

National AAROM Meeting

Hosted by the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island

DATE:

November 19th – 21st, 2019

LOCATION:

Delta Hotel Prince Edward
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island



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STEERING COMMITTEE



(From right to left) Angie Gillis, The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CMM); Diane Giroux, Akaitcho Territory Government (ATG); Steven Purvis, Fisheries and Oceans (DFO); Catherine Lambert Koizumi, l'Association de gestion halieutique autochtone Mi'gmaq et Malécite (AGHAMM); Robert Grodecki, North Coast Skeena First Nation Stewardship Society (NCSFNSS); Erika Perrier, Fisheries and Oceans (DFO); Deana Machin, First Nation Fisheries Council (FNFC) of British Columbia; Randy Angus, Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island (MCPEI); Ken Paul, Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

MI'KMAQ CONFEDERACY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

ABOUT US



The Board of Directors of the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI (the Confederacy) has granted the organization the following mandates:

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Forum: The Confederacy is the common forum and united voice advancing Treaty and Aboriginal rights for the Lennox Island and Abegweit First Nations.

Tribal Council: The Confederacy is a tribal council that provides advisory services to member First Nations Councils in five key areas: band governance; community planning; financial; economic development; and technical services.

Provincial Territorial Organization (PTO): The Confederacy serves as a provincial forum for the Lennox Island and Abegweit First Nations on political and policy issues.

Intergovernmental Affairs: The Confederacy bridges the gap between the Mi'kmaq and the Federal and Provincial Governments to support the Mi'kmaq people on PEI, focusing on three priority areas: the Partnership Agreement, the Duty to Consult and Aboriginal and Treaty rights issues.

AAROM to provide PEI Mi'kmaq governments with the capacity and tools required to support their effective participation and engagement with DFO and others in aquatic resource and oceans management.

The Integrated Resource Management Program: The Integrated Resource Management Program is responsible for the management and implementation of Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI ("the Confederacy") programs and projects related to strengthening PEI First Nations fisheries and resource management capacity, in addition to advancing First Nations involvement in natural resources. The major program in our division continues to be the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource Ocean Management Program (AAROM), a Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) sponsored project. Its major goal is to build capacity in fisheries and watershed management issues. This program supports the vast majority of the projects in which we are involved. The Atlantic Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (AICFI) program is part of our group, and provides direct support to the Fisheries program in each First Nation.

WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL AAROM MEETING!

PURPOSE

To bring together technical Directors of AAROM departments for an action-oriented operational meeting with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to help enhance the network of AAROM departments across Canada.

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVES

- Co-develop a network of technical Directors of AAROM departments.
- Co-develop solutions to help improve and enhance AAROM department's day to day operations.
- Provide update on DFO's ongoing implementation of recommendations from the Indigenous Program Review.

ONLINE POLLING SOFTWARE

During the National AAROM meeting, we will be using the online polling software program, called Mentimeter, which can be accessed on your smartphone or online. Please download the app or access the web link for the National AAROM meeting using the following link: <https://www.menti.com/>.

Day 1 - Tuesday, 19th November 2019

1:00pm to 4:30pm	Site Visit: Abegweit Biodiversity and Enhancement Hatchery *Register in advance for the bus transportation. MCPEI has organized a site visit to view the Abegweit Biodiversity and Enhancement Hatchery. A bus will pick up registered participants* at the Delta Hotel Prince Edward at 1:00pm and return by 3:30pm.
7:00pm to 9:00pm	Meet & Greet at the Delta Hotel Prince Edward *Early registration from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. A meet and greet will be hosted at the Delta Hotel Prince Edward for participants to get to know one another. Come and try some Atlantic seafood!

Day 2 - Wednesday, 20th November 2019

7:30am – 8:30am	<i>Breakfast & Registration</i>
8:30am – 9:00am	<p>Opening Prayer By: Junior Peter Paul, Abegweit First Nation</p> <p>Welcoming Remarks TBD Robert Lamirande, DFO</p>
9:00am – 9:20am	Meeting Overview
9:20am – 10:15am	<p>DFO Update and Q&A Steven Purvis, DFO</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> a) DFO NHQ to provide an update on the AAROM program and progress on its renewal; b) Set context for some other agenda items including sessions on the AAROM Fund, AAROM Capacity Assessment, and AAROM Marketing and Partnership Toolkit; and c) Answer general AAROM program questions.</p>
10:15am – 10:30am	<i>Nutritional Break</i>
10:30am – 12:00pm	<p>Indigenous Knowledges and Ways of Knowing – Hearing from our Elders Mr. Kerry Prosper, Paqtnekek Mi'kmaw Nation Mrs. Celine Marlowe & translator Ms. Terri Enzoe, Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation Mr. Clifford Paul, Membertou First Nation</p> <p>Elders and knowledge keepers will reflect on the importance of Indigenous knowledge and its use in aquatic resource and oceans management.</p>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00pm – 2:30pm	<p>Best Practices: How AAROM departments are integrating Indigenous Knowledge in aquatic resource and oceans management World Café</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> a) Opportunity for participants to reflect on the knowledge and advice shared by the Elders and Knowledge holders; and b) Directors of AAROM departments can exchange protocols and practical approaches that assist them in protecting, sharing and integrating Indigenous knowledge.</p>
2:30pm – 2:45pm	<i>Nutritional Break</i>
2:45pm – 4:00pm	<p>AAROM Human Resources: Recruitment, retention, & succession planning Robert Grodecki, NCSFNSS</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> a) Participants can share and discuss recruitment, retention, and succession planning strategies; and b) Identify next steps to continue to support AAROM departments in human resource management.</p>
4:00pm – 4:30pm	<p>Youth Reflections Youth note-takers will present key insights on what they have observed over the past three days.</p>

