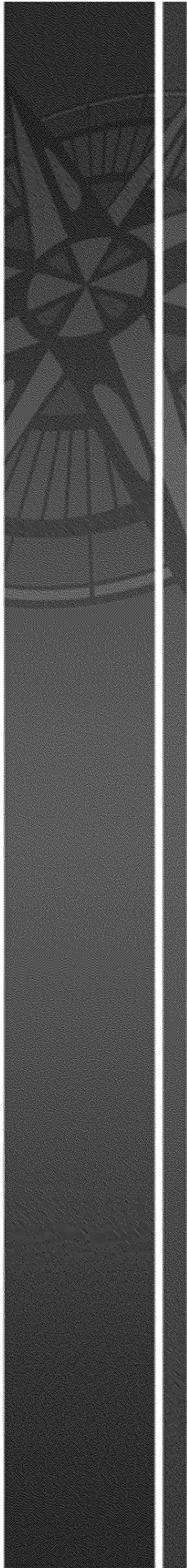
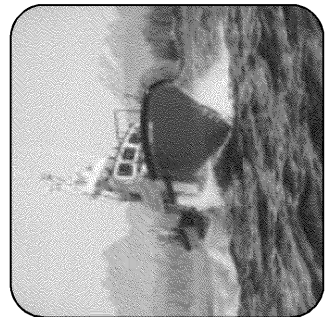
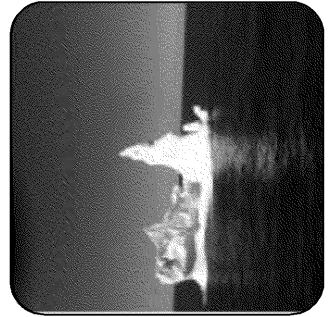
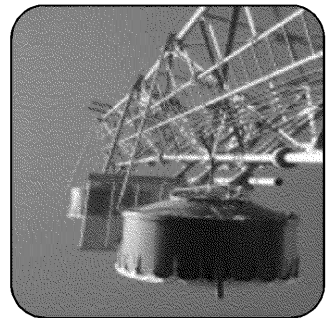
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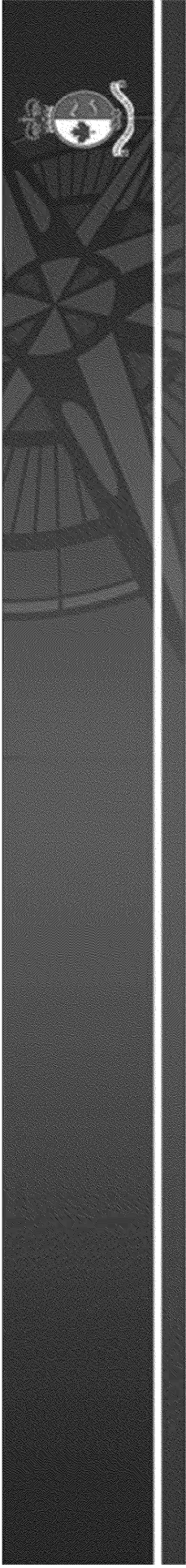


NIMT Decision Brief

St Mary's Lobster Harvest Protest

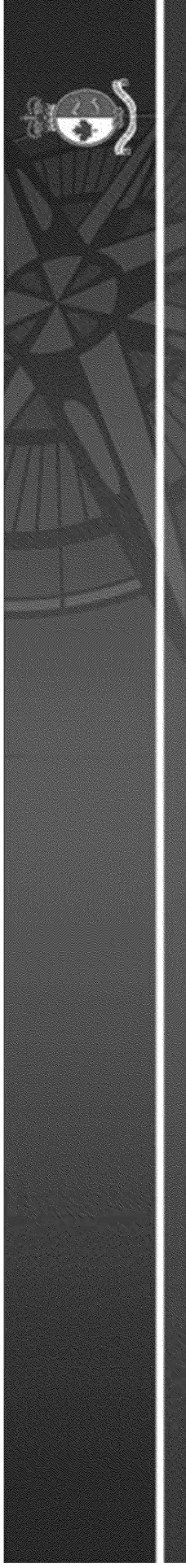
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NIMT Composition

