

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)



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

Harvester Organizations:

NB – Charlotte County Clam Harvester Co-operative Ltd.

NS – Area 2 Clammers Association