

Aquaculture in Victoria County

A Nova Scotia Story



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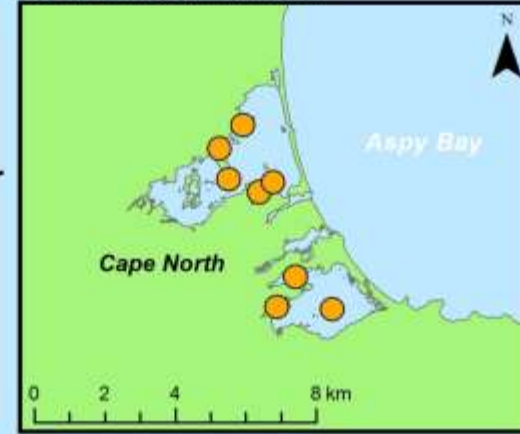


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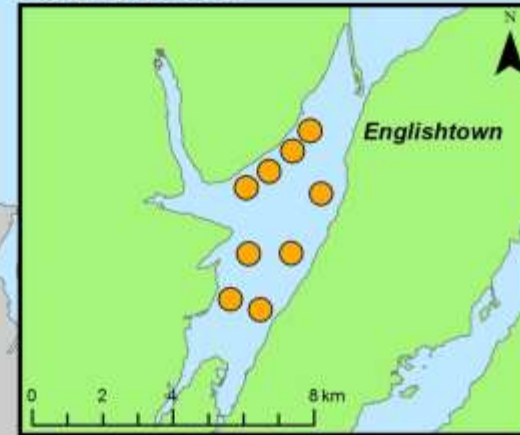
Portage Inlet, MacKinnons Harbour,
St. Patrick's Channel, Whycomomagh Bay



South & North Harbour



St. Anns Harbour



- Issued Finfish
- Issued Shellfish

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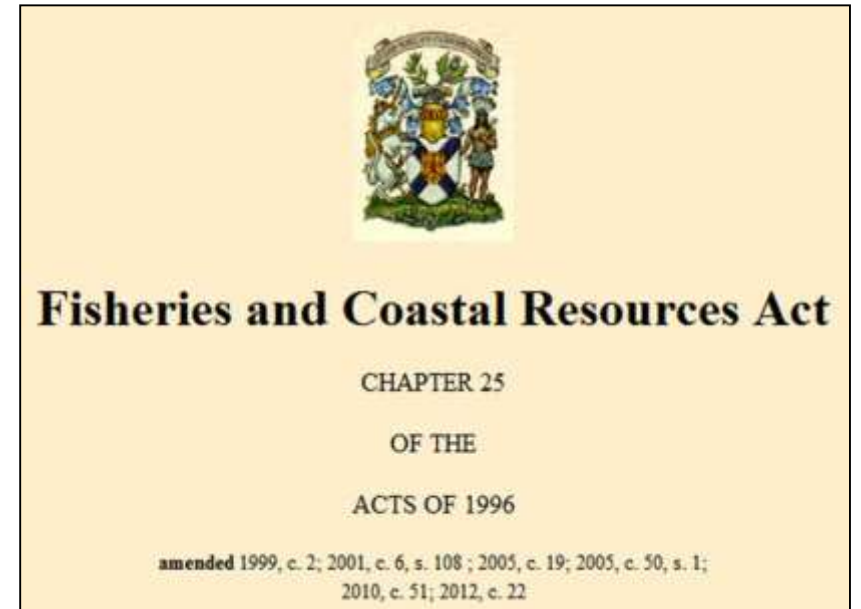
History

- The Mi'kmaq have harvested oysters from the Bras d'or Lakes for thousands of years.
- Raft culture for oyster grow-out in the 1970's.
- First trials (in North America) for Atlantic Salmon grow-out in the late 1960's.
- Longline mussel culture in the early 1980's.
- Largest aquaculture lease in North America issued in 2002.



A New Direction

- ONE Nova Scotia –
Now or Never an Urgent Call to Action (2014)
- Independent Report on Aquaculture –
New Regulatory Framework for Low-Impact/High Value Aquaculture in Nova Scotia (2014)
- *Auditor General's Report 2015*



- New legislation & policy (2015)
 - Clearly defined rules.
 - Transparent and opportunity for public input
 - New compliance & enforcement model.
- Research & development support.

The Tide is Turning

- Ongoing collaborative R&D projects to outrun MSX.
- New regulations are starting to produce better outcomes.
- Growth and optimism
- More trust



A tale of two mussel farms

Englishtown has experienced the good and the bad being home to bi-valve companies

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Unlike wharves in larger communities, the Englishtown dock gets no government funding.



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Victoria County is Open for Business

Aquaculture is a valuable contributor to Victoria County's economy and we would like to see it grow.

- A diversity of grow-out areas to support a variety of species.
- Excellent marine and processing infrastructure.
- Leading ocean technology and research facilities.
- A great place to live!

