

# ACZISC



## DRAFT MINUTES OF ACZISC MEETING #66

ATLANTIC COASTAL ZONE  
INFORMATION STEERING COMMITTEE

**Date:** Wednesday and Thursday, 16-17 May 2012

**Location:** Industry Seminar Room, Marine Institute, 155 Ridge Road, St. John's, NL

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### ***1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS***

Andy Sherin, Director, ACZISC Secretariat, called ACZISC Meeting #66 to order at 0900 hrs on Wednesday, 16 May 2012. He welcomed members and guests. A roundtable introduction of all of the participants followed.

### ***2. PRESENTATION and DISCUSSION***

- **NL Coastal and Ocean Management Strategy and Policy Framework - Overview and Update of Activities**, Tom Dooley, Director, Sustainable Fisheries and Oceans Policy Division, NL Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The meeting presentations are posted [online](#).

### ***3. AGENDA and MINUTES***

The provisional agenda for ACZISC Meeting #66 was approved. The draft minutes of ACZISC Meeting #65 (25-26 January 2012, Charlottetown) were reviewed and approved. The final [minutes](#) are posted online.

### ***4. STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS***

The action items from Meeting #64 were reviewed by Andy Sherin. All of the action items have been completed or are in progress.

## 5. **UPCOMING ACZISC MEETINGS**

The upcoming ACZISC meetings are scheduled for:

- **19-20 September 2012:** Meeting #67, Fredericton, NB
- **16-17 January 2013:** Meeting #68, Halifax, NS
- **29-30 May 2013:** ACZISC Meeting #69, Charlottetown, PEI
- **11-12 September 2013:** Meeting #70, St. John's, NL

## 6. **ACZISC ADMINISTRATION Including Recap on Strategic Planning**

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING QUESTION/ DISCUSSION**

- Participants at the meeting were asked: what does membership in the ACZISC mean? Andy Sherin shared one example of membership in an organization in the UK called the Dorset Coastal Forum - <http://www.dorsetforyou.com/402820>. There was a lot of support voiced for adding more non-government members to the ACZISC Membership however there was also a concern that a move away from a Federal/ Provincial focus would be a concern.
- A suggestion was made and supported to add a non-governmental representative to the advisory committee and to have the advisory committee discuss the issue of membership.

**ACZISC MEMBERSHIP:** Don Hogan, Bob Taylor, and Jane Tims have all retired, and Matthew Hardy is moving to a new position.

**ACZISC BUDGET, FINANCIAL REPORT:** The ACZISC Draft budget April 2012 – March 2013 was distributed and reviewed. The document also includes the previous year's financial numbers. Some members had already made contributions, to which Andy Sherin noted and thanked. Andy Sherin explained that proposed revenue expectations for the 2012-2013 fiscal year had been lowered because of the Federal Government Fiscal restraints that have been affecting many ACZISC Members.

- Newsletter sponsorship: Andy introduced the idea of selling each of the ACZISC's monthly newsletters to a sponsor. The only problem that participants at the meeting raised was that there would have to be screening criteria for possible sponsors as some organizations/ companies would not be appropriate.

**COASTAL ZONE CANADA 2012:** The ACZISC Secretariat will attend CZC 2012 (<http://www.czc2012-zcc2012.org>) scheduled for June 9-14 in Rimouski, Québec. The conference theme is: "Oceans and Integrated Coastal Zone Management - Time for Action!"

***ACTION 66.1*** *Members to forward suggestions or comments regarding the Strategic Plan draft actions to the Secretariat.*

***ACTION 66.2*** *Secretariat to request the Chair to call a meeting of the ACZISC Association Board of Directors.*

**ACTION 66.3** *Members to expedite payment of their 2012-2013 contributions to the ACZISC.*

**ACTION 66.4** *Members to investigate within their organizations candidates that might work with the ACZISC as COINAtlantic Project Manager and contact the Secretariat.*

**ACTION 66.5** *ACZISC Secretariat to ask the advisory committee to add a non-governmental representative to the advisory committee.*

## **7. PRESENTATION and DISCUSSION**

- **Climate Change Adaptation in Newfoundland and Labrador: Atlantic Climate Adaptation Solutions Association**, Kimberly Bittermann, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Department of Environment and Conservation.

