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#### Why should you join a Fish Harvester Organization (FHO)?

**Strength in numbers:** Many voices joined as one are sure to be heard. Be part of a larger voice.

**Improving the industry:** FHOs do important work that helps all harvesters on issues such as fishery science, management, regulation, and safety issues.

**Representation:** FHOs deal with other organizations and the government on behalf of members.

**Enhanced access:** Accreditation of FHOs enables easier access to Provincial programs.

#### FHOSA

**The Act:** Encourages harvesters to work together so that everyone who shares in the benefits of an FHO also shares the load.

**Fair process:** Harvesters ask the Minister for a vote for representation by an accredited FHO in their region.

#### The Vote

**Voters' list:** A list of core license holders will be compiled for the region and then made available to all license holders to ensure they are on the list.

**Process:** Information on the details of the vote and a ballot will be sent to all license holders on the list.

**Democracy rules:** A majority vote decides the outcome. If 50% of eligible voters cast valid ballots and 51% of those voters are in favour, then all core license holders in the region will accept and follow FHOSA and its regulations.

**Accreditation:** Existing and new FHOs apply for accredited status. Harvesters decide which FHO to join.

#### Fish Harvester Organizations work hard for harvesters

For more information on FHOSA and Regulations:  
[novascotia.ca/fish/](http://novascotia.ca/fish/)

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