Position	Name
NIMT Lead	Marc Mes
Deputy Lead	Tanya Alvaro
Planning Coord	Matt Ducker
DFO C&P	Patrick Vincent
Communications	Luc Labelle
Legal Advisor	Nicole Robichaud
Safety Coord	Sandrine Guittard
SME: Ops Support	Jason Morphet
SME: MarSec	Ryan Styger
NCC Management	Chris Lohnes



Background:

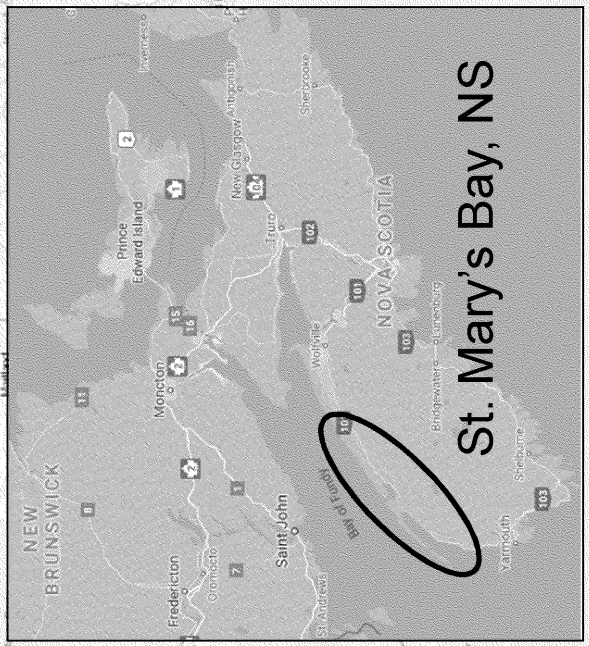
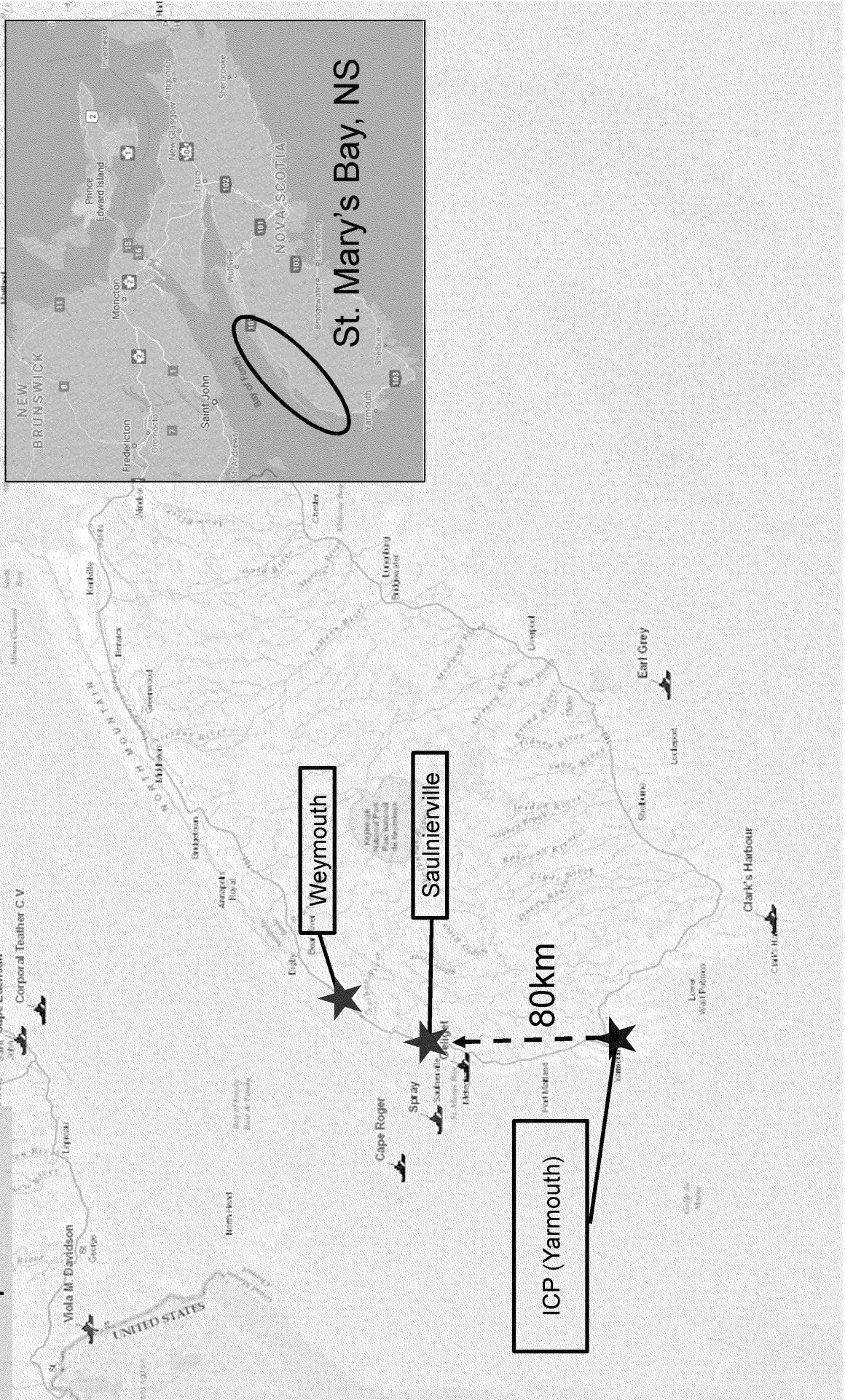
- 15 Sep, 2020 Hundreds of commercial fishermen erected a barricade at the Weymouth and Saulnierville wharf.
- Debate over the unresolved definition of First Nation 'moderate livelihood'
- First Nations gear damages and harassment will likely increase tensions and risks of conflict in the short to medium term.

