

FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ACT

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Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson
Governor General of Canada
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May It Please Your Excellency:

In accordance with Section 10 of the *Fisheries Development Act*, I have the honour herewith, for the information of Your Excellency and the Parliament of Canada, to present the Annual Report on the administration of the Act for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Herb Dhaliwal, P.C.,

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Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Room 121, East Block
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Dhaliwal:

I have the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report of Operations under the *Fisheries Development Act* for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2000, pursuant to section 10 of the said Act.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne G. Wouters

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INTRODUCTION

Under the provisions of the *Fisheries Development Act* administered by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO),

1. the Minister may undertake projects for:
 - the more efficient exploitation of fishery resources and for the exploration for and development of new fishery resources and new fisheries;
 - the introduction and demonstration to fishermen of new types of fishing vessels and fishing equipment and new fishing techniques; and
 - the development of new fishery products for the improvement of the handling, processing and distribution of fishery products.
2. The Minister may enter into an agreement with any province providing for the undertaking jointly with the government of the province or any agency thereof of any project that the Minister is authorized to undertake under 1, above.
3. The Minister may, with the approval of the Governor in Council, enter into an agreement with any province providing for the payment to the province of contributions in respect of the cost of any project that is undertaken by the government of the province or any agency thereof and that the Minister is authorized to undertake under 1, above.
4. The Minister may enter into an agreement with any person for the joint undertaking of any project that the Minister is authorized to undertake under 1, above or for the payment to any person of contributions in respect of the cost of any such project undertaken by that person.
5. For the purpose of assisting in the formulation and assessment of fisheries development projects, the Minister may undertake economic studies alone or jointly with the government of any province or agency thereof or with any university, educational institution or person, and may coordinate any such studies with similar studies undertaken in Canada.

In the fiscal year 1999-2000, the federal expenditure under the Act was valued at \$226.1 million.

PROGRAMS

- **Canadian Fisheries Adjustment and Restructuring (CFAR)**

The Department's 1999-2000 budget for CFAR was \$298.8 million including \$148.3 million for Pacific programs and \$150.5 million for Atlantic programs. The majority of these resources, \$270 million, were for contribution programs related to fisheries adjustment and restructuring.

In the Atlantic region, expenditures in 1999-2000 amounted to \$78.4 million, with \$66.9 million used to retire groundfish licences, \$10.7 million to provide early retirement to fishers and \$.8 million for administration. The unused portion, \$72.1 million, has been reprofiled to 2000-01 fiscal year to address the completion of the Atlantic Groundfish Licence Retirement program.

In the Pacific region, expenditures amounted to \$131 million with \$17.3 million reprofiled to 2000-01 fiscal year. Resources were used for the Pacific Licence Retirement program (\$104.6M), Pacific Salmon Resource Rebuilding program (\$16M), relief to salmon fishers under the Salmon Licence Remission (\$2M), selective fishing (\$6.5), fisheries development (\$0.9) and ocean-based tourism (\$1M).

- **Office of the Commissioner for Aquaculture Development**

The 1998 Federal Budget set aside \$2M in funding, in each of the next four years, for the Office of the Commissioner for Aquaculture Development. Appointed by the Governor-in-Council, the Commissioner functions as a champion for aquaculture industry. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans announced the appointment of Yves Bastien, of Gaspé, Quebec, to the newly created position of Commissioner for Aquaculture Development on December 17, 1998.

Expenditures of \$1.5 million were made in 1999-2000 as the Commissioner provided support to various Aquaculture organizations, consulted with stakeholders, and undertook scientific studies. A major initiative undertaken by the Commissioner during 1999-2000 was the Aquaculture Legal Review.