

Fisheries Stewardship Program

“Taking Back Control”



The Fishery is the Economic Engine of Rural Newfoundland and Labrador

- **608 registered coastal communities out of 694.**
- **In 2003, 13,000 fish harvesters and 11,600 working in the processing sector.**
- **Estimated 7000 people indirectly employed due to spin-off benefits.**

Crisis in Rural Newfoundland and Labrador

- **Depletion of marine resources.**
- **In-stability in the Fisheries.**
- **Socio-economic instability.**
- **Mass out-migration of young, skilled workers.**
- **Loss of our culture and rural values.**

Newfoundland and Labrador Population Statistics

- **45% of the labour force in this province is in rural areas, compared to 19% for all of Canada.**
- **35% of rural youth (ages 15-24) out-migrated between 1996-2001.**
- **25% of rural youth (ages 15-25) estimated to have out-migrated between 2001-2006.**
- **In 2006 15-25 age cohort is 14% of the total population, 40+ age cohort makes up 52%.**
- **By 2016 the same age cohort, 15-25, will be 10% of the total population and the 40+ cohort will make up 59%.**

How do we Stabilize and Grow?

- **Self-adjustment**
- **Markets – Maximizing Value**
- **Fisher Based Stewardship**

Protecting the Lobster Resource

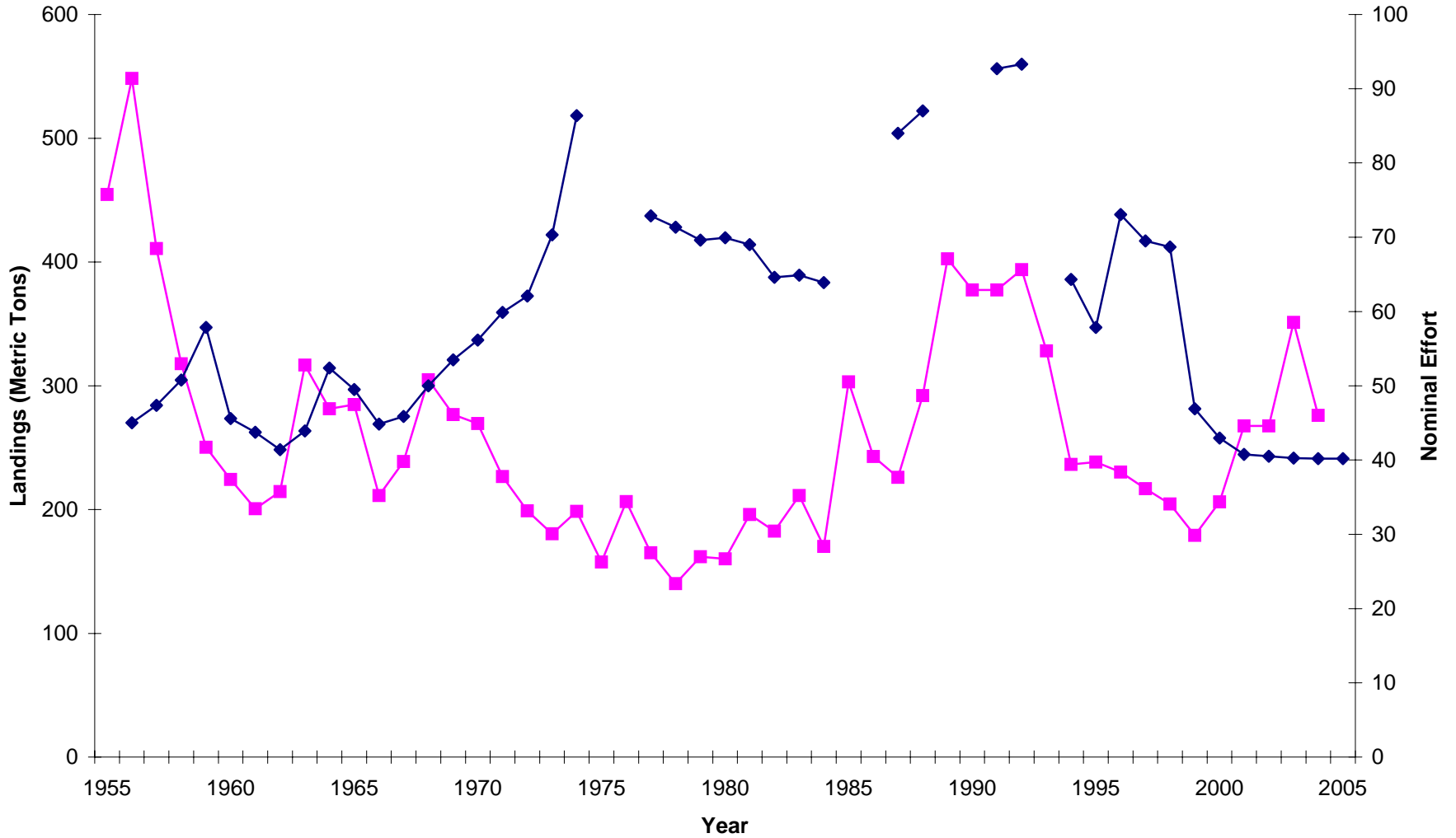
- **Eastport Peninsula Lobster Protection Committee Initiatives**
- **West Coast Lobster**