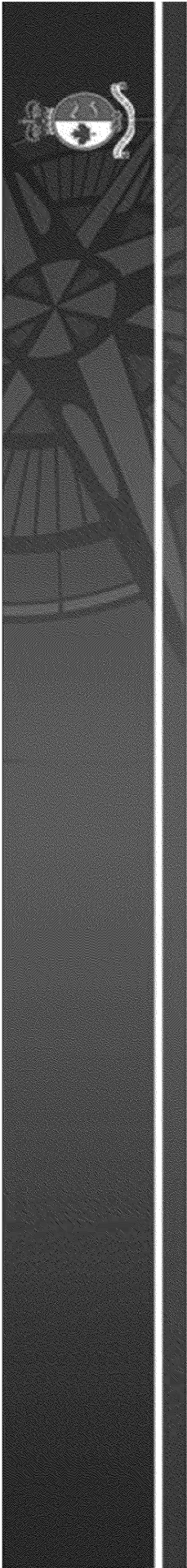
Geographic location:

St. Mary's Bay, NS, especially present in the towns of Weymouth and Saulnierville, NS



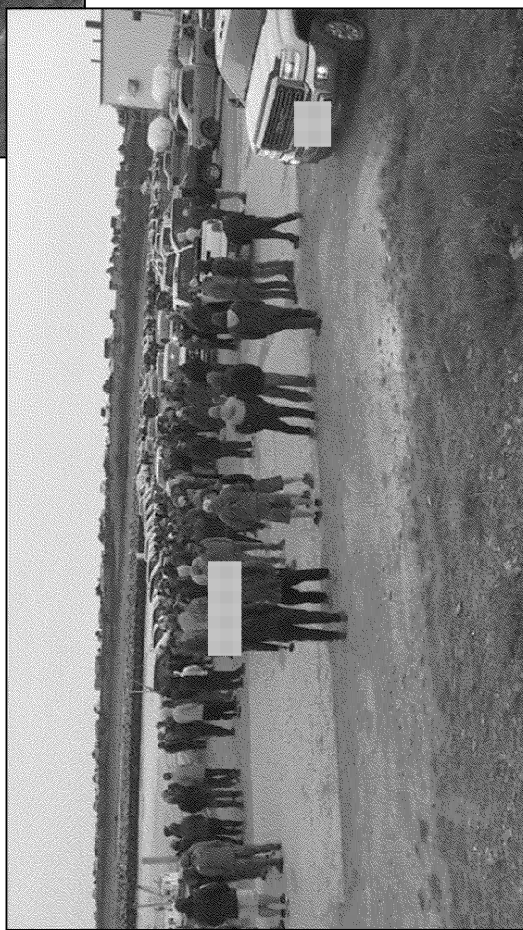
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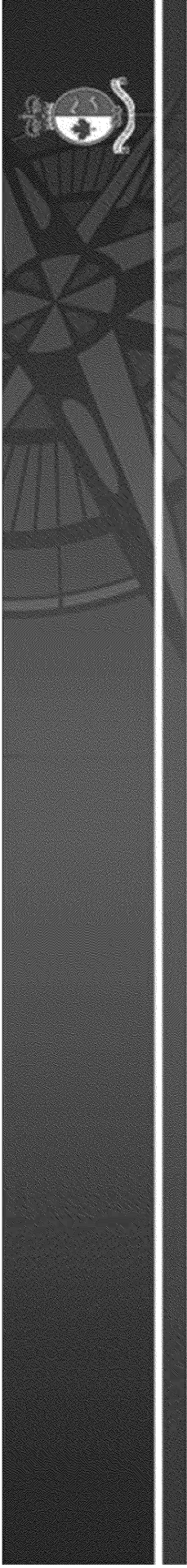




