





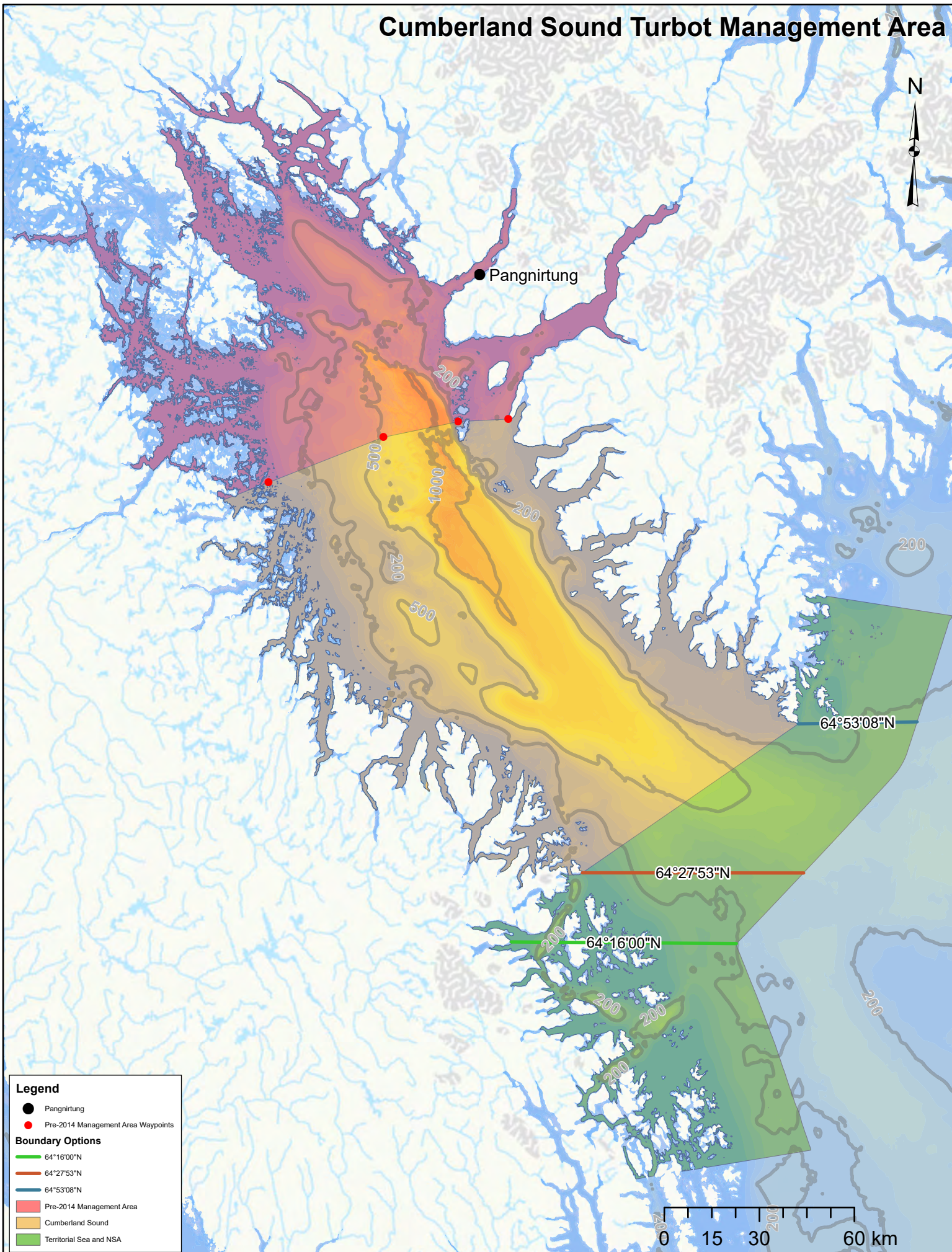




# Cumberland Sound Turbot Management Area



● Pangnirtung



**Legend**

- Pangnirtung
- Pre-2014 Management Area Waypoints

**Boundary Options**

- 64°16'00"N
- 64°27'53"N
- 64°53'08"N
- Pre-2014 Management Area
- Cumberland Sound
- Territorial Sea and NSA

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## Quota Carry-Forward Guidelines for Atlantic Canada

**Effective February 15, 2016**

The ability to carry forward quota in Atlantic fisheries will provide participants with increased flexibility to manage quota from one fishing year to the next. It will allow them to adjust to resource and market fluctuations and remove the incentive to overharvest for fear of losing quota at year end. However, carry forward can place added pressure on stocks which must be evaluated regularly. The approach outlined in these Guidelines is based on a consistent and transparent process and subject to factors such as the status and trajectory of the stocks in question, to ensure that sustainability of the resource is not compromised.

