

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Fisheries and Oceans Canada's overarching objective is working with Canadians to ensure the sustainable development and safe use of Canadian waters.

DFO is working toward:

- broader oceans management responsibilities;
- more transparent and participatory approach that visibly engages stakeholders and provinces;
- a focus on longer-term environmental sustainability and economic viability; and
- innovative risk-based approaches that foster sustainable development.

Key principles of how DFO will do business in future include:

- adoption of integrated resource management approaches;
- risk management and precaution;
- an increasing focus on the public good; and
- maximizing the use of partnerships.

Policy and Program agenda:

Healthy and Productive Aquatic Ecosystems

- Through Habitat Management and Oceans Management programs, as well as the science activities required for *healthy and productive aquatic ecosystems for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations*.

Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

- Through Fisheries Management and Aquaculture programs, as well as the science activities required to support these programs, to achieve an integrated fisheries and aquaculture program that is credible, affordable, effective and that contributes to sustainable wealth for Canadians.

Safe and Accessible Waterways

- Through marine programs of the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) and the nautical information programs of the Science sector, such as Canadian Hydrographic Services and Oceanography, to make better use of technology, introduce client service innovations, and work in partnership with stakeholders to ensure the safe use of waters in Canada. Includes the vision of a sustainable Small Craft Harbours Program and anticipates the requirements for the future of the fleet.