

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday May 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m., in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, NS, with the following members present:

- Jody Crook - Chair
- Murray Atkinson
- Shaun Hatfield
- Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson

- George El-Jakl – Absent due to vacation.

- Chris Frotten, CAO
- Lesa Rossetti, Municipal Clerk

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- Newellton Community Hall
- New School Zone Signs - North East Point

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Being duly moved and seconded that the Agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Being duly moved and seconded that minutes of the Regular Committee of the Whole Council Meeting held May 13, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION RE: ALTERNATE SERVICE DELIVERY - CLAM FLAT TESTING

Bernice Losier and Angela Smith of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Chris Roberts and David MacArthur from Environment and Climate Change Canada and Dwayne Surette of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans appeared before the meeting to provide information on the Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program and Alternate Service Delivery for Clam Flat Testing. The goal of the CSSP is to protect Canadians from the health risks associated with the consumption of contaminated shellfish, such as mussels, oysters and clams.

It was reported that Shelburne County is one of the areas that has been identified for a pilot project. If there is no interest in the pilot project then some areas will be declassified and will no longer be monitored by the Federal Government due to lack of resources.

They are looking for a community group or municipality to collect samples and to have them tested for bacteria and biotoxins. The Federal Government is willing to provide training and will oversee collections, but the cost of the program will be the sole responsibility of the monitoring group.

A copy of the power point presentation is attached and forms part of the minutes.

General discussion took place regarding the CSSP Alternate Service Delivery. Information will be provided to the Municipal Office on how to apply to be set up as a monitoring group.

Representatives were thanked for their presentation.

MUNICIPAL FLAG POLICY

It was reported that at the last meeting of the Committee, Lana Townsend requested that amendments be made to the Municipal Flag Policy to allow other flags to be flown on Municipal flag poles other than the Official Canadian, Provincial and Municipal Flags. Ms. Townsend requested that the PRIDE FLAG be flown at the Administrative Centre from June 1-30 to show support of Nova Scotia PRIDE Month.

Upon request, Ms. Townsend was given an opportunity to address members. She suggested that the Municipality have a special purpose flag pole for community organizations to fly the flag of their group, similar to what other municipal units have done.

Approximately a dozen members of the public were present and many were granted permission to speak. All of those who spoke were in support of the request.

During discussion of this matter it was noted that emails of support for flying the Pride Flag were received from the following:

- Sebastien Clairmont
- Penney Duggan
- Jamie Reynolds
- Shelby Peters
- Linda Symonds

Resolution COW190508

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the request to fly the Pride Flag on a municipal flag pole from June 1 - 30, 2019 be approved and that the flag be flown on the municipal flag pole located near the Kiack Brook, in Barrington.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution COW190509

Being duly moved and seconded that staff research policies of other municipal units as it relates to community flag poles and draft options for the committee to consider and that Lana Townsend be kept inform of actions taken.

Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES

In advance to the meeting members were provided with a list of Municipal Properties showing the three different categories, properties sold, property listed with real estate companies, properties offered for sale by tender, etc.

The list was reviewed and the following three properties were identified to be disposed of:

- No. 15 - 03394743 - Property at Fish Point Road, Barrington. (Possible site for a Dog Park)
- No. 74 - 03394794 - Property in Oak Park near Oak Park Bottle Exchange
- No. 80 - 03394697 - Property at Old Hay Road (Barrington Lake Road) Barrington

PROPOSED BY-LAW RESPECTING THE MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OF BARRINGTON LAKE ROAD

Property owners in the Barrington Lake Area have approached the Municipality for a Maintenance Agreement to assist with the upkeep of Barrington Lake Road, similar to what was put in place for the property owners in the Goose Lake Area. In advance to the meeting each member was provided with a draft By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Barrington Lake Road. The by-law will include all properties accessed by Barrington Lake Road starting north of Highway 103 and travelling south including property 80044373.

The President of the Association has advised that 50 ballots were sent out to property owners in the Barrington Lake Area. Thirty-nine were returned which represents 78% - 30 - yes and 9 - no.

If the by-law is approved, the Municipality will levy a charge upon the owners of taxable property within the Charge Area in an annual amount of \$150.00 per property, except for property with more than one dwelling which shall be charged an annual amount of \$150.00 per dwelling. For example, if there is one dwelling on a property the owner of that property will be charged \$150.00. If there are two dwellings on a property the owner of that property will be charged \$300.00. It shall be the responsibility of the Association to identify properties with more than one dwelling.

