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Fish, Food & Allied Workers

## REPORT CARD ON THE COMMITMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL PARTIES



In October 2015, FFAW-Unifor sent letters to the leaders of the three provincial parties with a list of 13 questions on issues important to our members. Below is a report card of their responses with grades based upon the level of expressed commitment to positively act upon the questions they were asked.

	Issue	Liberal Party	New Democratic Party	Progressive Conservative Party
1	Promoting and investing in technology and infrastructure for the new cod fishery	<b>B+</b> Commits to creating a strategic action plan on cod revitalization focused on harvesting, processing, quality, innovation, marketing.	<b>B+</b> Specific commitment to increase annual infrastructure and technology funding to be dedicated specifically to the cod fishery.	<b>B</b> No further specifics provided.
2	Establish marketing board to facilitate growth of NL seafood market	<b>A</b> Commits to work with industry to establish a seafood marketing council to globally promote NL fishing industry.	<b>A</b> Commits to establish an NL Seafood Marketing Council focused on market intelligence and penetrating high end seafood markets.	<b>B+</b> No further specifics provided.
3	Requiring the province's halibut quota be caught by NL harvesters	<b>B</b> Commits to adjacency. Silent on taking specific action to address the issue.	<b>A</b> Commits to establish a fair arrangement to ensure NL harvesters have priority in harvesting the province's halibut quota.	<b>C</b> Commits to an open dialogue to find a solution. No suggestions on how that solution should look.
4	Requiring aquaculture consultations with harvesters	<b>B</b> Commits to facilitate improved consultation and cooperation between government, aquaculture and traditional fishery.	<b>A</b> Commits to amend the Aquaculture Act to require consultations with inshore fishery stakeholders.	<b>B+</b> No further specifics provided.
5	Fulfill the province's commitment to the \$120 million fishery renewal fund as part of CETA	<b>A</b> Commitment will be honoured once a final CETA agreement with the Federal Government is reached	<b>A</b> Commitment to be honoured.	<b>A</b> No further specifics provided.

6	Establish a new fishery income improvement program	<b>B-</b> Commits to consult with the FFAW on such a program.	<b>B+</b> Commits to such a program and suggests covering the cost through the CETA fund.	<b>B</b> No further specifics provided.
7	Greater oversight of the role of processing companies in creating controlling agreements	<b>A</b> Commits to review the licensing process for processing companies with the goal of aligning them with PIIFCAF.	<b>A</b> Commits to take steps in provincial jurisdiction to complement federal efforts and end loopholes that allow processing companies to circumvent management principles.	<b>A</b> No further specifics provided.
8	Continues financial support for the fish processing sector safety council	<b>A</b> Commits to maintain current financial support.	<b>A</b> Commits to maintaining current funding and to stress to the all sectors of the fishery that full cooperation is expected.	<b>A</b> No further specifics provided.
9	Reinstate card-based certification	<b>C</b> No Commitment to reinstate. Only commitment to consult on changes to the <i>Labour Relations Act</i>	<b>A</b> Commits to reinstating card check certification.	<b>D</b> No commitment. Only commitment to listen to concerns about certification process.
10	Enacting legislation to ban use of replacement workers during labour disputes	<b>C</b> No commitment to ban replacement workers. Only commitment to consult on changes to the <i>Labour Relations Act</i>	<b>A</b> The NDP has long maintained support for banning the use of replacement workers during labour disputes.	<b>C</b> No commitment. Only commitment is to an open dialogue on labour relations.
11	Provide better oversight of work commitments in <i>Hebron Benefits Agreement</i>	<b>A</b> Commits to ensure that all benefits agreements will be negotiated and enforced to maximize benefits to NL	<b>A</b> Commits to working with business and labour in a coordinated way to ensure maximum benefit to NL workforce.	<b>A</b> Commits to vigorously enforcing benefits agreements to the full benefit of the people of NL.
12	Include inshore fishery as a stakeholder in the future benefits agreements for offshore oil and gas projects	<b>C</b> No commitment. Only commitment regards a belief in cross-sector consultation so that harvesters and oil and gas better understand how they interact.	<b>A</b> Commits to including affected fishery representatives as stakeholders in future benefit agreements.	<b>C</b> Describes request as "very interesting" and would like to discuss it further.
13	Maintain current Agreement on Internal Trade exclusion and refraining from issuing exemptions	<b>B-</b> No commitment. Only commitment is to work with stakeholders to find a fair and balanced approach.	<b>A</b> Commits to work with business and labour to maintain current exclusions and to ensure that granted exemptions do not undermine the purpose of the exclusions.	<b>C</b> No commitment provided. Decisions to be made "in the best interests of our people."