

reservations. Those fishermen felt it would not be profitable to them, considering the proposed differentials by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and chose to select the option of landing their catch elsewhere. This element of having an option to the quality program will certainly undermine the aim of the dockside grading plan. Two of the Co-op's largest vessels fishing groundfish off the Funk Island Bank aborted the Fogo Island Co-op for the opportunity offered by Valleyfield to land without any restrictions upon quality. This practice must be curtailed through the universal implementation of the dockside grading scheme or the program will further fragment the catching capability of processors wanting to produce solely a consistent high quality product.

Together with the universal implementation of the dockside grading program, there should be considered an incentive to the fishermen by way of a greater differential offered between the grade A and grade B catch, and addition to the grade categories to accommodate the grade A+ for treated fish salted by the fishermen themselves, thereby imposing another differential.