It was agreed that the draft By-law Respecting the Maintenance and Improvement of Barrington Lake Road be referred to Council for First Reading.

NOVA SCOTIA FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES

The redrafted letter to NSFM expressing concern regarding their resolutions process was presented.

Resolution COW190510

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that the letter expressing concern regarding the resolutions process be forwarded to the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

RECREATION COMMISSION OR RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During discussions with the SouWest Recreation Complex Advisory Committee the establishment of a Recreation Commission or Recreation Advisory Committee was brought forward.

It was agreed by members that staff prepare Terms of Reference for the establishment of a Recreation Advisory Committee to be considered by members at a future meeting.

FUTURE AREA FIRE RATES AND FIRE TRUCK PURCHASES

Future Area Fire Rates and fire truck purchases were discussed.

Resolution COW190511

Being duly moved and seconded that it be recommended to Council that following the 2019/20 Budget that a freeze be placed on all Area Fire Rates and capital purchases on all fire departments within the Municipality of Barrington until staff have had an opportunity to review the process for all future capital purchases and information be presented to the Committee of the Whole Council for review and consideration.

Motion carried unanimously

NEWELLTON COMMUNITY HALL

Councillor Hatfield informed members that the Trustees of the Newellton Community Hall will be requesting a grant of \$1,250.00 this year to assist with the cost of electrical upgrades.

It was noted that all grant applications will be considered during the month of June, 2019.

NEW SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS

Warden Nickerson informed members that new School Zone Signs have been installed in North East Point near the Ocean View Christian Academy, but some bushes need to be trimmed to improve visibility.

It was agreed that staff would look after having bushes trimmed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Chair

Secretary for the Meeting



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A photograph of a rocky shoreline with various shellfish, including mussels and scallops, in the foreground. The background shows a calm blue body of water under a clear sky.

Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP) Alternative Service Delivery

Pilot Project Presentation
May 21, 2019

Why are we here today?



We want to explore potential partnerships in CSSP-led projects with stakeholders and the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia

The projects will help test a new way to deliver the CSSP in new harvest areas and in harvest areas where program delivery had ended

We also want to understand the nature of harvest in some areas of your communities

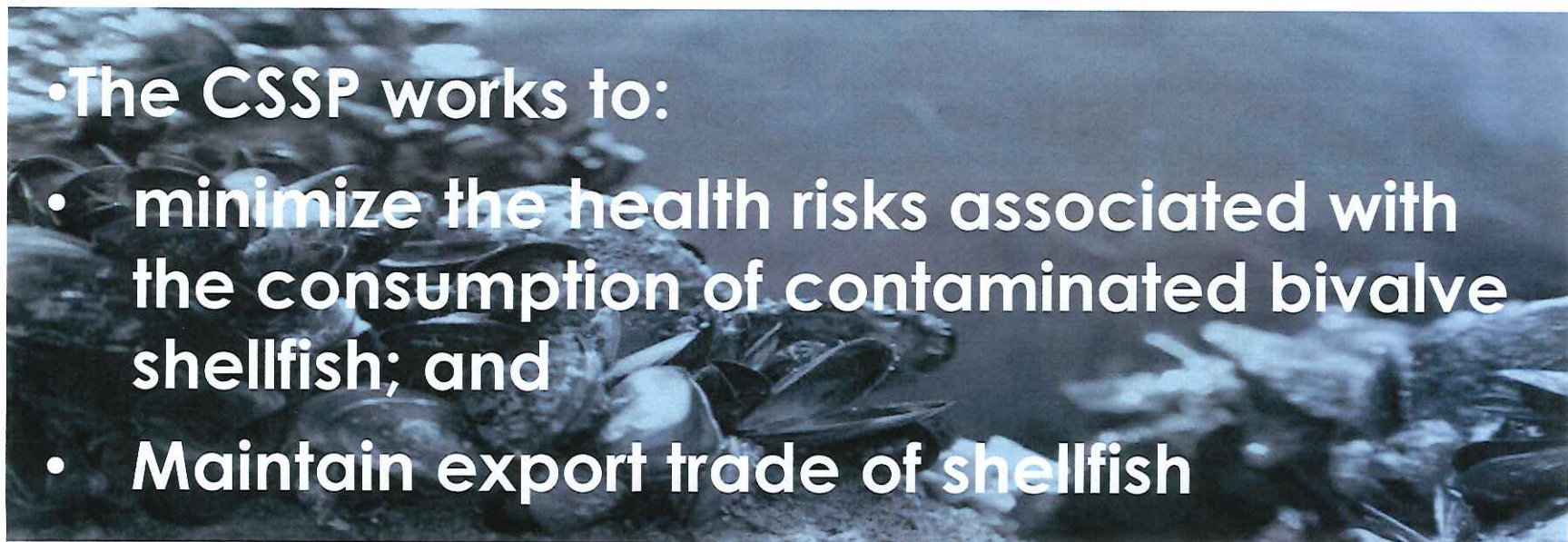
What is the CSSP?