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St. Mary's Bay Lobster Harvest Protest





Current Situation:

- On 17 Sep, CCGS Corporal Teather reported a VHF call from the [REDACTED]
- Situation in St Mary's Bay appears to be calm at this time. ROC Atlantic has had no further reports of weapons or flare engagements. RCMP report via MSOC E that they have four boats active 19 Sep.
- MSOC E reports a fairly large number of boats at sea compared to normal, with a large concentration of vessels between Weymouth and Saulnierville.
- CCGS Cape Roger is on scene.
- Corporal Teather is at anchor at St John, NB.
- Earl Grey and other local CCG assets remain on SAR standby, or to proceed to St Mary's Bay as required.
- Minister Jordan has invited indigenous leadership and stakeholders to come together and dialogue on the best path forward to a peaceful resolution.



Factor

Consideration

Marine Weather

- Forecast for deteriorating weather will impact ability to conduct ongoing operations
- May hinder size of protest groups

Geographic

- Somewhat remote location
- Not in close proximity to CG facilities

CCG Resource Readiness

- Sufficient resources to meet requirements, potential delay in availability of new resources given remote location

COVID-19

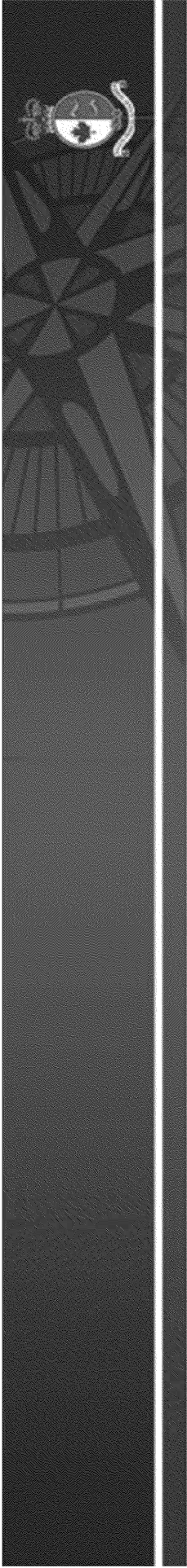
- Ongoing pandemic has potential to impact operations

Strategic Communications

- Confirm PS role to lead strategic/media communications

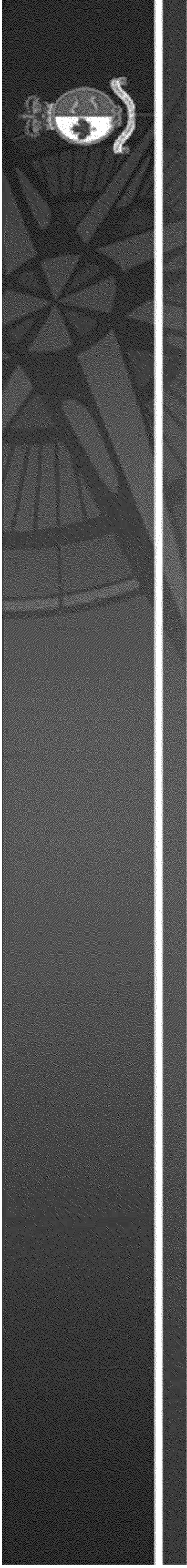
Marine Traffic

- Significant marine congestion in the area of operations may put a strain on service delivery (SAR)



Risk Threat Assessment: Currently identifying risks and mitigation measures, Work is on-going.

