The Future of Endangered Coastal Communities: Building Capacity for Renewal
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Bio-sketches

Kevin Anderson was raised in Lanse-aux-Meadows on the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland. He graduated high school in 1981 and in 1986 graduated from Memorial University with a BA (Political Science) and B.Ed (High school). Kevin taught at the elementary, junior high and high school levels in Labrador and on the island for five years. He began his career in DFO in 1991 as a fishery officer, and subsequently held positions pertaining to regulations, Aboriginal relations and he is currently Chief of Resource Management.

Antonio Arreaga-Valdes is the Director of the Latin Export Group, a company specializing in exports of know-how’s to Latin America. He is a member of the Advisory Committee for the McRae Institute for International Relations, and is Honorary Consul General for Costa Rica in British Columbia Canada.

Krista Baker is currently working toward a PhD in Biology at Memorial University. Her current research focuses on deep-sea diversity and conservation of fishes and corals off Newfoundland and Labrador. Past research topics have included location and effectiveness of offshore MPAs, marine fishes as species at risk, and the effects of climate change on fishes.

Jill Bennett was born and raised in Gander, and has spent her professional career working out of Gander but serving the central region of the island of Newfoundland. In 1994, Jill worked as Executive Director for Junior Achievement a position she held for two years. There she worked with the Department of Education, School Boards and the business community within the central region covering Springdale to Clarenville. In 1996, Jill accepted a position as Marketing Manager with the Gander and Area Chamber of Commerce, a position she held for 5 years. Jill went on to work with Youth Employment Strategy under the Service Canada where she coordinated Youth Info Fairs for high school students as well as unemployed and under employed youth within the central region. In 2004, Jill accepted the position as Games Manager for the 2004 Summer Olympics for Newfoundland and Labrador Special Olympics. Jill began working for the Kittiwake Economic Development Corporation May 2005 where she worked as Labour Market Specialist for the Manufacturing Sector. In January 2006, she accepted the position of Economic Development Officer and in April of that year, accepted the position of Executive Director.

Glenn Blackwood, has been actively involved in the fishery for more than 20 years in the areas of fisheries research and development and has national and international experience in resource management. During the 1980s and early 1990s, while working for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as Director of Resource Analysis and later as ADM, Fisheries, Glenn represented the Province on numerous regional advisory committees including the
Northern Cod Science Program. He also participated in international fisheries bodies such as NAFO, NASCO and ICES and from 1993 to 1997 represented the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador on the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council of Canada. In 1997 Glenn became the Managing Director of the Canadian Centre for Fisheries Innovation at the Marine Institute (MI) in St. John’s NL, an organization focused on the research and development needs of the fishery and aquaculture industries. In October 2000 he became the Director of the newly created Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Resources at the MI and in this role he continues to be focused on the applied research and development of the fisheries and ocean sectors.

Herbert Brown is founder, chairman and CEO of IDON EAST Corporation, an eLearning company incorporated in 1994 with headquarters in St. John’s and offices in Ottawa, ON and Calgary, AB. He is responsible for overall company corporate, financial and strategic development and marketing with over thirty-five years experience in both the high technology and business sectors in R&D of high-technology products in both government and industry and over twenty years in administration and corporate development in the private sector. Herb received the Master of Electrical Engineering in 1966 from Memorial University and the Technical University of Nova Scotia (now DalTech of Dalhousie University) and became a Professional Engineer of Ontario in 1968. He also undertook Doctoral studies in Systems Engineering and Social Behavioural Psychology, Carleton University, Ottawa, from 1973-1976. In the fall of 2000, Herb and his wife Maureen, launched a wholesale and Internet eCommerce artisan business (Stages and Stores, Inc.) combining it with a heritage foundation (Stages and Stores Heritage Foundation, Inc.) in the small island community of Change Islands off the Northeast coast of Newfoundland with the dual objective to create much needed employment and to preserve and promote the unique fishing heritage buildings of one of the last picturesque Newfoundland fishing communities.

Bill Broderick is Director of Inshore Fishery for the Fish Food and Allied workers Union. In 1999 he was appointed to the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council (FRCC) by then Minister of Fisheries Herb Dhalliwal, for a 3 year term starting. A native of St. Brendan’s Island he is a graduate of Memorial University Faculty of Education who returned to the fishery as a means of livelihood following a career in teaching. A long-time fish harvester, he is also chairperson of the Fish Harvester’s Professional Certification Board, Chair of the FFAW/CAW Inshore Council and a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters.

