

The Fundy Fixed Gear Council

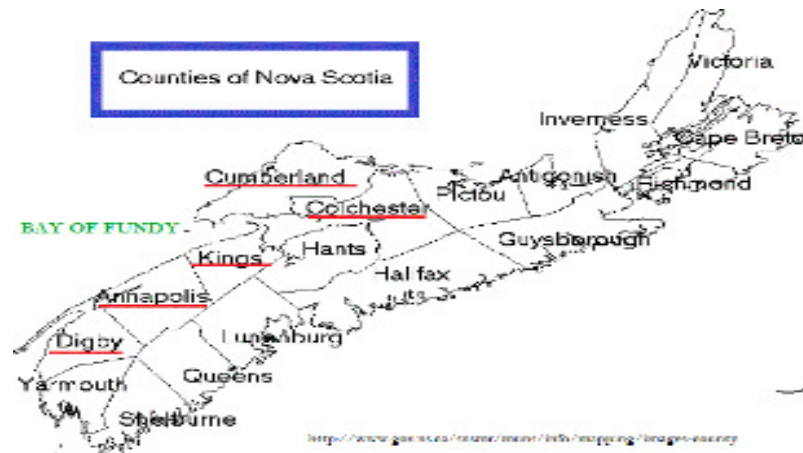


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The History of the Fundy Fixed Gear Council

- Non for profit community based management board
- Manages 5 Counties on the Nova Scotia Side of the Bay of Fundy
 - Cumberland, Colchester, Kings, Annapolis and Digby



- Longline, Handline, Gillnet

How We Manage Our Fishery

- FFGC Ensure Compliance Through Internal Governance

- They must sign a contract



- We Have an Infractions Committee

A Community Focus Towards Integrated Management

- Community Quota
- Atlantic Canada's First Fishery Coop: A Community Supported Fishery



- External Community Participation
 - ➔ Coastal CURA, Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Center, Bear River First Nations, Marine Waste Management, Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters, Protecting North Atlantic Right Whales

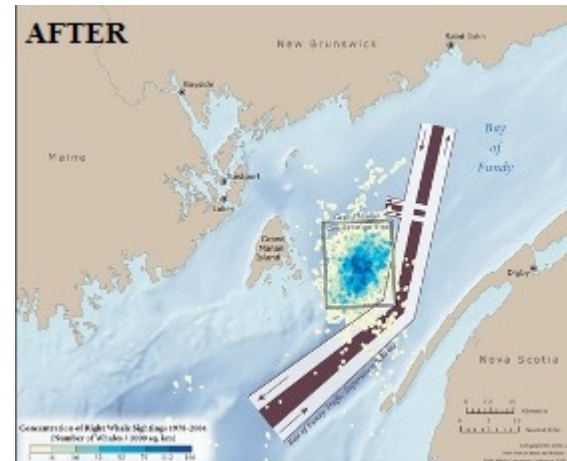
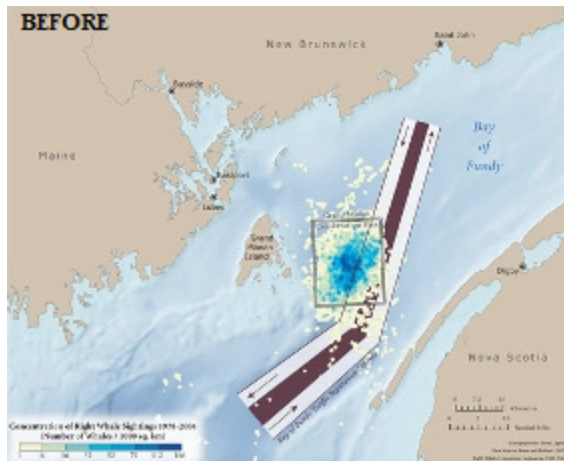
Protecting North Atlantic Right Whales Through Integrated Management

- FFGC not only manages groundfish and quota, they have evolved!
- What is the Problem?
 - Too many ship strikes in the Bay of Fundy



Changing the Traffic lanes in the Nova Scotia Side of the Bay of Fundy

- Who was Involved?
 - Department of National Defense, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, DFO Species at Risk, Irving Oil, International Maritime Organization, FFGC fishermen, other fishermen on the Nova Scotia side of the Bay of Fundy and other stakeholders
- What did they decide?

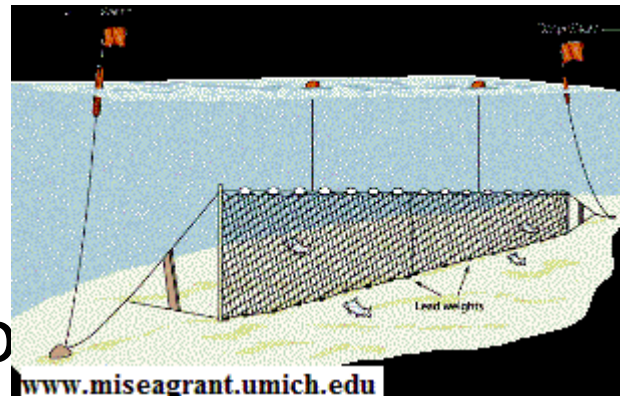


How was this Done?

- Voluntarily came together to talk about how shipping lanes could be changed
 - Fishing grounds were lost, ships have had to divert further from their terminal in Saint John, NB, making time and costs increase
- Everyone agreed this was important and had to be done

Research on Gear Modification and Codes of Conduct

- Fishermen realized they were second in line to causing deaths of whales from fishing gear
- Research on Gear Modification



- Codes of Co

Coastal Management for the Future

