

**PROGRAM GUIDELINES - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE****Floating Docks**

Community groups may apply for assistance to aid with the construction of new floating docks. The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) will make available incentives for construction of new Floating Dock facilities to approved applicants. The program is offered to provide access to the inshore fishing fleet and small aquaculture vessels. Included in this program are engineered timber structures, concrete floats, and other suitable building materials (subject to authorization of the Innovations staff). All floating docks are funded with the community in mind (Harbour Authorities receive highest priority). Private wharves are not considered for approval. Floating docks may qualify for assistance of 50% to a maximum \$15,000.00, whichever is the lesser, provided they satisfy the following:

- a) Funds will be provided for 50% of project costs to a maximum of \$15,000.00 per project. H.S.T. is not eligible for reimbursement.
- b) All projects will be assessed on a priority basis within the financial limits of the budget. Harbours with limited facilities and benefitting the largest number of boat owners will be considered a priority.
- c) Applicants to be considered for funding include fishers, aquaculturists and processors; shipbuilders or ship repair operations will not be considered.
- d) Materials used in construction must be of an approved type, and all timber shall be rough sawn softwood protected with a pressure treatment preservative.
- e) NSDFA 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, NSDFA must be satisfied that the applicant has arranged the future management of the facility.
- f) Proof of facility management may be requested by the Department prior to any project approval.