

PROGRAM GUIDELINES - COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**Wharf Winches**

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) will make available to approved applicants funding support for the installation of wharf winches. The winch program is offered to provide ready access to serve the inshore fishing fleet and aquaculture vessels. Included in this program are hydraulic or electric winches, electrical hook-up, cables, booms, blocks, etc. necessary for completing these projects.

- a) Winches may qualify for assistance of 50% of project cost to a maximum of \$5,000.00, whichever is the less.
- b) Harbours with limited facilities and benefitting the largest number of boat owners will be considered a priority. All projects will be assessed on a priority basis within the financial limits of the budget.
- c) Private winches are not eligible (aquaculturists that demonstrate significant economic activity and benefits for the community may be eligible).
- d) Applicants who are eligible for funding include fish harvesters, aquaculturists and processors. Shipbuilders or ship repair operations will not be considered.
- e) All winches must meet or exceed the Nova Scotia Occupational Safety General Regulations. Upon completion, the winches will require a Professional Engineering Certification before any funds are released.
- f) Winches must be designed and manufactured for a minimum capacity of 500 pounds (227kg).
- g) The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries 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.
- h) Proof of ownership or lease for the building site may be required, by the Department, prior to any project approval.