- The Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSP) is a federal food safety program jointly administered by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- The goal of the program is to protect Canadians from the health risks associated with the consumption of contaminated bivalve molluscan shellfish, such as mussels, oysters and clams
- Under the CSSP, the Government of Canada implements controls to verify that only shellfish that meet food safety and quality standards reach domestic and international markets



Canadian Shellfish Sanitation Program (CSSSP)

- Bivalve shellfish are filter feeders that can gather and store contaminants from pollution sources and from naturally occurring toxins
- The marine environment has a direct impact on shellfish availability and public safety from shellfish consumption



•The CSSSP works to:

- minimize the health risks associated with the consumption of contaminated bivalve shellfish; and
- Maintain export trade of shellfish

The CSSP Partners

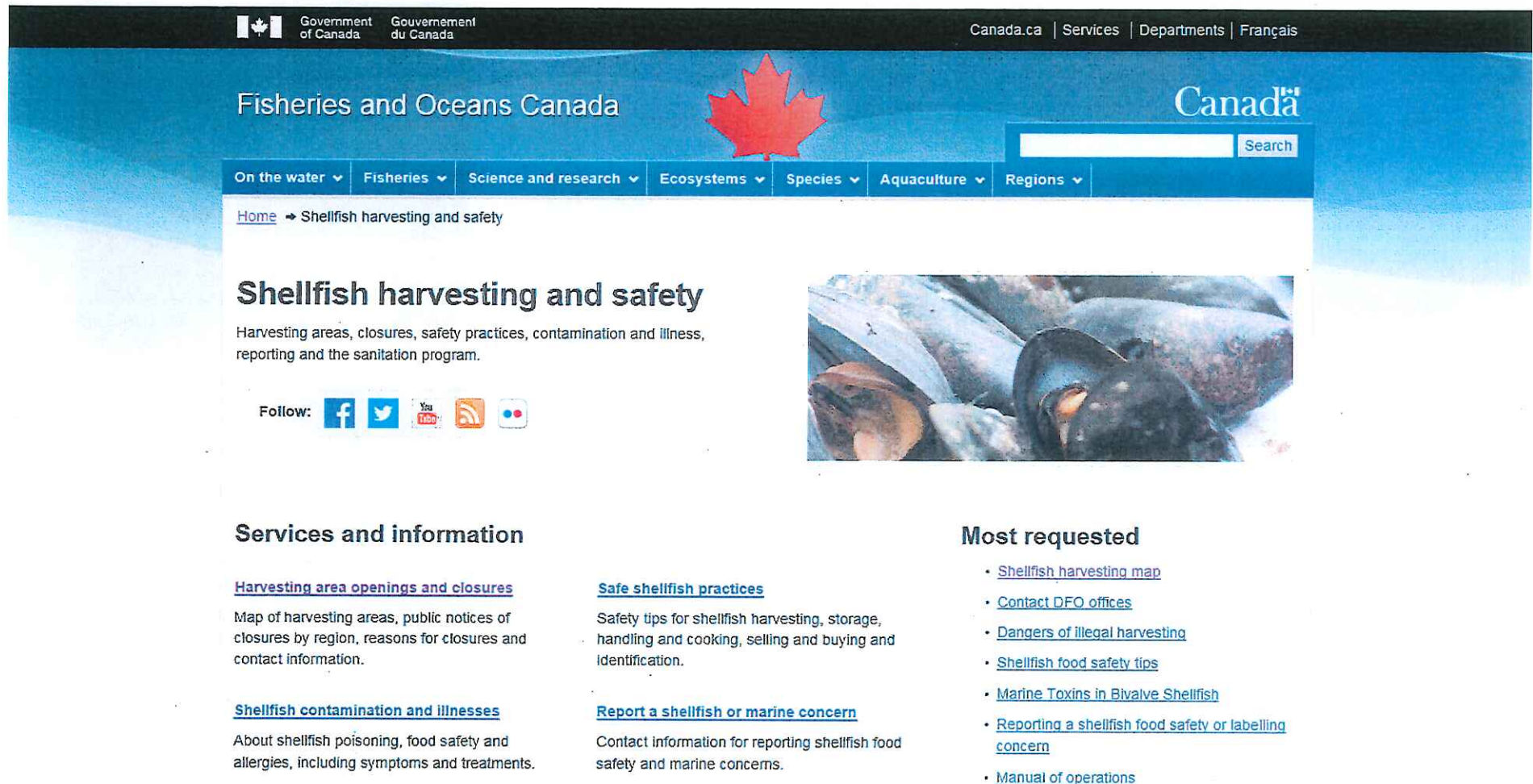
- CSSP is delivered by three federal departments:
- **Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC)**
 - evaluates pollution sources
 - monitors the bacteriological water quality in harvest areas
 - recommends shellfish harvesting area classification
- **Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)**
 - regulates shellfish processors, export, and import
 - implements shellfish biotoxin monitoring program
 - conducts microbiological analyses of shellfish
- **Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)**
 - regulates licences
 - posts, patrols and enforces shellfish area closures
 - opens and closes shellfish harvest areas on the advice of ECCC or CFIA
- More information on CSSP can be found at:
www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/shellfish-mollusques/ihs-rim-eng.htm

