

## School Work

Fisheries Stewardship and Marine Careers

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The Fish, Food and Allied Workers (FFAW/CAW) represents 15,000 men and women working in the harvesting and processing sectors of the Newfoundland and Labrador fishing industry.

- governed by an 18 member executive board
- policy-making councils are elected in each of the union's three divisions: inshore, offshore and industrial/retail

## FFAW Stewardship Program

### Goal

To work with fish harvesters to share and expand their knowledge and develop the tools necessary to adopt sustainable fishing practices as part of shared stewardship and to implement a broader fisheries conservation ethic.

### Objectives

- To promote the importance of stewardship
- To encourage conservation and sustainable fishing practices
- To create a partnership among stakeholders
- To improve the social and economic well-being of communities

## FSP Background

- Placentia Bay pilot project, 2006.
- United fishers, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board in a partnership focused on shared stewardship within the province's fishery.
- Program expanded province-wide 2009.

## Stewardship initiatives

- Lobster conservation
- Grey seals
- Green Crab
- Snow crab closures
- Quota reductions
- New materials - biodegradable twine
- Cod quality
- Traceability
- Data collection
- Wild harvest vs. aquaculture
- Closed areas
- Fishery Awareness Days

## CURRA

- Fisheries Mentoring Program
  - Bring information to school students about job of fishing
  - Value and importance of their work to themselves and community
  - Build on FFAW's stewardship program

## FFAW + CURRA – Common interest

- Meaningful careers in marine sector
- Importance of fish to the preservation, and growth of coastal communities
- Instilling pride / celebrating way of life

## Fishery Awareness Day

St. James' Junior High, Port aux Basques, Oct. 14, 2010  
 Grades 7-9  
 100+ junior high students

### Presenters:

- Paul Barter, DFO Conservation and Protection branch
- Mark Dolomount, Professional Fish Harvesters Certification Board
- Dr. Robert Hooper, Bonne Bay Marine Station
- Anita Best, CURRA
- Mandy Ryan, Stewardship



## Feedback

- "The Fishery Awareness Day was certainly a tremendous enrichment day for our junior high students. I looked back at it and am so pleased that we took the time and effort to team up to provide such a unique day of focusing on our Newfoundland heritage with emphasis on the fishery and careers related to it on every level. Our students spoke about the presentations from time to time. I believe the day was a real eye-opener for a good many students and has made a lasting impression. Hope we can do something similar again in the not too distant future."

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