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## **8. ACZISC STRATEGIC PLANNING: Workplan**

The ACZISC strategic planning started in January 2011 in St. John's, NL at ACZISC Meeting #62 with a roundtable presentation on. From that presentation the ACZISC Secretariat developed DIPSIR issues assessment that is now part of the ACZISC 2012-2017 Strategic Plan document. In Fredericton, NB at the ACZISC Meeting #63 there was a discussion on priorities and the DIPSIR issues document was presented. In Halifax, NS at ACZISC Meeting #64 strategies were discussed and at the next meeting in Charlottetown, PE actions were discussed. Now back in St. John's there was a discussion of workplan targets and baselines prepared by the ACZISC Secretariat.

**ACTION 66.6** *Members to forward suggestions or comments regarding the Draft Strategic Plan to the Secretariat .*

**ACTION 66.7** *Members to forward suggestions or comments regarding the Workplan the Secretariat.*

## **9. ROUNDTABLE REVIEW OF COASTAL ACTIVITIES and UPDATES ON ACZISC RELATED PROGRAMS**

Andy Sherin invited participants to provide an overview of programs and activities within their jurisdiction related to ICOM, geomatics and coastal mapping. He requested that notes be provided to the Secretariat to assist with the preparation of accurate minutes. Minutes will be posted in the [Meetings](#) section of the website.

**ACTION 66.8** *Participants to email notes re their roundtable presentation to Alexi Westcott at [ACZISC@dal.ca](mailto:ACZISC@dal.ca).*

**NEWFOUNDLAND DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE:** Bobbi Rees, reported the following:

- Coastal and Ocean Management Strategy and Policy Framework available on the department's website: [http://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/publications/CoastalStrategy\\_2011.pdf](http://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/publications/CoastalStrategy_2011.pdf). Hard copies are available by contacting [coastsandocean@gov.nl.ca](mailto:coastsandocean@gov.nl.ca)
- **Coastal Management Areas Activities:**
  - Coast of Bays: June 2012 Climate Change Workshop to be held in Harbour Breton.
  - Placentia Bay Integrated Management Planning Committee: planning a fall 2012 Oceans Conference/ workshop.
  - Great Northern Peninsula ICZM: Fisheries Symposium organized by the Community-University Research for Recovery Alliance (CURRA) and the Bonne Bay Marine Station (Memorial University) to be held Oct 1-4 2012 [http://www.curra.ca/documents/CURRA\\_Newsletter\\_Spring\\_2012.pdf](http://www.curra.ca/documents/CURRA_Newsletter_Spring_2012.pdf).
  - Bay of Islands: ongoing projects include Community Oceans Day clean-up challenge, Coastal Matters Lecture Series and Trading Books for Boats Marine Environmental Education Program. <http://www.acaphumberarm.com>.
- **World Ocean Day 2012:** DFA in collaboration with DFO-NL, CPAWS-NL, WWF, PCA, EC and FFAW have organized a province wide art contest for Kindergarten to Grade 6 students. A family event has also been planned for June 9, 2012 at Fisheries and Marine Institute. Details will be posted on the World Ocean Day-St. John's facebook group as well radio ads, etc.
- DFA's Policy and Planning Branch recently released Jake the Puffin's Amazing Adventure Story and Activity Books. Online copies can be found on our website <http://www.fishaq.gov.nl.ca/education/Jake%20the%20Puffins%20Amazing%20Adventure.pdf> If you would like a free copy of Jake the Puffin's Amazing Adventure or Jake the Puffin's Activity Book (while supplies last) please contact [coastsandocean@gov.nl.ca](mailto:coastsandocean@gov.nl.ca).

## **FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA:**

**Joe Manning**, Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS), reported the following:

- Coast guard ship Matthew, multibeam dual head, which helps with coverage and what they can do in one bay. Several bays being surveyed this summer.
- Using terrestrial LIDAR/ multibeam to look at the intertidal, and also nearshore: looking sideways at cliffs and dunes etc.
- Collaboration is welcome: it's a big ocean.

