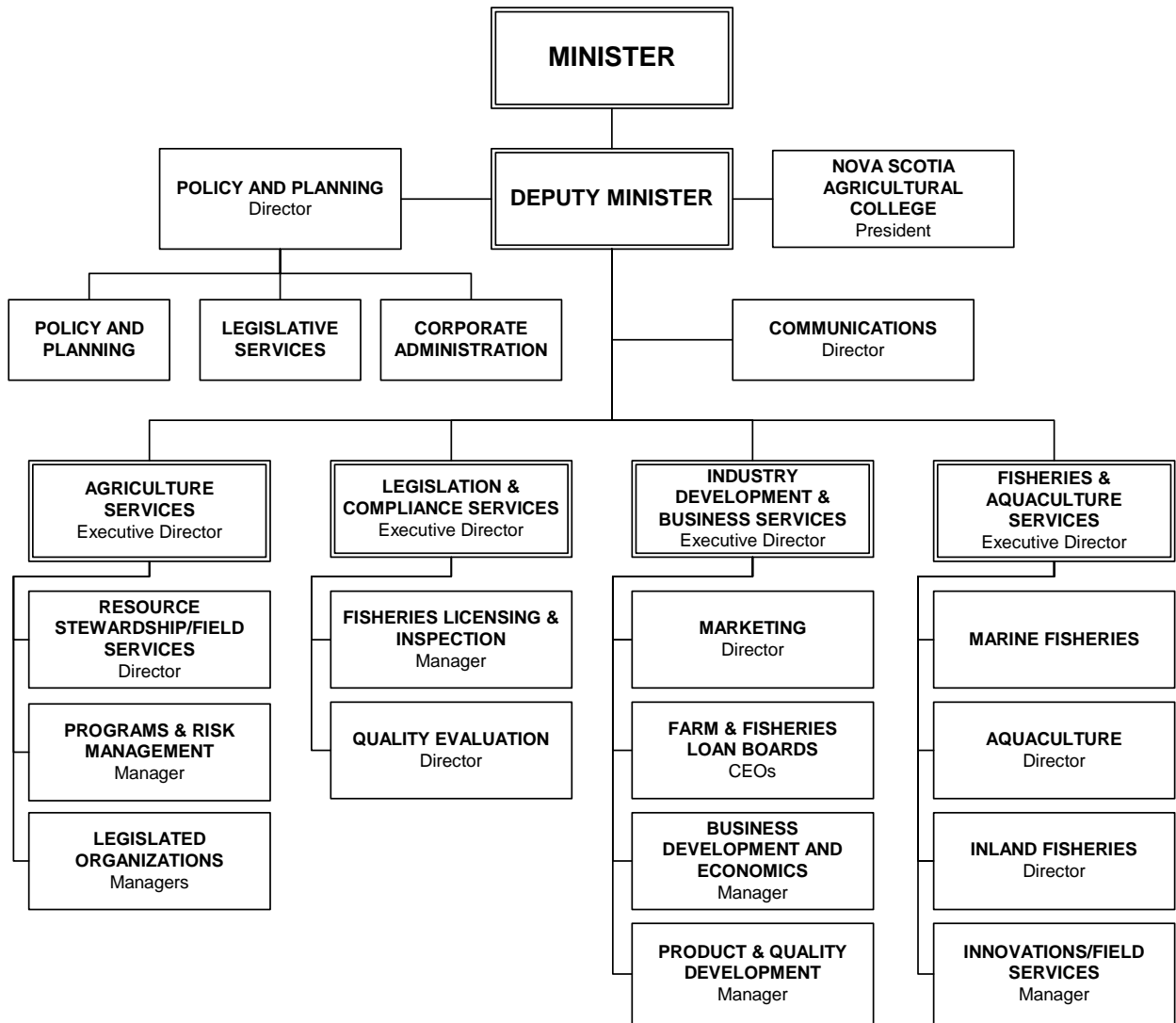


Department of Agriculture and Fisheries



Responsibilities

OFFICE OF DEPUTY MINISTER

The Deputy Minister, responsible to the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, oversees the administration of the department.