Day 2 (continued)

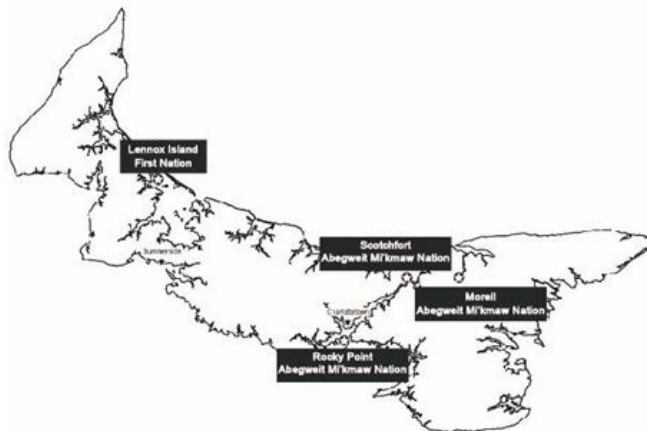
6:00pm – 9:00pm	<p>AAROM Networking Banquet Dinner Dinner will be served for meeting participants to provide an opportunity to network and exchange ideas.</p> <p>MCPEI Cultural Event & workshop PEI Mi'kmaq poet laureate, published author and founding member of Mi'kmaq Legends, Julie Pellissier-Lush, will be sharing her knowledge of Mi'kmaq history and culture through dance, poetry, songs and stories. Joining Julie will be members of the Mi'kmaq Legends theatre troupe acting out the stories and songs. Following Julie will be a number of hands on workshops, including basket making, leather and quill work, dreamcatchers and more.</p>
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Day 3 - Thursday, 21 November 2019

7:30am – 8:30am	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:30am – 10:15am	<p>Indigenous Procurement: Accessing opportunities Angie Gillis, CMM-MCG <u>Objectives:</u> a) Increase AAROM departments understanding on what components needs to be in place to become an Indigenous contractor; and b) Increase capacity within AAROM departments to undertake technical procurement opportunities from DFO, other government departments, and the private sector.</p>
10:15am – 10:30am	<i>Nutritional Break</i>
10:20am – 11:00am	Indigenous Procurement: Accessing Opportunities (cont'd)
11:00am – 12:00pm	<p>AAROM Capacity Assessment & Development tool Steven Purvis, DFO <u>Objectives:</u> a) Communicate the purpose of co-developing a capacity assessment and development model and tools; b) Identify the potential scope of defining capacity and developing models and tools to assessment capacity in AAROM departments; and c) Identify next steps in the ongoing multi-year co-development of the AAROM capacity assessment model and tools.</p>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>

Day 3 (cont'd)

1:00pm – 2:15pm	<p>AAROM Fund: Funding Streams & opportunities for collaboration Steven Purvis, DFO</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> a) Continue discussion on the AAROM Fund design and delivery; b) Overview of AAROM Fund and Next Steps; c) Seek input on the design of the annual funding priorities for 2020-21 (e.g., activity “streams”), criteria for assessing proposals, and the development and configuration of the Application Review Committee; and d) Promote discussion among AAROM departments about opportunities for collaboration.</p>
2:15pm – 2:30pm	<i>Nutritional Break</i>
2:30pm – 3:00pm	<p>Update: AAROM Marketing & Partnership toolkit Catherine Lambert Koizumi, MMAFMA & Erika Perrier, DFO</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> a) Update on the development of the AAROM marketing and partnership toolkit web platform; b) Receive feedback on the initial web based platform design and content; and c) Discuss next steps and ongoing development.</p>
3:00pm – 3:30pm	<p>Elder & Knowledge Keeper Reflections Elders and Knowledge keepers will reflect on what they have heard and observed over the past three days.</p>
3:30pm – 3:50pm	<p>Next Steps Steven Purvis, DFO</p> <p><u>Objectives:</u> a) Outline and discuss next steps, including reporting back on meeting results and activities for this coming year including planning for next National AAROM meeting.</p>
3:45pm – 4:00pm	<p>Closing Remarks Randy Angus, MCPEI & Steven Purvis, DFO</p> <p>Closing Prayer By: Methilda Knockwood-Snache, Lennox Island First Nation</p>



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