

Northern Lights 2023

Sustainable Fisheries in the Arctic



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NORTHERN COALITION



Geographic Reach
Eastern Arctic and Labrador Sea





Northern Coalition Membership

Qikiqtaaluk Corporation – Iqaluit, Nunavut, www.qcorp.ca

Makivik Corporation – Kuujuaq, Nunavik www.makivik.org

Unaag Fisheries Inc. – Jointly held by Qikiqtaaluk Corporation and Makivik Corporation

Nunatsiavut Group of Companies – Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador, NL,
www.ngc-ng.ca

Torngat Fish Producers Co-operative – Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Labrador, NL,
www.torngatfishcoop.com

Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company – L'Anse au Loup, Labrador, NL,
www.labshrimp.com



Northern Coalition Members Resource Benefits

- The fisheries-related profits/revenues (Resource Rent) of Northern Coalition members support 45 social enterprises, employing some 2,400 people in birthright corporations and community-based, indigenous businesses;
- Social enterprise portfolios supported by fisheries profits and revenues include: Seafood Harvesting, Processing and Marketing, Airlines, Construction, Technology, Transportation and Communications, Real Estate, Retail and Arts/Crafts businesses;
- Benefits accrue to 40,000 residents in 52 coastal communities throughout Nunavut, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut and Southern Labrador.
- **See: Reinvesting Fishery Profits for Economic and Social Development: A Case Study of the Northern Coalition.**
https://www.mun.ca/harriscentre/media/production/memorial/administrative/the-harris-centre/media-library/Northern_Coalition_Project.pdf



Northern Resource Access

- Throughout all coastal regions of Canada, 90-100 % of the benefits of regional fish resources accrue to adjacent harvesters and corporate quota holders;
- All Northern groups in the Eastern Arctic and Labrador collectively harvest roughly 44% and 70% respectively of adjacent Shrimp and Greenland Halibut allocations;
- These fisheries provide \$85 – 95 million annually to Northern/Indigenous groups that support further investments in the fishing industry and/or other social enterprises.



Northern Coalition Proposal

- Consistent with the advice of the Ministerial Advisory Panel on Northern Shrimp, Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, Canada's Indigenous Reconciliation policies, DFO's Access and Allocation policies must be amended to ensure that Northerners become the primary beneficiaries of adjacent fisheries resources to a comparable level as exists in all other Canadian maritime regions;
- DFO's existing access and allocation policies effectively mean that Northerners will continue to receive a disproportionately lower share of adjacent fish resources, relative to other coastal Canadians, in perpetuity;
- Northern Coalition advocates that comparable access to adjacent resources for Northerners must consist of the following elements:
 - A clearly articulated policy objective of the Government of Canada;
 - Legislatively based and implemented in a predictable and transparent manner; and includes,
 - Fair compensation to existing licence and quota holders outside the North.

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Thank you

Northern Osprey III



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