



Canadian Independent Fish Harvesters' Movement

Le Mouvement des pêcheurs indépendants du Canada

Newfoundland – Terre-Neuve
Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union

Nova Scotia – Nouvelle Ecosse
LFA27 Management Board
LFA 30 Fishermen's Association
Area 23 Crab Fishermen's Association
Eastern Nova Scotia 4VsW Management Board
The Guysborough County Inshore
Fishermen's Association
The Eastern Shore Fishermen's
Protective Association
The Halifax West Commercial
Fishermen's Association
Shelburne Country Competitive Fishermen's
Association
Scotia Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association
LFA33 Advisory Board
LFA34 Management Board
Yarmouth County Fixed Gear Association
Yarmouth Herring Management Committee
Gulf Nova Scotia Fleet Planning Board
Northumberland Fishermen's Association
Maritime Fishermen's Union Local 4
Gulf Nova Scotia Fishermen's Coalition
Gulf Bonafide Fishermen's Association
Bay of Fundy Inshore Fishermen's Association
Fundy Fixed Gear Council
Richmond County Inshore Fishermen's
Association
Maritime Fishermen's Union Local 6
Maritime Fishermen's Union Local 9

New Brunswick- Nouveau-Brunswick
Maritime Fishermen's Union
Grand Manan Fishermen's Association
Fundy North Fishermen's Association
Fédération régionale acadienne des pêcheurs
professionnels
Association des crevettiers acadiens
du Golfe Inc.
Association des pêcheurs professionnels
membres d'équipages
Association des Pêcheurs Professionnels
Crabiers Acadiens

PEI – Ile du P.-E.
PEI Fishermen's Association
Prince County Fishermen's Association
Acadian Fishermen's Coop

Quebec - Québec
L'Alliance des pêcheurs professionnels du
Québec
L'Association des pêcheurs
professionnels des Iles de la Madeleine
Le Regroupement des pêcheurs
professionnels du sud de la Gaspésie
Le Regroupement des pêcheurs
professionnels de la Haute et Moyenne
Côte Nord
L'Association des capitaines propriétaires de la
Gaspésie

Interprovincial Atlantic/Atlantique
Eastern Fishermen's Federation

British Columbia – Colombie-Britannique
Area A Crab Association
United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union

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Halifax – In an unprecedented show of unity independent fishermen from across Atlantic Canada and Quebec are joining forces to oppose corporate raiding of their fishing licences and communities.

At the end of a two-day Policy Forum, fishermen delegates representing 10,000 licence holders from the inshore and mid-shore fleets unanimously adopted a motion in principle to establish a new independent fishermen's federation to deal with the pressing issue of corporate concentration in their fisheries.

Delegate after delegate spoke of the failure of the Federal government to enforce long standing policies meant to keep Atlantic fishing licences and quotas in the hands of independent fishermen.

Many delegates described the government's inaction as an attack on the rural economy of coastal Canada as government officials turn a blind eye to blatant violations of fisheries policies by corporate interests.

Atlantic Canada's independent fishing fleets are the region's largest private sector employer landing 75 percent of the value from the Atlantic fisheries most from the region's valuable shellfish –lobster, crab and shrimp.

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