Harvesting Safe Shellfish

- Shellfish that is sold to a federally registered plant must be harvested from an approved area or may be harvested in restricted area under special licence if subsequently relayed or depurated
- In areas where shellfish are harvested for food, social and ceremonial or recreational purposes, they should come from approved areas to minimize risks to consumers
- Consuming shellfish from areas that are not monitored or are closed for contamination can pose a serious health risk

Harvesting Safe Shellfish (cont'd)

- More information on shellfish food safety can be found on the DFO website under "Shellfish harvesting openings and closures", including maps of harvest areas



The screenshot shows the Fisheries and Oceans Canada website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Canadian flag, the text "Government of Canada / Gouvernement du Canada", and "Canada.ca | Services | Departments | Français". Below this is a blue header with "Fisheries and Oceans Canada" on the left, a red maple leaf logo in the center, and "Canada" on the right. A search bar is located to the right of the logo. A secondary navigation bar contains dropdown menus for "On the water", "Fisheries", "Science and research", "Ecosystems", "Species", "Aquaculture", and "Regions". The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: "Home → Shellfish harvesting and safety". The title "Shellfish harvesting and safety" is prominently displayed, followed by a sub-header: "Harvesting areas, closures, safety practices, contamination and illness, reporting and the sanitation program." To the right of this text is a photograph of several blue mussels. Below the sub-header are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, RSS, and a generic social icon. The page is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Services and information" and contains two sections: "Harvesting area openings and closures" (with a description: "Map of harvesting areas, public notices of closures by region, reasons for closures and contact information.") and "Shellfish contamination and illnesses" (with a description: "About shellfish poisoning, food safety and allergies, including symptoms and treatments."). The right column is titled "Most requested" and lists six links: "Shellfish harvesting map", "Contact DFO offices", "Dangers of illegal harvesting", "Shellfish food safety tips", "Marine Toxins in Bivalve Shellfish", "Reporting a shellfish food safety or labelling concern", and "Manual of operations".

CSSP Delivery



- The CSSP is currently delivered in approximately 1,400 bivalve shellfish harvest areas across Canada. Collected annually:
 - 10,000 shellfish samples for biotoxins
 - 26,500 bacteriological water quality samples
- Currently, all CSSP resources are fully committed to maintaining the classification of known high- and medium-priority harvest areas
- There is increasing demand for expansion of access to shellfish harvest areas across Canada (FSC, commercial, recreational)
- The Government of Canada is looking to increase the involvement of First Nations and stakeholders in CSSP delivery to support expansion

Alternative Service Delivery (ASD)

- CFIA and ECSCC have partnered with various organizations over the past 25 years to collect and/or analyze water and shellfish samples
- Independent parties have been involved in water quality sample collection and analysis, and shellfish samples have been collected by shellfish industry, as well as Indigenous communities operating communal commercial harvest sites
- Most partnership arrangements have proven to be successful and the CSSP is looking to expand on those successes to meet increased demand for new harvest areas



Photo : Yves Lamontagne

Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) cont'd

- Two key ASD options are industry-supported monitoring for commercial areas and community-based monitoring for non-commercial areas
- Options may involve partnerships with the Government of Canada or with provincial or territorial governments
- Each partnership is supported by an arrangement that clearly describes the roles and responsibilities of the parties
- In order to maintain the integrity of the program and access to export markets, all sampling and analysis follow CSSP requirements
- Shellfish and water quality samples used to classify areas are analyzed in ISO-accredited laboratories