Derek Butler is the Executive Director of the Association. Prior to work with the ASP, Mr. Butler worked overseas in the political development field, serving as Resident Director of a Washington-based NGO (the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs) in Madagascar, Yemen and Morocco, with shorter stints in Burundi, Togo, Benin, and Senegal. Prior to his time abroad, he worked as a Legislative Aid in the Canadian parliament for various parliamentarians, including the Chief Government Whip, National Caucus Chairman, and the Government Leader in the Senate. On graduating from university in 1989, he began his professional career with Foreign Affairs Canada, later working with the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security. Mr. Butler holds both a Bachelor of Arts (1988) and Masters of Arts (2002) from Memorial University of Newfoundland, with a focus on democratization aid in the Middle East and North Africa. While completing his graduate studies at Memorial Mr. Butler worked in campus ministry, and taught introductory political science. He also studied two years at Université Laval, in Quebec City, in French and political science, and speaks and reads English and French, as well as basic competency in Portuguese and Spanish.
**Zita Cobb** is President and principal of Frangipani, a Canadian federally registered charitable organization. Frangipani undertakes projects in rural Newfoundland & Labrador and in Africa. Zita grew up on Fogo Island and went on to a financial career in the technology sector. She retired in 2001 to focus on philanthropic work and to pursue her passion for sailing.

**Freeman Compton** has been the Director of Co-operatives for several years: Director, Community Services for Manitoba for 12 years; Project Manager for Small Scale Fisheries in Africa with FAO of the U.N.; Extension Specialist with CIDA -funded project in St. Vincent and the Grenadines; with Mun Extension. Freeman retired from Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Social Services as A.D.M. of Community Resource Development, and he is currently Mayor of Joe Batt’s Arm and Chairperson, Fogo Island Development Association.

**Cyr Couturier** conducted his post-graduate work at Dalhousie University (MSc 1986) in marine biology and aquaculture. He has 25 years experience in applied research, project development and management, teaching, and extension services in the aquaculture sector, in both shellfish and finfish areas of interest. He is currently Chair of Aquaculture Programmes at the Marine Institute and Memorial University, Chair of the MSc Aquaculture Program, and a lecturer and researcher with the aquaculture section of the Marine Institute of Memorial University. He is an adjunct faculty member of the Bermuda Biological Station for Research. He has responsibilities with graduate student supervision and advisement, teaching in the interdisciplinary Aquaculture MSc program at Memorial University, teaching and supervision in the Advanced Diploma in Sustainable Aquaculture (post-graduate), and Community-Based aquaculture training. He is currently project leader on several research and development projects with partners in the shellfish and finfish culture industries in Newfoundland, and elsewhere. He has worked with people from and in 15 countries around the world in development, extension and technology transfer / science exchange programs. Cyr participates fully in a range of academic, industry and professional organizations devoted to sustainable aquaculture development. He is a Past President of the Aquaculture Association of Canada, a Director of the Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance and on the Executive of Newfoundland Aquaculture Industry Association. He is a technical advisor to several federal government departments on sustainable aquaculture issues, including Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Human Resources Development Canada, and others. He is a member of the National Aquatic Animal Health Advisory Committee, the National Shellfish Health Protection Regulations Technical Advisory Committee, and the ISO 65 Technical Advisory Committee (NL). Cyr is a member of several grant selection committees for regional and national organizations funding pure and applied, innovative science. He has published in excess of 60 technical, industrial, peer-reviewed, and science and policy commentary articles. He is a frequent invited speaker and technical expert (in both French and English) at regional, national, and international symposia on aquaculture and fisheries related topics.

**Ben Davis** manages the Environmental Science Programs for the Newfoundland and Labrador Region of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). These programs include Oceanography, Aquaculture, Habitat Research, Ecology, and Molecular Biology. Prior to science management, Ben was involved in groundfish stock assessment research and was responsible for developing and implementing the Sentinel Survey for Newfoundland and Labrador.
Bernice Diamond  Bernice Diamond is currently acting mayor of Change Islands. She married a Change Islander and move to the Islands 10 years ago. She and her husband Eddie have three children. She works as administrative secretary for the school and for the past 5 years has been a member of the town Council.

Alison Earle has a B.A. and M.A. in History from Memorial University. She has worked in a variety of management positions with the Federal and Provincial Governments for 30 years, and is currently the Assistant Deputy Minister for the Rural Secretariat. Alison is an active community volunteer and currently serves on the Board of Stella Burry Community Services and is a past chair of the Historic Sites Association of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Ian Fleming  (PhD 1991) is a Professor and Director of the Ocean Sciences Centre of Memorial University of Newfoundland. His research integrates perspectives from ecology and evolution with fishery and conservation biology, and his areas of expertise include fish behavioural and evolutionary ecology, reproduction, life history and population biology. He has worked extensively on the management and conservation of wild fish populations, particularly salmon, and the ecological interactions with marine finfish aquaculture. He has also served in a number of capacities related to fisheries research and policy, including review panels for Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) on the Status of Atlantic salmon (2006) and for National Research Council (US) on the Status of Atlantic Salmon in Maine (2002-4), DFO Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program Regional Committee (2006), Co-chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Cooperative Institute for Marine Resources Studies at Oregon State University (2001-4), the Northwest Power Planning Council’s Artificial Propagation Assessment Committee (2002-3) and the Steering Committee of the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research’s program on Effects of Ecosystem Changes on Biodiversity (1999-2000). Ian has previously held academic/research positions at the Hatfield Marine Science Center of Oregon State University (2001-04) and the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (1991-2001), and continues to hold adjunct status at both institutes, as well as at the University of Siena.