Fisher-based Lobster Conservation

- **V-notching berried females**
- **Closed Areas**
- **Voluntary Data Collection**
- **Maximum Size Limit**
- **Voluntary Trap Reductions**
- **Shortened Season**
- **No-fishing on Sundays**
- **Harvester Driven MPAs**

LFA 13B

Landings (MT) Traps (x1000)



Snow Crab Fisheries Stewardship Initiatives:

- **3L Inshore Snow Crab Co-operative Management Panel**
- **Soft-shell Closed Areas**
- **Conservation**
 - Exclusion Zones**
- **Hawke Channel**
 - No-dragging Zone**
- **Snow Crab Industry**
 - Survey**

Fisheries Science Collaborative Program

- **Projects identified by Harvesters.**
- **Enhance harvesters Understanding of their fishery resources.**
- **Involves harvesters Voluntarily collecting information on a wide diversity of commercial species.**
- **Creates greater Confidence in DFO's results when harvesters are Involved with the science.**

**Fisheries Stewardship
Program-
Building the Foundation
for Sustainable Fisheries**

Main Goal of the FSP

To give harvesters and their communities the tools they need to be involved in shared stewardship so they may effectively participate in the shared responsibility and accountability for managing fish resources.

FSP Placentia Bay Pilot Project

- **FFAW initiated the FSP in November 2005.**
- **To determine fish harvesters interest in a Fisheries Stewardship Program.**
- **Evaluated existing knowledge of conservation, sustainability, stewardship issues and concepts.**
- **Created an awareness of Fisheries Stewardship projects.**
- **Identify potential Fisheries Stewardship community projects.**

Fisheries Stewardship Program Placentia Bay Pilot Project Partners

- **Fish, Food and Allied Workers**
- **Department of Fisheries and Oceans**
- **Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture**
- **Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board**

