

Management and Advisories

The present management of DFO and the associated advisory systems has lacked consistency in their ability to achieve equity between users. This is demonstrated in the accumulation of fishing assets in the hands of fewer participants, and corporate control of fishing effort. The DFO has also demonstrated its inability to manage, through the continued decline of both fisheries resources and participants, contrary to Government policy and the Terms Of Union.

It is therefore essential to change management in order to achieve a result based management regime that maximizes fisheries resources and fisheries participation. An independent scientific based management organization be developed to achieve results, through an appropriate assessment and harvesting protocol that increases, or maintains, the abundance of Groundfish species and harvesters at maximum sustainable levels. That this management organization be responsible for setting and enforcing Total Allowable Catches (TAC) in all species. That this management organization be responsible for achieving a constant and equitable distribution process for access to Groundfish species. That this management organization develops a method of protection of resources and participants, through development of protected areas and established fishing grounds. This management organization develops a single advisory process that operates through a mechanism of transparency, accountability, and rules of order that provides consensus opportunities, for all industry and interested participants. DFO assumes the role of statistical and data recording only, and that this information be accessible to the management organization.

The government must consult with this independent management organization for approval prior to instituting any international agreements that will adversely affect the ability of this organization to achieve pre-described results.

The government set time lines for achievement by this management organization that are realistic, and an accounting process that demonstrates results.

That this management organization uses General Accounting Principles (GAP) is managing the mechanism for all allocation, in a consistent and equitable distribution process. This is necessary for all participants to understand and predict future outcomes, and future opportunities for existing and new entries into the Fishing Industry.

This management organization institute a process of change in management that allows financial recoveries for those forced to invest in ineffective DFO management policy.