

## PROGRAM GUIDELINES - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

### Bait Freezing Facilities

Recognized harvester or community associations and Harbour Authorities may apply for assistance to aid in:

- (1) the purchase and installation of a freezer unit into an existing or new building
- (2) the purchase and installation of suitable, pre-fabricated freezer structure.

The installation of Bait Freezing Facilities may qualify for assistance to a maximum of 50% of project cost to \$10,000.00, whichever is the lesser, provided they satisfy the following:

- a) This program will not fund the construction or modification of buildings to house the new freezer units.
- b) This program is offered to serve the inshore fishing fleet.
- c) All bait freezers are funded with the community in mind. Therefore, Harbour Authorities receive the highest priority.
- d) Harbours with limited facilities and benefitting the largest number of fish harvesters will be considered a priority.
- e) Applicants must be a Harbour Authority or a recognized harvester / community association to be considered for funding.
- f) Refrigeration units must be of an approved type and meet the A.S.H.R.A.E. (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers) requirements.
- g) Prefabricated structures must be supplied and installed by a recognized refrigeration agent.
- h) **Only prefabricated structures will be acceptable.**
- i) All bait freezing facilities should be installed on a reinforced concrete pad.
- j) The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture will not be responsible for the operation or maintenance of the facilities after they are constructed. However, in order to secure the long term viability of such a project, the Department must be satisfied that the applicant has arranged the future management of the facility.
- k) Proof of ownership or lease for the building site is required, by the Department, prior to any project approval.
- l) Access to freezer shall be granted to all members of the group applying for the freezer.