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# Canada's Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC)

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# Objective

- Canada's Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) was established within Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (DFO) to support Canada's domestic and international objective of ensuring long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Northwest Atlantic.
- The FMC conducts daily monitoring of domestic and foreign vessel activity within the NAFO Regulatory Area (NRA) and Canadian fisheries waters supporting monitoring, control and surveillance activities.



# Roles and Responsibilities

- The FMC has a significant role in ensuring that Canada's obligations are met with respect to international reporting requirements.
- The FMC is responsible for the receipt, processing, verification, reporting and coordination of information in support of fisheries management objectives, and facilitates compliance with NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (NCEM) and domestic legislative requirements.



# Roles and Responsibilities

- The FMC provides a quality control function by trouble-shooting inconsistencies and issues with data transmissions from domestic vessels and the FMC to ensure that the required reporting is delivered to the Secretariat in the correct format.
- For domestic fisheries, the FMC collects, reviews, analyzes and distributes information related to departure times, fishing activity, catch rates, landings and offloading to ensure reporting requirements are met.



# Roles and Responsibilities

- In fulfilling its role, the FMC briefs industry representatives, fishers, at-sea observers and corporations, Canadian fishery officers / NAFO Inspectors and internal fisheries management personnel, as required, on regulatory requirements.
- Other functions:
  - Input into management documents
  - Interpretation and analysis of data
  - Preparation of reports
  - Requests for information



# National Programs

- The FMC also provides information and responds to inquiries from employee's of other Canadian national programs such as the Marine Security Operations Centre (MSOC) and the National Fisheries Intelligence Services (NFIS) to enhance Canada's effort to ensuring effecting monitoring, control and surveillance in the NRA and domestic waters.