



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR  
**GROUND FISH INDUSTRY**  
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

### **About the NL-GIDC:**

Launched in spring 2016, the Newfoundland and Labrador Groundfish Industry Development Council (NL-GIDC) has equal representation from both the harvesting and processing sectors. FFAW-Unifor represents fish harvesters and plant workers, and the processing sector is represented by individuals from various processing companies, including:

- Allen's Fisheries Ltd.
- Avalon Ocean Products Inc.
- Barry Group Inc.
- Beothic Fish Processors Ltd.
- Codroy Seafoods Inc.
- Deep Atlantic Sea Products
- Fogo Island Co-operative Society Ltd.
- Golden Shell Fisheries Ltd.
- Happy Adventure Sea Products Ltd.
- Harbour Seafoods Ltd.
- Labrador Fisherman's Union Shrimp Co. Ltd.

Membership is open and expanding.

The Council is chaired by Independent Chairperson Jim Baird, a former Regional Director General with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) who has extensive experience working with the science and management of several fish species including northern cod, as well as a former Head of Delegation for Canada with the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO).

The Council forms a united body unlike any other in the history of the Newfoundland and Labrador fishing industry – a clear indication of the importance of making strong, collaborative decisions on the emerging new groundfish fishery. The Council will work to achieve programs, policies, management plans and other initiatives from the governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador that meet the needs of revitalizing a new fishery and that do not repeat the mistakes of the past.

To date the Council has collaborated to put together harvesting plans for the management of the 2016 and 2017 northern cod fisheries that promote a modest increase in harvesting levels with responsible stewardship of the stock, as well as ensuring processing capacity is able to grow along with landings. All priorities of the NL-GIDC are on maximizing the value of resources while maintaining a focus on conservation.

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