



# ONE OCEAN

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The Fact Sheet for Non-One Ocean Petroleum Industry Members provides summary information on One Ocean and current practices and protocols between the fishing and petroleum industries in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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# ABOUT ONE OCEAN



## BACKGROUND

- In 2001, the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB) sponsored a series of meetings with industry representatives from the fishing and petroleum sectors to address the issue of establishing a liaison organization to enhance working relationships between the two industries in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- Each industry recognized the need for enhanced communication and information exchange as part of developing a cooperative working relationship between the two sectors. It was determined that a liaison model would provide a proactive approach to potential areas of conflict.
- In May 2002, ONE OCEAN was launched. Since its inception, One Ocean has been housed at the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University (MI), St. John's.

## MANDATE

- One Ocean does not represent the fishing and petroleum industries in Newfoundland and Labrador – it represents the mutual interests of both sectors.
- One Ocean provides a neutral, practical forum for information exchange regarding industry operational activities between the fishing and petroleum industries in Newfoundland and Labrador.
- One Ocean identifies and advances specific initiatives to meet industry challenges and provides opportunity to facilitate effective communication, cooperation and transparency to enhance safe practices and successful coexistence in a shared marine environment.
- An objective of One Ocean is to assist the fishing and petroleum industries in understanding each sector's operational activities. An important element of this objective is the timing and location of offshore operations as fishing and petroleum activities may overlap. Effective communication and joint planning will ensure both sectors are aware of proposed activities and provide the opportunity to identify and address specific industry concerns and develop mutually beneficial safe practices and protocols.

# ABOUT ONE OCEAN

## ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

One Ocean consists of a Secretariat, Board and committees including a Working Group and Fisheries and Land Tenure Committee. The One Ocean Board of Directors is a core component of the organization and is comprised of equal, senior-level representation from the two industry sectors. Fishing industry members are represented by the Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union (FFAW-Unifor), the Association of Seafood Producers, and the Atlantic Groundfish Council. Petroleum industry members are members of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP).

One Ocean identifies the value of having industry regulators represented on the Board. The Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Offshore Petroleum Board (C-NLOPB), regulator for the offshore petroleum industry and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, regulator for the fishing industry, sit on the One Ocean Board in the capacity of Official Observers.

Other Official Observers include the Fisheries and Marine Institute, Memorial University and the Canadian Coast Guard.

The Board of Directors approves placements for Standing Invitees. Current Standing Invitees consist of the Industry Relations Representative, FFAW-Unifor.

To enhance the functioning of One Ocean, a Working Group was appointed in 2009. The Working Group consists of Board entity members from the fishing and petroleum industries. The Working Group endeavors to identify items to facilitate and improve communication, operational activity planning and working relationships between the fishing and petroleum industries.

The One Ocean Secretariat, (Chairperson and Managing Director) maintain a working knowledge of technical, environmental and operational activities of the fishing and petroleum industries and facilitates inter-industry understanding. The Secretariat takes a proactive approach with members to identify, discuss and address mutual concerns before they become problematic and promote opportunities for collaborative initiatives. The One Ocean Secretariat upholds the mutual interest of the fishing and petroleum industries and maintain the confidence of its members in its neutrality.

# ONE OCEAN PRACTICES, PROTOCOLS AND RESOURCES



Through the Working Group, One Ocean has developed resource materials and practice and protocols for industry. One Ocean practices, protocols and resources can be found online at <https://oneocean.ca/practices-protocols-and-resources/> and include:

## **Two Industries, One Ocean – Effective Engagement for Proponents and Participants**

*As the liaison organization for the fishing and offshore petroleum industries in Newfoundland and Labrador, One Ocean promotes and facilitates communication and information exchange between the two industry sectors.*

*“Two Industries, One Ocean – Effective Engagement for Proponents and Participants\*,” was developed to help proponents conduct effective engagement with the Newfoundland and Labrador fishing industry as related to offshore petroleum programs or projects where there is potential for impact and/or interaction with the fishing industry. The document also offers suggestions on how to be an effective participant in an engagement process.*

*The fishing industry in Newfoundland and Labrador may be engaged by the offshore petroleum industry in support of activities such as exploration drilling programs, marine seismic survey programs, and other special projects. Engagement with the fishing industry can be conducted as part of mitigations, recommendations or conditions identified by the operator, the offshore regulator, in regulations, or in project specific assessments.*

*\*Replaces “One Ocean Protocol for Consultation Meetings: Recommendations for the Fishing and Petroleum Industries in Newfoundland and Labrador”*

## **One Ocean Oil Spill Communication Protocol**

*Created by One Ocean members to have an agreed process in place to notify the fishing industry, through One Ocean, of significant petroleum, hydrocarbon spill event. Direct communication will enable senior fishing industry representatives to inform their organizations that direct and ongoing communication has been made with the operator and ensure factual information is disseminated. Petroleum industry members can obtain copy of this protocol by contacting One Ocean at [Ashley.Woodford@mi.mun.ca](mailto:Ashley.Woodford@mi.mun.ca).*

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## **One Ocean Risk Management Matrix Guidelines for the Utilization of Fisheries Liaison Officers and Fisheries Guide Vessels for the Fishing and Petroleum Industries of NL**

*Provides criteria and considerations for the utilization of fisheries liaison officers and fisheries guide vessels for operational activities that may pose a risk to fixed fishing gear.*

**Video:** About the Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) Program, produced by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP)

## **One Ocean Communication Protocol for Exploratory Drilling Projects in the NL Offshore**

*A guide to assist in the development of the fisheries communication plans for exploratory drilling projects. This guide outlines opportunities for information exchange and joint planning to ensure parties are aware of and understand timing and location details for each sectors planned operational activities.*

## **Protocols for Communication with Oil Installations on the Grand Banks**

*Illustrates offshore installation precautionary and safety zones and provides radio call-in information. This protocol promotes the use of radio communication between offshore fishing vessels, petroleum installations, supply ships and related vessels during operational activities and has been distributed to relevant fishing fleets and petroleum operators.*

## **One Ocean Protocol for Seismic Survey Programs in NL**

*Highlights operational procedures and processes to facilitate planning and execution of offshore seismic survey programs for the provincial fishing and petroleum industries.*

Since 2003, seismic surveys have been an active file for One Ocean, with One Ocean producing materials and hosting and co-hosting workshops and information sessions in 2004, 2006, 2009, 2016, 2017, and in 2024.

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## Other Resources

**Industry Relations Representative, FFAW- Unifor:** the Industry Liaison is the main contact for petroleum related activities at the Fish Food and Allied Workers Union (FFAW-Unifor), the union for inshore fish harvesters in Newfoundland and Labrador. An objective of the Industry Relations Representative is to ensure the views and concerns of fish harvesters are considered by the offshore petroleum industry and regulators during the development, review and execution of exploration, development and production activities, and is the main contact for petroleum related activities at FFAW-Unifor.

**Vessel Monitoring System:** One Ocean and DFO Newfoundland Region have an arrangement to provide Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) information to petroleum company members of One Ocean. The VMS program at DFO provides a satellite based, near real time, positional tracking system of fishing vessels within the Canadian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), as well as foreign and domestic vessels in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Regulatory Area outside the 200 nautical mile limit. The ability to access current fisheries data (location of activity) is an important component in the development of operational plans for offshore petroleum related activities. The VMS data generated by DFO consists of coordinates only and does not divulge information of a confidential or sensitive nature. Contact One Ocean for more information.