**Tim Hall**, DFO Maritimes, reported the following:

- Work on the St Anns Bank Area of Interest (AOI) is continuing - <http://www.mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/e0010385>.
- There has been a partial renewal of the health of the oceans initiative, for one more year, including the National state of the oceans reporting framework.
- Eastern Scotian Shelf Integrated Management (ESSIM) Initiative is wrapping up. The 5 year implementation plan is over. There will be a public report released.
- The report "**Development and Applications of Vessel Traffic Maps Based on**

**Long Range Identification and Tracking (LRIT) Data in Atlantic Canada**” describes geographic information system (GIS) techniques used for a retrospective vessel traffic analysis to produce 13 monthly maps and one 12-month composite map of shipping activity in Atlantic Canada. The application and limitations of LRIT data for marine conservation, environmental protection and response, and integrated coastal and oceans management are also discussed - <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Library/345629.pdf>.  
- Southwest New Brunswick Marine resources planning initiative is a three year pilot stage with DFO and the New Brunswick government.

**Jennifer Hackett**, DFO Maritimes, reported the following:

**20th Anniversary World Oceans Day Events:**

- Halifax Waterfront Annual World Oceans Day Event – The Canadian Coast Guard ship Sir William Alexander will be secured at the MMA during World Oceans Day Celebrations on June 8. The vessel will remain on Search and Rescue stand-by, so there will be no public tours. DFO exhibits about The Gully MPA, Habitat Management's Marine Habitat Model and the Bedford Institute of Oceanography's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are also highlighted at this annual public event on the Halifax Waterfront which is one of the largest and longest-held [World Oceans Day](#) activities on the East Coast of North America. This event brings together over 30 organizations with exhibits and displays, and annually attracts over a thousand visitors.
- Simultaneous activities during the Halifax Waterfront event include:
  - 12:30 PM a [Celtic Mass for the Sea flash](#) mob
  - 1 PM "Wear Blue, Tell Two" - Blue Wave for World Oceans Day (human wave) <https://www.facebook.com/events/360085014050475>
  - Other exhibitor highlights, like book readings.
- SABS is celebrating Oceans Day on Saturday, June 10 in conjunction with the St. Andrews Seafood Festival. For more info: [www.standrewsseafoodfestival.ca](http://www.standrewsseafoodfestival.ca)

**BIO 50th Anniversary Celebrations:** <http://www.bio2012.ca>

- Five Winners of the BIO-OA School Art/Music Contest will be announced on June 8 World Oceans Day See [http://www.bio2012.ca/artcontest\\_e.php](http://www.bio2012.ca/artcontest_e.php) for more info
- On Wed June 13 Kumiko Azetsu-Scott will give the sixth of a series of free Public Talks during BIO's 50th Anniversary for more info [http://www.bio2012.ca/lectures\\_e.php](http://www.bio2012.ca/lectures_e.php)
- September 22-23 (Sat. & Sun.) are BIO's 50th Anniversary Open House - "BIO Ocean Science EXPO 2012" Check [http://www.bio2012.ca/expo\\_e.php](http://www.bio2012.ca/expo_e.php) for times (School Days are Sept 20-21 and must be pre-booked See [http://www.bio2012.ca/schools\\_e.php](http://www.bio2012.ca/schools_e.php) for details)
- In recognition of BIO's 50th Anniversary, a special Oceans-themed Teachers Workshop will put on by the Atlantic Geoscience Society is being offered at BIO on 22-23 Aug 2012 see registration form: <http://ags.earthsciences.dal.ca/EdGEO/EdGEO%202012%20registration%20form.pdf>

**CANADIAN PARKS AND WILDERNESS SOCIETY:** Suzanne Dooley, reported the following:

- "Science-based Guidelines for Marine Protected Areas and MPA Networks in

**Canada**" is a report commissioned by the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society and authored by 14 marine scientists. The report calls for Canada to strictly **protect at least 30% of its oceans in "no-take reserves"** under new guidelines for marine protected areas that would make industrial activities off limits within their boundaries - <http://cpaws.org/news/mpa-guidelines>. The report relates to the CPAWS "Dare to be Deep" campaign - <http://cpaws.org/campaigns/dare-to-be-deep>.

**MARINE INSTITUTE:** Keith Mercer, reported the following:

- MI Ocean Net – Youth and Conference: initiates, guides, and supports the engagement of youth and community volunteers in all aspects of the marine environment - sustainability, innovation, and leadership. There are usually five or six events per year - <http://www.mi.mun.ca/mioceannet>.
- The Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management Program at the Marine Institute: This program is comprised of two 13-week terms, one six-week technical session and a work term placement - <http://www.mi.mun.ca/ICOM>.

