



# Fisheries Resource Conservation Council

Preparation of a Sustainability  
Framework for Atlantic Herring

## Consultations



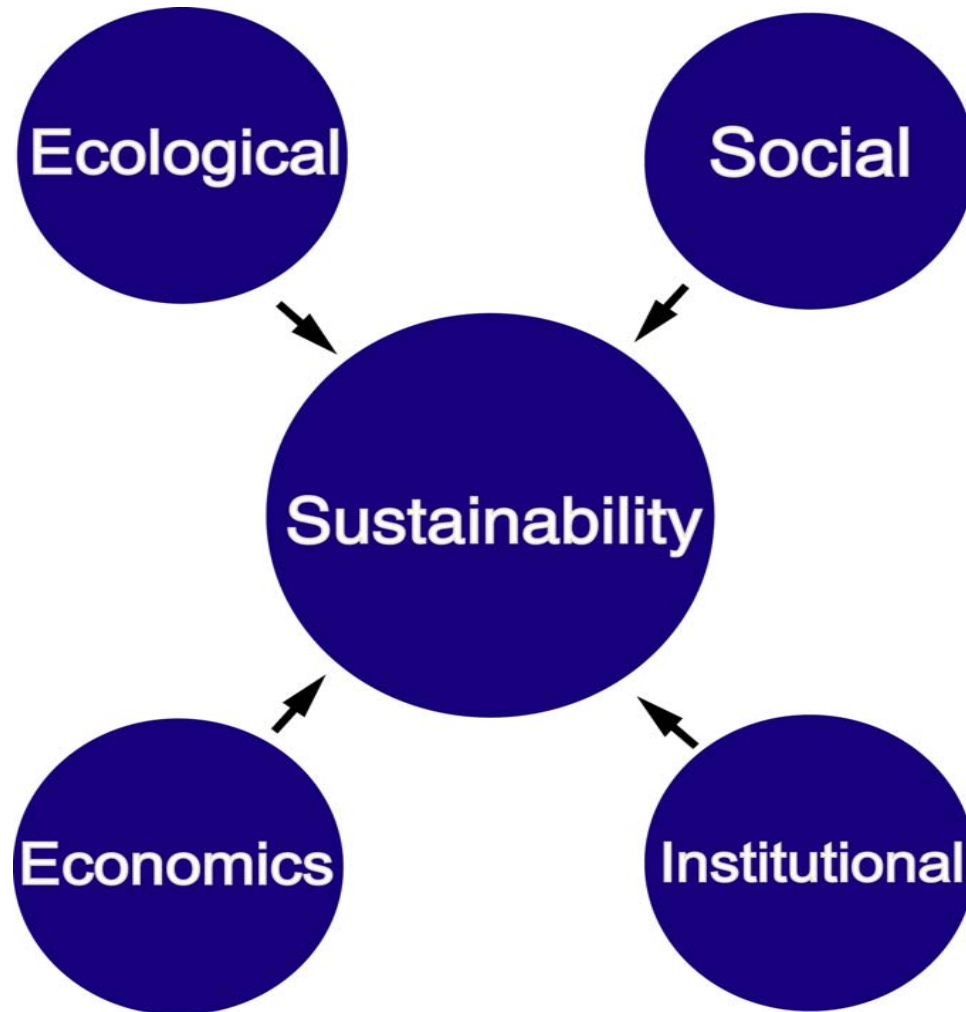
# Background

- **2004**  
New direction for FRCC from groundfish to long-term strategic approaches to conservation
- **June 2005**  
*Strategic Conservation Framework for Snow Crab*
- **June 2007**  
*Sustainability Framework for Atlantic Lobster*
- **January 2008**  
Minister asks FRCC to develop a sustainability framework for Atlantic herring

# *Atlantic Industry*

- Landings close to 160,000mt in 2006
- Reported landed value of \$34 million
- Approximately 8,000 harvesting licences (not including bait)
- Over 140 plant processing licences
- Export value of \$80M from the East Coast fisheries
- Wide variety of stakeholders

# Definition of sustainability



# Scope of study

- **Canada's East Coast herring fisheries**
- **Focus on long-term sustainability**
- **All user groups**
- **Role of herring in the ecosystem**
- **Opportunities to increase value**
- **Lessons learned and best practices on a local and international basis**

# Approach

- **Briefings by Science and Management**
- **Atlantic-wide consultations with stakeholders**
- **Recognize regional differences**
- **Consideration for Focus Group Workshop**
- **Report for Summer 2009**

# What is the FRCC looking for?

Views on major conservation issues:

- ✓ Scientific priorities
- ✓ Fishing methods/practices
- ✓ Management
- ✓ Role of herring in the ecosystem
- ✓ Critical Issues to be addressed

# *Expected Outcome*

- **Comprehensive review of herring**
  - ✓ Science and management
  - ✓ Outline of conservation concerns
    - Regarding the stock
    - Regarding the related ecosystem
    - Fishing practices
  
- **Recommended measures**
  
- **Provide direction over long-term.**

# GUIDELINES for MEETING

- All participants will have an opportunity to address the Council
  
- When providing your views:
  - ✓ Address the Council at all times
  - ✓ Wait for the Chair to give you the floor
  - ✓ Introduce yourself
  - ✓ Be brief and respect views of others
  
- Presentation of briefs
  - ✓ 15 minute time limit
  - ✓ Presentations made from presenters' table (up front)
  - ✓ Avoid reading briefs – summarize high points
  - ✓ Do not present a brief that was presented at another location
  - ✓ If copies are available, please provide the Chair with a copy of your brief before presenting.



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