



# FISHERIES AND SEALING DIVISION,

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORTATION (EDT)

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# FISHERIES AND SEALING FOCUS WITHIN EDT

- Fisheries and Sealing moved from Department of Environment (DOE) to EDT on April 1, 2020, by Cabinet decision.
- Mandate under EDT:

*“supports subsistence and commercial fisheries and the sealing sector in Nunavut, ensuring sustainable harvests and maximum benefits to Nunavummiut in close collaboration with Inuit, co-management partners and other stakeholders.”*
- Departmental focus:
  - 1) sustainable economic development, 2) employment for Nunavummiut and 3) training for Nunavummiut
- Offices – Iqaluit (4 positions), Pangnirtung (3 positions), Rankin Inlet (1 position), and Kugluktuk (1 position).
  - Working to staff all positions with indeterminate employees who are invested in supporting and improving Nunavut’s fisheries and sealing sectors.

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## Divisional Objectives:

- Encourage and support viable, sustainable fisheries, marine and sealing sectors in cooperation with stakeholders in all regions of Nunavut.
- Promote a clear understanding of all three sectors through education and awareness.
- Support inshore and offshore fishery development that is sustainable and ethical.
- Support research that contributes to sustainability and is done in a respectful and collaborative manner with Nunavut communities.
- Represent Nunavut's sealing and fishery interests locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.

## DETAILING OF OBJECTIVES

***Encourage and support viable, sustainable fisheries, marine and sealing sectors in cooperation with stakeholders in all regions of Nunavut.***

- Provide internal funding for the diversification, development and marketing of Nunavut's sectors  
(Fisheries Development and Diversification Program (FDDP), Fish Freight Subsidy Program (FFS))
- Work at the community level to support local fisheries – making connections, education, training, advocacy
- Represent and advocate for Nunavut fisheries and sealing nationally and internationally – FTPs, EU, GoC
- Lead working groups that bring stakeholders together to make sure there is clear communication and opportunity for collaboration.

# DETAILING OF OBJECTIVES

## ***Promote a clear understanding of all three sectors through education and awareness***

- Education and awareness to Nunavummiut on their resources, their reasonability and their sustainable economic potential.
- Education and awareness to national and international organization on Nunavut's resources and Nunavut's economic activities.
- Consulting and listening to Nunavummiut and other stakeholders to make sure we understand the issues, concerns and successes.

## DETAILING OF OBJECTIVES

### ***Support inshore and offshore fishery development that is sustainable and ethical.***

- Funding to support the development through GN Grants and Contributions  
(Fisheries Development and Diversification Program (FDDP), Fish Freight Subsidy Program (FFS))
- Partner with stakeholders and apply for external funding where applicable
- Represent Nunavut on federal files where policy is being created/reviewed that may impact fisheries development
- Advocating for Nunavummiut's fair allocation of adjacent water quota
- Look for training opportunities for Nunavummiut and look at option to expand and grow training
- Work closely with industry and other stake holders to collaborate on sustainable development

## DETAILING OF OBJECTIVES

***Support research that contributes to sustainability and is done in a respectful and collaborative manner with Nunavut communities.***

- Providing internal Grants and Contribution funding for research (FDDP, SFG, SG, FFS)
- Collaborate on funding applications with researchers and others
- Operate and offer space on the Nuliajuk (at cost) for research purposes
- Look for training opportunities for Nunavummiut with respect to research

# DETAILING OF OBJECTIVES

***Represent Nunavut's sealing and fishery interests locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.***

- Nunavut's 'Recognized Body' for European Union Inuit/Indigenous exception
- Representative on Seals and Sealing Network
- Grants and Contributions for projects, Dressed Sealskins for Nunavummiut
  - (Seal and Fur Grant and Contribution (SFG), Seal Grant (SG))
- Collaborate with Inuit orgs, organizations and other groups to fill gaps for Nunavummiut with respect to sealing economy
  - Support skill redevelopment, cultural re-establishment
  - Consultation with Nunavummiut – what do people want to have for a sealing economy and where can GN support?



# PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS

- Complete transition of Division to EDT
  - Finalize financial transition
  - Review policies and update to align with EDT
  - Staffing of vacant positions, training, networking and introduction of new staff
- Start consultations on Sealing Economy in Nunavut and Fisheries Strategy
- Advocate and work to increase Nunavut's adjacent water allocation
- Undertake economic analysis for Nunavut's fisheries and sealing economies
- Review of all training in Nunavut economies – look for gaps and potential improvements
- Contributed to Marine Protected Areas GN review

# OVERVIEW

- Fisheries and Sealing has a vision within EDT and the Government of Nunavut to be an advocate and representative for Nunavummiut on all files related to fisheries and sealing industry (both subsistence and commercial), while fostering an open communication and collaboration within the Government of Nunavut, between Inuit organizations, other governments and other organizations for the benefit of Nunavut's fishing and sealing industries.

*We feel our divisional mandate, vision and responsibilities link well to Economic Development and Transportation and we are encouraged to see where we can work together to strengthen and support the work done in EDT and the GN for Nunavummiut.*

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