Community-Based Monitoring (CBM)

- Community-Based Monitoring is an option under ASD, directed at non-commercial fishery interests such as food, social and ceremonial (FSC) harvesting, and recreational harvesting
- Under CBM, communities have the choice to:
 - a) meet all CSSP monitoring requirements to maintain the classification of FSC or recreational areas (under an agreement); or
 - b) conduct sampling of unclassified areas to make informed decisions on the safety of shellfish for infrequent harvesting such as for ceremonies, festivals or tourist operations

ASD Pilot Project



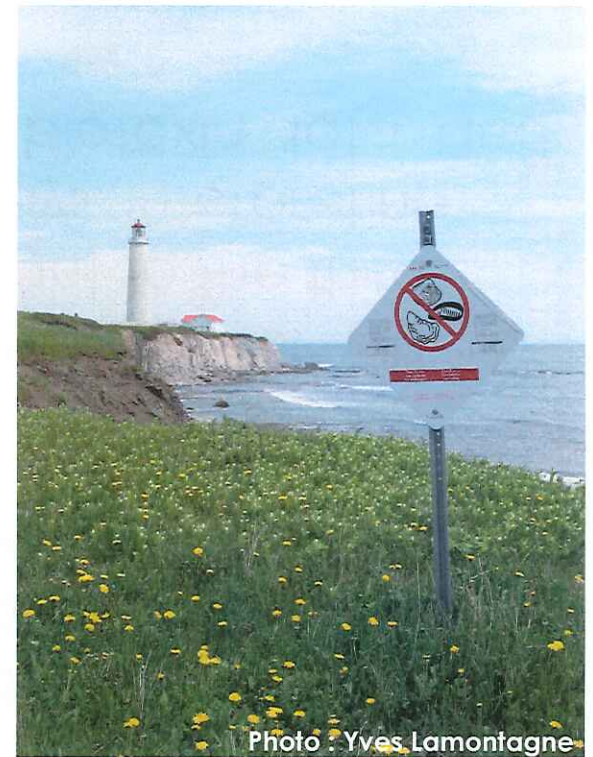
- Three project areas across Canada were selected to explore ASD arrangements:
 - Prince Rupert, BC
 - Notre Dame Bay, NL
 - Shelburne County, NS
- Engagement sessions are being conducted to understand the nature of harvest in some areas of your communities and explore opportunities to partner in project delivery
- The results of the Pilot Project will help the CSSP refine its approach for a broader implementation of ASD in other parts of Canada

ASD Pilot Project (cont'd)

- Any new classification requests must be made in a proposal to the CSSP, meeting the requirements outlined in Appendix XIII of the *CSSP Manual of Operations*
- The proposal will outline the proponents' commitment supporting the cost of monitoring and analysis to classify the area and ongoing water quality and biotoxin monitoring
- If the Appendix XIII proposal is approved, the CSSP will commit to providing training and oversight to the third party, conducting pollution source surveys, interpreting and reporting on the water quality and biotoxin data, and regulating the harvesting

ASD Pilot Project (cont'd)

- The CSSP is also interested in any new information from you about currently-classified areas where there is limited or no harvest.
- Identifying under-utilized areas could help redirect CSSP resources elsewhere to support expansion
- If there is no interest in participating in an ASD arrangement, unclassified waters will remain as such or previously-classified areas will be de-classified



Understanding Harvest Interest

- Benefitting from traditional Mi'kmaq knowledge about shellfish areas
- Sharing knowledge of health protection science
- Identify areas of harvest interest where the CSSP is currently not delivered with the potential to access new areas
- Working together to find ways to access safe harvest areas
- What is the nature of interest in the area (FSC, commercial, recreational, or any combination thereof)
- Is there an organized community group that is interested in an arrangement to monitor non-commercial harvest areas?
- Are there currently-classified areas where there is limited or no harvest ?

Who to Contact?

If you have questions or information about historical harvest activities in your area, please contact:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

DFO.Crustaceans-Crustaces.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

902-740-2404

Useful website links

- More information on shellfish food safety can be found at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/shellfish-mollusques/index-eng.htm>
- To find out if an area is safe for harvesting contact your local DFO area office or check the online mapping application at https://inter-w01.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Geocortex/Essentials/Viewer/Index.html?viewer=CSSP_Public_En_Site



Thank you

Any questions?