FSP Partners Role

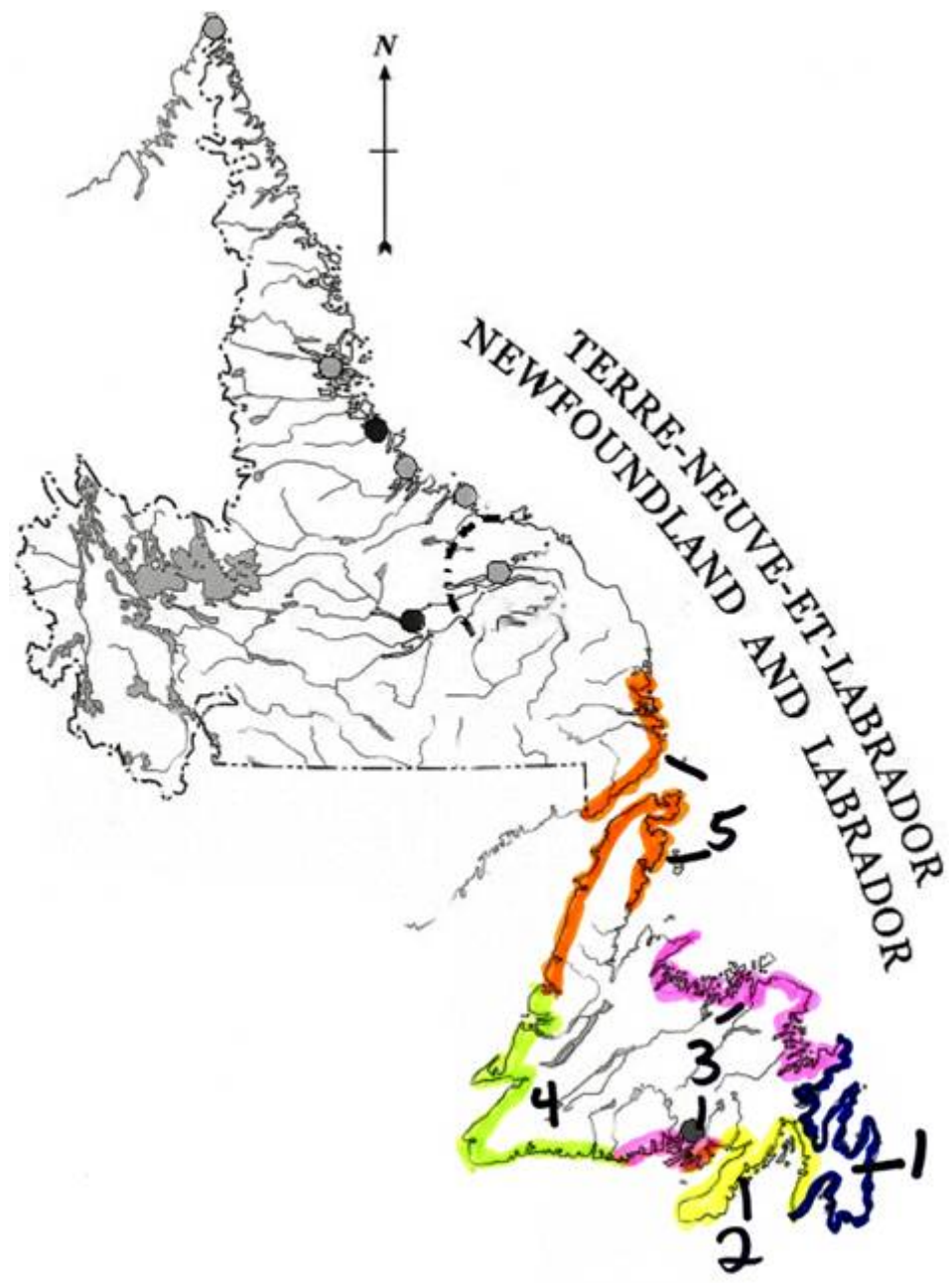
- **Were consulted during the course of the Pilot Project.**
- **Provided advice, information, data, materials to aid in the facilitation of the Program.**
- **Provided the vital sources of funding to deliver the Program Effectively and Successfully!**

Successes of the FSP Pilot Project

- **Opened new doors of communication between fish harvesters and the Program's partners.**
- **Harvesters brought forth a suite of recommendations to address the issues and concerns facing their fisheries and communities.**
- **FSP Video**
- **FSP Placentia Bay Survey**
- **Development of two spin-off projects:**
 - 1. Placentia Bay Lobster Project**
 - 2. Placentia Bay Partnership Project**

Future Direction of the Fisheries Stewardship Program

- **Spreading the Stewardship message province-wide into Five regions.**
- **To foster Partnerships that will aid harvesters in the facilitation of Stewardship Initiatives.**
- **Build the Capacity of harvesters to participate in the Decision-making process, and share Responsibility and Accountability for their marine resources.**



**Healthy Resources for Sustainable and Stable Fisheries,
to create a Bright Future for our Communities!**