#	Threat/Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
1	Larger/more protests in St. Mary's Bay and/or areas of NS.	4 - Likely	3 – Medium	
2	Protest turning violent.	4 - Likely	3 – Medium	
3	Escalation of violence to CCG personnel and assets.	2 - Unlikely	2 - Low	
4	SAR (Increased small vessel protestor presence in narrow waterway increases risk of SAR incidents.)			
5	Operational Risks			



Elements of National Order:

Primary Departments:

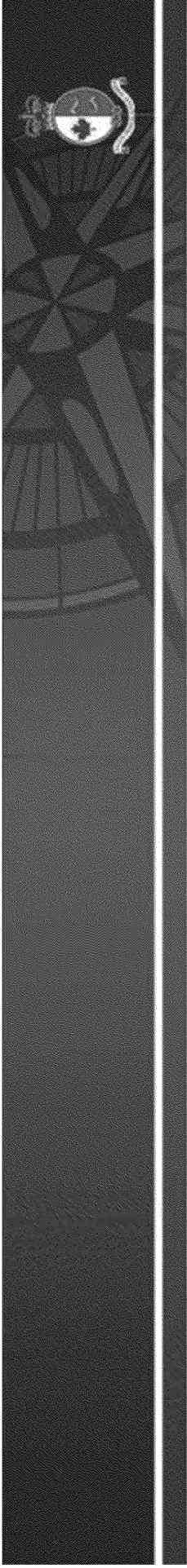
- DFO C&P
- RCMP

Supporting Departments:

- Coast Guard
- Transport Canada
- CAF

Other Departments/Agencies involved

- Public Safety Canada
- Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada at the regional level.



DFO / C&P Desired Outcomes

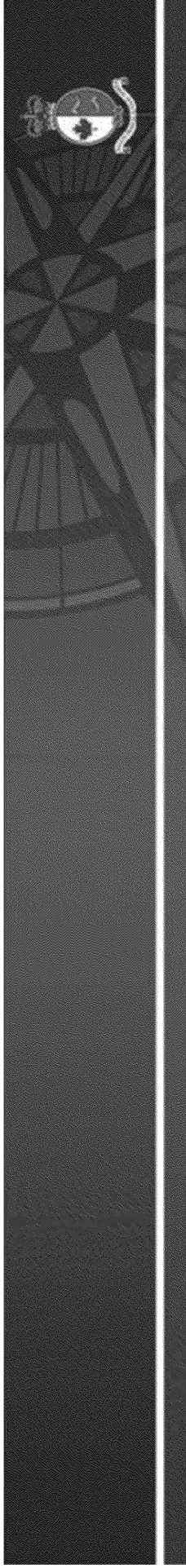
- Reinstate safe, proper and orderly management and conservation of fisheries and the protection of licensed access to fisheries in the St. Mary's bay area and SWNS
- Continue to monitor and act upon unauthorized fishing activity

Coast Guard Desired Outcomes in Support of DFO

- Contribute to the peaceful resolution of the incident

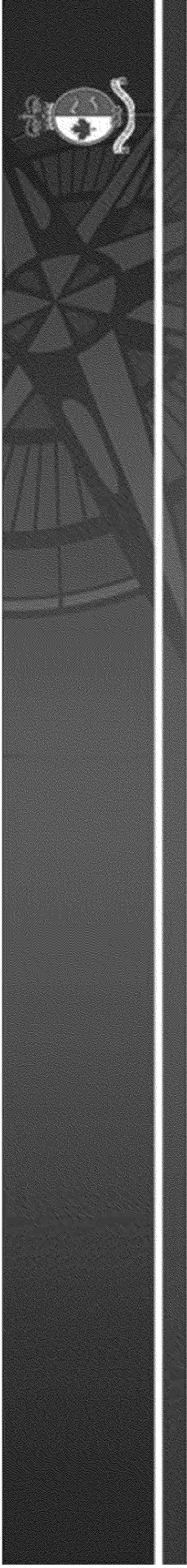
Coast Guard National Priorities

- Safety of response personnel and the public
- Prudent planning to ensure Coast Guard is prepared to support partners if requested
- Fulsome engagement and collaboration with partners
- Maintain a calm and deliberate approach
- Be prepared to provide adequate resources to support public order and public safety activities



