceans Act* (1996) and Strategy (2002)
 - Directed to work with provinces/territories on ocean matters





NATIONAL CONTEXT

- *Canada's Ocean Act* (1996) and Strategy (2002)
- Ocean's Action Plan (2005)
 - Phase I funding - coastal and large ocean management areas
- Health of the Oceans Initiatives (2007)

- Other provinces are developing coastal strategies and have MOU's with GoC on coastal management.

➤ *NL is the first to release a provincial coastal strategy*





DIRECTION

- In 2006 DFA was directed to develop a provincial approach to coastal/ocean management:
 - Collaboration
 - Continue to participate on federal ocean management initiatives
 - Direct and coordinate activities
 - Provincial Coastal and Ocean Network (PCON)
 - Develop a Strategy and Policy Framework





GOVERNANCE

Federal/Provincial (NL Region)

- Regional Oversight Committee on Oceans Management (ROCOM)
- Canada-NL Committee on Oceans Management (CNLCOM)

Federal/Provincial/Stakeholder

- Large Ocean Management Area (LOMA) Committees
- Coastal Management Area (CMA) Committees
- Marine Protected Area (MPA) Advisory Committees

Provincial

- Provincial Coastal and Ocean Network (PCON)

Atlantic-wide

- Atlantic Coastal Zone Information Steering Committee (ACZISC)

National

- Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM) Working Groups





ISSUES SCANS

- Public consultations to identify issues of priority
- External consultant
- Widespread – regional
- Issues Scan I – 2007
 - Five Coastal Management Areas
 - DFO/DFA Funded
- Issues Scan II – 2008
 - Remainder of the island and coastal Labrador
- Identified overarching issues/themes





DISCUSSION PAPER

- Released in July 2010 to gather feedback on proposed strategy outline
 - not action specific
 - highlighted 6 priority areas

- Vision, Goals and Principles
- Policy Framework: 6 priority issues
- Coastal management area planning
- Ocean technology tools
- QUESTIONS for FEEDBACK

Broad *goals* focusing on:

- diverse and thriving industries
- sustainable communities
- maintained ecosystem health
- collaboration

Supported by *principles* of:

- sustainable development
- integrated and adaptive management
- conservation





THE STRATEGY: PART I

Strategic Direction – Overarching Goals

- **Coordinated Approach**

- Coordinate policies and programs across government and provide clear direction.

- **Information and Research**

- Advance research and information sharing through collaboration.

- **Education and Awareness**

- Promote awareness and understanding of the coastal and ocean environment/resources and the issues impacting them.





THE STRATEGY: PART II

Policy Framework – Direction

Healthy Marine Environment

- Protect coastal/ocean ecosystems
- Ensure sustainable coastal development
- Maintain coastal water quality

Social, Cultural and Economic Sustainability

- Maintain social and cultural values
- Support economic opportunities

Coastal Land Use

- Link land activities and impacts

Competing Needs and Interests

- Mitigate

Coastal and Marine Infrastructure

- Identify and address issues

Climate Change

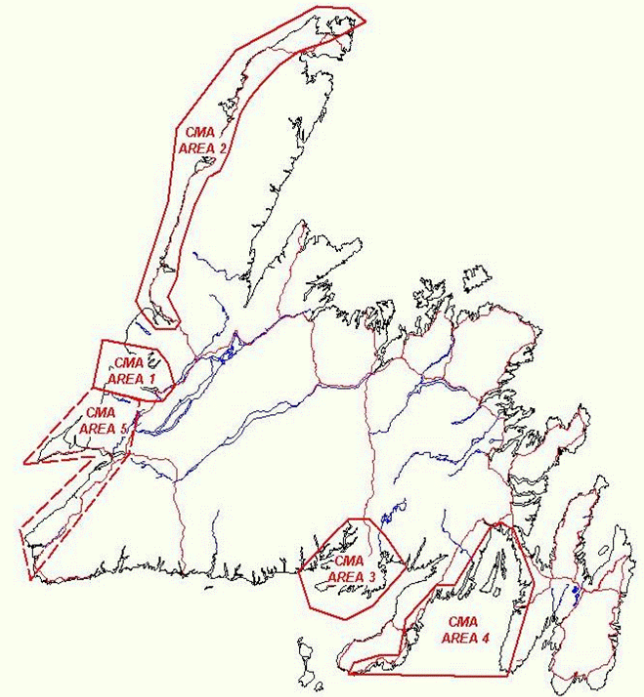
- Enhance research and awareness
- Strengthen adaptability





THE STRATEGY: Tools for ICOM

- Coastal Management Areas
 - Options for local involvement
 - 5 currently within the province
- Ocean Technology
 - Mapping, GIS, inventories, SmartBay





INITIATIVES



- Education and Awareness
 - MI Ocean Net
 - Ocean Education Initiative
 - Students on Ice
 - Coastal Lecture Series
 - Ocean Day Events
 - Ocean Conferences
- Research and Information
 - Aquatic invasive species
 - Mapping projects





MOVING FORWARD

- Support for ongoing initiatives
- Identify gaps
- Develop action items/initiatives
- Pursue collaborative efforts/Develop partnerships
- Cooperation with federal government

thank you