AGRICULTURE SERVICES

The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, is responsible for federal/provincial policy and oversees the administration of three divisions:

Resource Stewardship/Field Services

Environmental management, land protection, 4-H and rural organizations, and field services

Programs and Risk Management

Farm industry development, agricultural research, and federal/provincial stakeholder interactions/agreements

Legislated Organizations

Crop and Livestock Insurance Commission and Natural Products Marketing Council

FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SERVICES

The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration of four divisions:

Marine Fisheries

Fishery advisory services, federal/provincial stakeholder interaction, and coastal zone management under direct supervision of the Executive Director

Aquaculture

Site leasing and licensing, fish health, and development and extension services

Inland Fisheries

Inland sportfish management, sportfishing development/promotions, inland conservation, and lake and river stocking

Innovations/Field Services

Innovations in fisheries technology and field services

LEGISLATION AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES

The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration of two divisions:

Fisheries Licensing and Inspection

Licensing of seafood buyers, fish plants, monitoring and enforcement of regulations related to aquaculture site operations, sea plant harvesting, and fish buying and processing

Quality Evaluation

Consumer health and safety, meat and food/food shops inspection, and veterinarian services and laboratory services (soil, water, tissue analysis, dairy services analysis)

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICES

The Executive Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration of four divisions:

Marketing

Marketing development/promotions, market research and information, school milk program, and Taste of Nova Scotia program

Farm Loan Board and Fisheries Loan Board

Loans and loan guarantees and New Entrants Program for agriculture

Business Development and Economics

Economic analyses and information, farm business/income management, and entrepreneurial development

Product and Quality Development

New and value-added products, quality and innovation initiatives, barriers to commercialization, and community-based strategic alliances

POLICY AND PLANNING

The Director, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration and operation of three corporate service areas:

Policy and Planning

Corporate business planning and performance management, policy development and coordination, ministerial briefing requirements, corporate project management and event planning.

Legislative Services

Coordination of legislation and regulations, departmental submissions to Executive Council, and agency, board, and commission appointments.

Corporate Administration

Administration of FOIPOP and Routine Access Policy, Occupational Health and Safety, records management, facility management, reception services, Website development and management.

NOVA SCOTIA AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

The President, reporting to the Deputy Minister, oversees the administration and operation of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. Through its Atlantic Canada mandate for agricultural education, the college has national and international educational linkages in agriculture research and development.

Acts Administered

FISHERIES

- *Angling Act (sportfishing)*
- *Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act*
- *Fisheries Organizations Support Act*
- *Wildlife Act (sportfishing)*

AGRICULTURE

- *Agriculture and Marketing Act*
- *Agriculture and Rural Credit Act*
- *Agricultural Marshland Conservation Act*
- *Agrologists Act*
- *Animal Cruelty Prevention Act*
- *Animal Health and Protection Act*
- *Baby Chick Protection Act*
- *Bee Industry Act*
- *Cattle Pest Control Act*
- *Cold Storage Plants Loan Act*
- *Crop and Livestock Insurance Act*
- *Dairy Industry Act*
- *Farm Practices Act*
- *Farm Registration Act*
- *Federations of Agriculture Act*
- *Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act*
- *Health Act (food safety inspection, and regulations)*
- *Imitation Dairy Products Act*
- *Livestock Brands Act*
- *Livestock Health Services Act*
- *Margarine Act*
- *Maritime Provinces Harness Racing Commission Act*
- *Meat Inspection Act*
- *Natural Products Act*
- *Potato Industry Act*
- *Provincial Berry Act*
- *Sheep Protection Act*
- *Veterinary Medical Act*

- *Weed Control Act*
- *Wildlife Act (game and deer farming)*
- *Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia Act*