Carry forward guidelines are applicable for domestically managed quota based fisheries in Atlantic Canadian waters including northern waters. The guidelines will reflect biological factors identified in the appropriate Science Advisory Reports and other relevant factors and must be based on acceptable precautionary approach principles.

The carry forward of quotas is not applicable to fisheries taking place exclusively in International waters, or for straddling or highly migratory stocks which are shared with other nations unless prescribed in agreements with relevant nations or Regional Fisheries Management Organizations.

### *Objectives*

Provide for the sustainable use of fishery resources by an economically viable and diverse industry through:

- a) maximizing opportunities for licence holders to carry out their harvesting activities in the most efficient manner;
- b) aligning resource harvest with economic factors; and
- c) facilitating self-management of allocations to fishing industry.

Additionally, limitations may be imposed on quota carry forward provisions in order to limit the administrative burden for DFO.

### *Application*

1. This policy applies to domestically managed quota-based fisheries in Atlantic Canada including Community Management Board quotas in the Maritimes, Aboriginal communal commercial quotas, competitive quotas, Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQs) and Enterprise Allocations (EAs) managed under annual or multi-year management cycles.
2. For fisheries under a multi-year management cycle, carry forward provisions are to be considered at the start of a new management cycle and be developed in consultation with stakeholders based on the most recent science advice for the new management cycle.

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3. The percentage of quota that may be carried forward from year to year will be determined in consultation with stakeholders and will reflect scientific advice and conservation objectives. The maximum percentage that will be considered for any fishery to be carried forward is 15%; however special arrangements (e.g. higher levels of carry forward) could be considered for fleets that receive very small relative allocations (e.g. less than 5% of the TAC) in the fishery to facilitate optimal harvest planning.
4. The carry forward provision at the individual or other quota holder level will be applied following the 60-day quota reconciliation period. Any quota remaining from the previous fishing year (up to the maximum) will be automatically carried forward for the following year. Inclusion of in-season transferred quotas as eligible for carry forward will be considered with stakeholders in the development of carry forward provisions.
5. Quota carry forward will be considered when stocks are in the Healthy Zone. When stocks are in the Cautious Zone, quota carry forward will be considered if the stock is/has been on a positive trend and the TAC is increasing. Quota carry forward for stocks in the Critical Zone and declining stocks in the Cautious Zone should only be considered for exceptional circumstances. In the absence of a DFO Precautionary Approach Framework, a decision on the implementation of carry forward will be guided by latest science advice and the history of the stock. If the latest science advice does not cover the scenario of a specific carry forward, new scientific advice could be requested.
6. In cases where an audit of DFO records reveals reporting or other errors that resulted in a carry forward of quota that had already been fished, any quota carried forward in error will be reconciled from current or future holdings.
7. Where applicable, licence fees will be based on the initial quota allocated each year. Carry forward will be added to initial quotas without fees as they would have been paid for in the previous year.
8. Any quota that is carried forward on a licence is attached to the licence and will remain even if that licence is permanently transferred (re-issued).
9. Where applicable, permanent quota concentration limits will not be affected by any amount carried forward. However, these amounts may contribute to any temporary quota concentration limits, and this will be considered on a fishery by fishery basis.

## *Governance*

1. The establishment of new/revised carry forward limits must be done in consultation with stakeholder advisory committees as well as relevant co-management boards and take into consideration the most recent scientific advice for each stock.
2. Approval of carry forward provisions will be at the Regional Director General or Regional Director level (as appropriate) responsible for the management of the fishery with concurrence from other DFO regions involved.
3. Approved Carry Forward provisions will be incorporated into the relevant Integrated Fishery Management Plan and/or Conservation Harvesting Plans (CHPs).



