

and "stinted" (limited) landing rights (also transferable) that would have distinct advantages over some competing proposals currently being entertained. At the present time the federal government is proposing to classify fishermen as either "full time" or "part time". Persons classified as "part time" will be able to appeal their case before local fishermen's committees, and ultimately take their case to the Minister. (It is expected that the fishing rights of part time fishermen will be curtailed in future.) We fear that this process of classifying outport people into a more privileged class and a less privileged class may seriously damage the social fabric of Newfoundland and set brother against brother. We believe that an alternative method of allocating a generous number of transferable fishing licenses -- at suitable fees -- and a set of divisible, transferable landing rights to each licensee would be a much happier arrangement. This would allow part time people to stay in the fishery if they wished to pay the licence fee and keep their landing rights, but it would prevent over-fishing of the stock. The government could ultimately reduce the number of fishermen by repurchasing some licenses "on the open market" so to speak. That way each fisherman could decide voluntarily for himself whether he wanted to leave the fishery. He could also buy a licence back on the open market (or from a government licence bank if that seemed more politically acceptable) and reenter the fishery later if he changed his mind. The attached Figure 6-2 illustrates the general ideas. We would be happy to discuss these ideas further if you wish.