

# Integrated Shellfish Management in the Bay of Fundy? Comparing the Role of ACAPs\* in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick





## Common Challenges - NS & NB:

- Need for shellfish restocking
- Increasing habitat destruction and contamination
- Difficulty finding government partners (federal or provincial) for habitat restoration

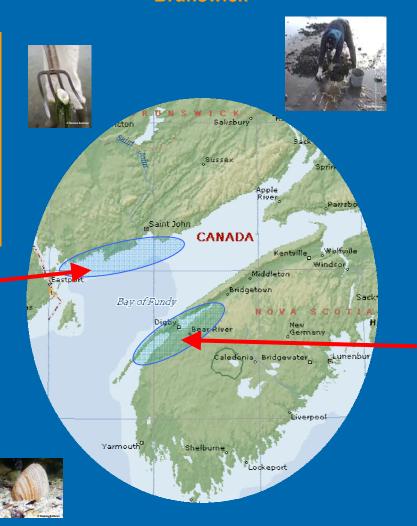
## **NS Specific Challenges:**

Beach privatization -1,682 ha of beach in St. Mary's Bay granted to private leaseholder for 10 years

#### NB Facilitator:

Eastern Charlotte Waterways Inc., New Brunswick

- •Microbiology Lab used for water testing as per CSSP
- (Canadian Sanitary Shellfish Program)
- •Helped facilitate the development of clam cooperative to support cost of testing beaches
- •Clam harvesters working on unification of harvesting organizations
- •Chair of the SWNB CRC (Clam Resource Committee)



# **Harvester Organizations:**

NB – Charlotte County Clam Harvester Co-operative Ltd. NS – Area 2 Clammers Association

#### Common Goals - NB & NS:

- •restore the ecological health of the clam resource
- beach rotations and enhancements
   create sustainable livelihoods in the local
- clam industry
- strengthen local capacity to manage local clam industry
- create and strengthen collaborations between clam harvesters and other partner organizations and agencies
- strengthen the knowledge base for local clam management including science and local ecological knowledge
- Better product marketing to increase value
   Labeling to reflect eco-friendly product in terms of sustainability

#### **NS Facilitator:**

Clean Annapolis River Project, Nova Scotia

- •Chaired the Annapolis Watershed Resource Committee
- •Working with clam harvesters to assess the impact privatization of beaches has on local livelihoods
- •Collaborating with First Nations on
- Aboriginal access issues post privatization
- •Water quality monitoring in the Annapolis Basin for fecal coliform contamination
- Soft shell clam stock assessments
- •Collection of water and clam meat samples for conditional opening of beaches at Goat Island

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