Public Information and Communications Strategy

- CCG Communications will be taking a reactive approach to communications, providing factual and clear responses to media enquiries about the ongoing incident. Communications has developed media lines to respond to questions about our presence. Should the situation evolve to warrant proactive communications (safety issue, ongoing SAR in the area), they will be undertaken and social media channels leveraged.
- The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans has conducted interviews with 3 local media: CBC, CTV, and CKNW Yarmouth Radio. The Minister issued a statement on 18 Sep inviting stakeholders and indigenous leadership to meet with her directly in an effort to find an amicable solution to the situation.



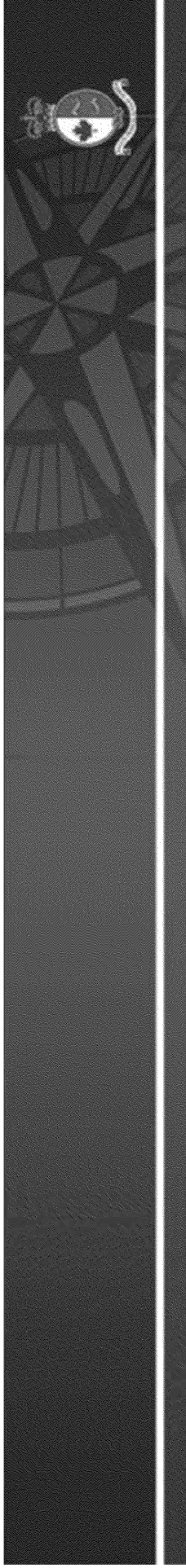
Constraints:

- Coast Guard personnel must remain under the command of Coast Guard for the duration of support tasks;
- Coast Guard must continue to mitigate any service delivery impacts to maintain delivery of operational programs; and
- Must deliver support requested inclusive of logistical requirements whenever possible so as not to be a drain on local resources.

Restraints:

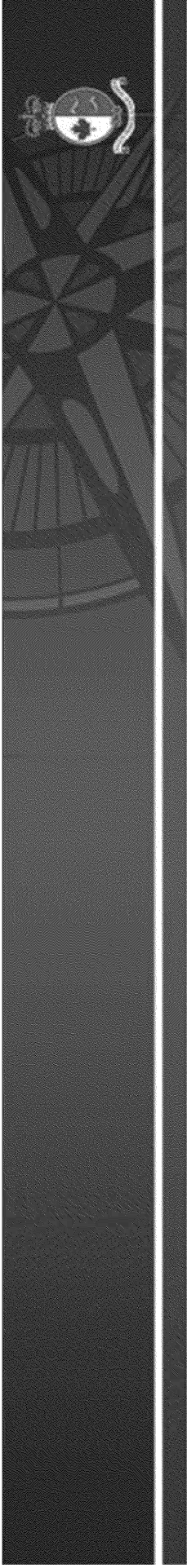
- Coast Guard must not lead the conduct of law enforcement tasks; and

• [Redacted]



Be prepared to:

- Provide additional vessels and crew to support primary department led inspection and enforcement efforts
- Provide large vessel(s) and crew to conduct presence patrols (role limited to observe and report)
- Provide personnel to support DFO ICP
- Provide personnel in a liaison capacity in OGD facilities at the regional and/or national level to maintain effective situational awareness and collaboration with key partners
- Surge additional vessels and crew to the area to ensure the safety of the public under Coast guard existing maritime SAR mandate



Reporting

Critical Information Requirements

- Injuries sustained by any personnel engaged in the operation that require hospitalization
- Any Request for Assistance from Federal or Provincial partners
- Requests from DFO for additional Coast Guard resources
- Impacts to resource readiness due to COVID-19

Situation reports from Region – *Daily, 1800 EDT*