

FISHING INDUSTRY SELF HELP (F.I.S.H.)

Guiding Principles

Fishers, processors, and aquaculturists encounter many problems that are familiar to their counterparts in other regions of Nova Scotia, Atlantic Canada and worldwide. Opportunities for technology transfer and development also exist within these same parameters.

Criteria and Financial Assistance

The projects which will qualify for assistance include cost-shared travel to investigate and document technical procedures or processes for solutions to our many varied fishery related projects. Applied development projects for under utilized fisheries, aquaculture development, or technology transfer also qualify for assistance.

The following guidelines apply:

- Projects requiring travel within Canada, or internationally may be eligible.
- Cost sharing of travel costs up to 75% of expenditures for specified costs to a maximum of \$2,000.00 for Nova Scotia and Atlantic Canada.
- Cost sharing of travel costs up to 75% of expenditures for specified costs to a maximum of \$6,000.00 for other provinces and international travel.
- Eligible costs include economy airfare and accommodations unless specified otherwise.
- All expenditures must be supported by receipts.
- Funds will be allocated on a priority basis with projects identifying fishery developments which will have widespread benefits to a group of fishers, aquaculturists, boat builders, or several processing facilities receiving the highest priority.
- Approved applicants must submit deliverables in the form of written submissions detailing knowledge gained from the travel, names of all personal contacts, description of sites visited, technical reports on gear tested or processes and other pertinent information that would be of interest to other fishing/aquaculture parties.
- Stacking above 75% cost sharing of the travel costs will not be acceptable.
- All labour costs, promotional material, or nonessential travel associated costs are not eligible for cost sharing.
- Funding is not available to simply attend conferences, trade shows, or seminars.

The funds are limited, and approval will be subject to the willingness/ability of the applicant to properly organize and implement the project and the availability of funds.