**INDIAN BAY ECOSYSTEM CORPORATION:** Johann Pickett, reported the following:

**Report on recent projects, publications and events:**

- Wetland stewardship collaboration with the town of Indian Bay- <http://indianbayecosystem.com>.
- Recently conducted an Indian Bay case study for Climate adaption.
- Migratory bird nesting box workshop and presentation with local schools.
- Ongoing education and awareness about Brook Trout and Atlantic Salmon fishing initiatives in the Indian Bay Watershed Special management Area.
- Strategic Business Plan proposal in partnership with Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for sustainable use of field facility and areas for revenue generation that are within the Indian bay Ecosystem Corp. mandate.
- Collaborations would be welcomed in the form of either research projects or expertise and networking capabilities.

**EITNL:** Robert Leeman, reported the following:

**- Recent oceans-related work undertaken by EITNL in conjunction with the Marine Institute (MI) in St. John's:**

- We continue to enhance the SmartBay site ([www.SmartBay.ca](http://www.SmartBay.ca)). We have recently created a web application to track vessel traffic in Placentia Bay in real-time by monitoring ships' Automatic Identification System (AIS signals). This is currently a log-in (not public) application. Our primary interest at this time is in situational awareness.
- SmartBay continues to operate as an information sharing portal for the Placentia Bay Integrated Management Committee.
- As well as being publicly available on the SmartBay website, near real-time SmartBay buoy meteorological/oceanographic information is available as OGC Sensor Observation Services (SOS). Contact Robert Leeman if interested in learning more about this.
- Version 2 of the NL Seabed Atlas has been implemented. See <http://www.seabed-atlas-nl.ca>. This includes some new tools, more layers and more descriptive information than the earlier version. This is primarily a public site, with a few private layers restricted



by password. We are always interested in adding more content to this site. Contact Randy Gillespie if you have content that you would like to add to the Atlas.

- MI, with EITNL, have also created private (log-in) web applications for Ocean Choice International (OCI) and Association of Seafood Producers (ASP) for such tasks as real-time fishing vessel tracking and mapping of catch information.

- The Placentia Bay / Grand Banks LOMA has implemented an information website, developed by EITNL and hosted by MI, with the direction and assistance of Geoff Coughlan and others at DFO, St. John's: <http://www.pbgbloma.ca>. This is a public site. Contact Geoff Coughlan for more information.

**SOUTHERN GULF OF ST.LAWRENCE COALITION ON SUSTAINABILITY:** Chantal Gagnon, reported the following:

- **The Community Aquatic Monitoring Program (CAMP):** The Coalition-SGSL advanced the project with reports from DFO. Each estuary will have its own trend analysis report. The groups have provided their feedback on the draft version. Unfortunately, the person responsible for doing this has just gone on maternity leave, so it will take a little longer for each group to get its report. However, 2010 data is on the Regional Sustainability Atlas: [www.coalition-sgsl.ca/atlas\\_php](http://www.coalition-sgsl.ca/atlas_php).
- **Canadian Aquatic Biomonitoring Network (CABIN):** This year work was completed looking at developing and advancing the CABIN program in the Southern Gulf. The Coalition-SGSL spent a good portion of the year getting to know the program and working with Environment Canada, Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, as well as consulting with several interested groups to determine the action plan. This year the Coalition-SGSL will try to implement that plan. If it is successful it may be possible to develop a collaboration that would like CAMP grow to become a good reference source of information on the region's water health.
- **Coastal erosion:** This year the Coalition-SGSL followed-up with meeting with groups and education tools. The Coalition-SGSL developed the Getting started with Coastal Change Monitoring kit for community groups to have a step by step process and some reference tools to start that process. The first step is partnership.
- The Coalition-SGSL been involved with some webinars with the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Symphony. There is one on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and one on the 24<sup>th</sup>. This information was sent to the membership. The Coalition-SGSL has also been working on various collaborative efforts through our volunteer group meetings. As well, work has been done on advancing the Coastal Communities Challenges – Community University Research Alliance.
- The Coalition-SGSL has scheduled its annual general meeting this June. The schedule includes a special workshop on setting priority for vulnerability and resilience for coastal communities. With special guest speaker in the evening from Dr.Liette Vasseur. This is part our efforts within the CCC-CURA to help bring scientific information in a useable easy to learn format.
- The Coalition-SGSL is also entering into the review of our Strategic Plan. The Coalition-SGSL are using various methods including surveys, calls to members, in-person meetings, to gather feedback on the existing plan in order to build the new one.
- The Coalition-SGSL is in the process of looking for a new executive director. The Coalition-SGSL is so far having a hard year financially and are waiting for responses from three sources of funding, two are very critical. If these funding applications are not successful, the Coalition-SGSL will need to cease operations for a while. Therefore, the Coalition-SGSL is open to collaboration on projects that could be relevant to our

