Cultural Production

- Sharing the Waters: This film tells the story of the inshore fishery in Saint John and an overview of issues stemming from the recent increase in marine industrial projects in the harbour.
- Southwest New Brunswick Fishermen’s Radio Program
- Bear River First Nations Stream-Forest-Sea Cultural Poster
- The Coastal CURA Capstone Film: This Documentary is on Local Coastal Management (to be released in 2011); it describes how Coastal CURA partners are engaged in local management, and the role of their collective research on the topic.

Select Publications


People in Places:
Engaging Together in Integrated Resource Management
June 26-29, 2011—Halifax, NS, Canada

Coastal CURA has announced a conference in June, 2011, focusing on the inclusion of resource dependent communities, including Aboriginal communities, in processes of spatial planning, integrated management and natural resource management. The meeting will be of interest to those seeking ways to engage together to better manage natural resources.

For more information on our Conference Themes, Call for Contributions & Registration:
http://www.coastalcura.ca/peopleinplaces2011.html
The Coastal CURA is a 5-year project to build knowledge and capacity, across the Maritimes, in support of community involvement in managing our coasts and oceans. The Coastal CURA is a “Community University Research Alliance” of First Nations communities, fishery-related groups and university participants, funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The Coastal CURA consists of eight partners:

- Acadia First Nation
- Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Centre
- Bear River First Nation
- Fundy Fixed Gear Council
- Fundy North Fishermen’s Association
- Mi’kmaq Confederacy of PEI (Abegweit and Lennox Island First Nations)
- Saint Mary’s University
- University of New Brunswick

Governance Structure

Coastal CURA is a unique, participatory partnership where community and university partners share equally the design and implementation of research.

Capacity Building

Many of our initiatives are designed to provide capacity needed by partners and students to enable them to undertake or participate in the management of coastal and marine areas. These initiatives include:

- Stream and Clam-bed restoration projects
- Student Internships (ie. Ghost trap recovery; fishermen’s survey; and case study compilations)
- Research workshops and Learning Circles

Research

The Coastal CURA has carried out research initiatives relating to local-level use and management of fisheries, coasts and oceans. These include both site-specific and broader policy-level research. Each study relates to two or more of the seven themes that are integral to the work of the Coastal CURA. These themes are:

- Claiming Language, Cultural Production
- Engaging with Power, Governance
- Integrated Management, Relationship Building, and Transformative Learning

Reflection

Several of our projects focused on reflective analysis of the situations in each partner’s location. These reflective research initiatives included:

- A review of Canadian and International community based coastal management initiatives
- A chronological account of Mi’kmaq resource use
- A historical survey of Annapolis Basin commercial clam harvesting practices
- A 10 year reflection paper on the Fundy Fixed Gear Council

These initiatives were brought together in a Reflections Workshop, where common issues and themes were identified.

Coastal CURA Projects

Coastal CURA’s site specific studies take place in three key areas in the Maritimes:

**Prince Edward Island**
- Management plan for Malpeque Bay, PEI

**South West New Brunswick**
- Aquaculture site licensing project: Providing fishermen’s input on aquaculture site locations
- Saint John Harbour Project: Working on an Integrated Management plan for the harbour
- Fundy North Fishermen’s Association: Lobster conservation project

**Annapolis Basin**
- Clam bed restoration project: Working with clammers to manage open beaches
- A study on satisfaction of ground fish license holders

**Other Research**
- Coastal CURA is carrying out a comparative study of several coastal areas engaging in different forms of integrated management.
- Student Research: Our past and current students work closely with all Coastal CURA partners on both their research and joint-research initiatives. This research includes PhD & Masters Student Coastal Research on information/knowledge; governance; alternative conflict resolution; risk and resilience; education.