mission. If you have any ideas, please feel free to share.

**ACZISC SECRETARIAT:** Andy Sherin, Director, reported the following:

- The CoastGIS website is now available on the COINAtlantic server, see: <http://coastgis2013.ca>.
  - The ACZISC is now a member of the International Coastal Atlas Network (ICAN) - <http://ican.science.oregonstate.edu>. The ACZISC Secretariat will format a newsletter for ICAN two times a year. The ICAN newsletter is not like the ACZISC's Coastal Update: content will be in the form of articles sent in my members.
  - The ACZISC Secretariat has made three proposals to the Coastal Zone Canada 2012 Conference: an open data management paper and session, as well as COINAtlantic training in French and English. - <http://www.czc2012-zcc2012.org>.
- The judge of the roundtable was Norm Catto and the winner was Johann Pickett.

## 10. **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION**

- **Recent Developments in Coastal and Ocean Mapping and Monitoring**, Randy Gillespie, Director, Centre for Applied Ocean Technology, Marine Institute, Memorial University.
- **Successful Coexistence for the Fishing and Petroleum Industries in NL: The One Ocean Model**, Maureen Murphy Rustad, Director, ONE OCEAN.

The meeting presentations are posted [online](#).

## 11. **COINATLANTIC NEWS: TRAINING, CSU, CGG AND CIVI**

- Through a contract with the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability several 'Mapping Made Easy' training sessions have been completed. The first training workshop was held in Truro, NS on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The second was held in Fredericton, NB on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The third to date was held in St. John's, NL on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Integral Geomatics was contracted to run the first two training workshops and a report has been submitted on those training days. Additional training workshops are planned in June at the Coastal Zone Canada Conference and in conjunction with the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability Annual General Meeting.
- The current [COINAtlantic Search Utility \(CSU\)](#) searches based on one metadata catalogue, the Geoconnections GeoPortal and is now not working as well as it did upon implementation. The ACZISC Secretariat is working on the next phase for the CSU that will be based on the Google search engine, searching for geo-referenced information anywhere on the internet. The release of the next version is expected for June 2012.
- The [COINAtlantic Geocontent Generator](#) (CGG) allows users to publish geo-referenced KML (keyhole markup language) files to the internet that include text metadata, and a geositemap. The CGG is a free on-line utility that allows users to generate and publish geospatial polygons on-line that will be found by the Google search engine. It is intended to be a simple-to-use tool that will allow non-specialists to allow others to find and view their information. Alexi Westcott demonstrated to

participants how the CGG works. A [CGG tutorial](#) is available on the COINAtlantic website.

- [The COINAtlantic Internet Visibility Initiative](#) (CIVI) is a new initiative that aims to increase the visibility of geo-referenced information on the internet. The idea for this Initiative developed from the successful first phase of the [COINAtlantic Geocontent Generator \(CGG\)](#) in 2011. As part of the initiative the ACZISC Secretariat will provide participants with an initial consultation to determine which of their information/ data holdings are suitable for use with the CGG. This will be followed by training in the use of the CGG and follow up support. A CIVI poster was distributed to participants and can be accessed on the COINAtlantic [website](#).

***ACTION 66.9*** Members to try the new [COINAtlantic RSS Feeds](#).

***ACTION 66.10*** Members to try the [COINAtlantic Geocontent Generator](#).

***ACTION 66.11*** Members to try Google searching 'COINAtlantic KML', and then choose 'View Results in Google Maps' to test new COINAtlantic strategy.

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

ACZISC Meeting #66 adjourned at 1200 hrs on Thursday, 17 May 2012.