Patricia Gallaughers, a fish physiologist and former Assistant Professor of Biology at Memorial University of Newfoundland, is Director of Continuing Studies in Science, Director of the Centre for Coastal Studies and Adjunct Professor in Biosciences, at Simon Fraser University in BC. In these roles she develops and directs multisectoral outreach programs addressing the science underlying natural resource policy and management, such as Changing Currents: Charting a Course of Action for the Future of Oceans (2005). Information on these programs can be found at: www.sfu.ca/cstudies/science and www.sfu.ca/coastalstudies. Co-editor of a volume on marine conservation, Waters in Peril (Kluwer Academic Publications) and co-author of book chapter, Tying it Together Along the BC Coast, in Fishing Places, Fishing People (University of Toronto Press), Patricia was a member of the BC Ministry of Energy and Mines Scientific Panel on Offshore Oil and Gas Development (2002) and the federal (DFO) panel studying Partnering the Fishery (1998). She was the recipient of the Vancouver Aquarium Murray Newman Award for Excellence in Aquatic and Marine Conservation Research (2002) for selective fishing research conducted in partnership with members of the BC commercial salmon fishing fleet, coastal communities and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Together with Maureen Woodrow she helped to organize the August 2003 workshop held in Change Islands, Vulnerability in Coastal Communities: Adaptations to Change and Planning for the Future, and was co-convener of a special session, The Future of Canada’s Coastal Communities: Some Case Studies, at the 2004 Coastal Zone Management Canada conference in St. John’s NL.
Terry Glavin is a Canadian conservationist and award-winning writer. He is the author of several books that traverse cultural geography, natural history and anthropology, his most recent book is Waiting for the Macaws and Other Stories from the Age of Extinctions (Viking/Penguin Canada). Mr. Glavin is a frequent contributor to such newspapers and magazines as the Globe and Mail, The Georgia Straight, Adbusters and Canadian Geographic. He is also the editor of Transmontanus Books (Vancouver) and an Adjunct Professor in the Creative Writing Department at the University of British Columbia. He lives on a small island in the southern Gulf Islands of Canada’s west coast.

Bill Grandy completed a B.A. in Economics (minor in Math) and a B.Sc. in Statistics. He grew up in a Bay L'Argent, a small coastal community on the Burin Peninsula. Bill has worked in Community/Business development for over 15 years in varying capacities. Over this period he led the development of strategic plans for growth sectors on both a pan-provincial and regional level and has worked directly with community groups on project specific initiatives. In his current capacity with the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, he manages the team which works with Regional Economic Development Boards, the Community Business Development Corporations and Municipalities to ensure that planning is integrated at a regional level.

Rob Greenwood is the founding director of The Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development, which was launched on October 1st, 2004. The Harris Centre’s mandate is to coordinate and facilitate Memorial University’s educational, research and outreach activities in the areas of regional policy and development. He is cross-appointed with Memorial’s Faculty of Business Administration. Rob has operated his own consulting business and has served as a Director and Assistant Deputy Minister of Policy in Economic Development departments in Newfoundland and Labrador and in Saskatchewan. He was Vice President, Corporate Development, Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan, and was founding Director of the Sustainable Communities Initiative, a partnership of the University of Regina, the City of Regina, and the National Research Council of Canada. In Saskatchewan, he led the development of the provincial economic strategy. In Newfoundland and Labrador, he was Director of Research and Principal Author of the 1995 Report of the Newfoundland Task Force on Community Economic Development, entitled Community Matters: The New Regional Economic Development. He then led the process to establish Regional Economic Development Boards in 20 Economic Zones, based upon the recommendations of the Task Force. Rob also led the development and co-authored A Strategy for Small-Scale Manufacturing in Newfoundland and Labrador, which was launched in 1999. He was Newfoundland’s representative on the International Advisory Board of the North Atlantic Islands Program and co-edited Competing Strategies of Socio-Economic Development for Small Islands, published in 1998. He has taught, consulted, published and presented extensively on community economic and regional development, strategic economic planning, sectoral and cluster development. He is President of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation, Chair of the National Rural Research Network and Chair of the North Atlantic Forum.

In May of 2000 Loyola Hearn was first elected federally in a by-election and has served as the proud Member of Parliament for St. John’s South-Mount Pearl ever since. Loyola was honoured to be appointed to Cabinet as the Minister for Fisheries and Oceans on February 6th of this year. As a former teacher and provincial member and Cabinet Minister of the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly Loyola has much experience to draw from in his newly appointed position.
**Arlo Hemphill** is the Director of Global Marine Strategies Conservation International (CI). As part of CI’s Global Marine Division, Arlo works to create collaborative efforts within the greater conservation community to further the implementation of key recommendations emerging from the DOE Agenda, a ten-year action plan for global ocean conservation. A marine biologist, conservationist and resource manager, Arlo has worked in numerous tropical marine, island, montane, riverine, and neotropical forest ecosystems in conjunction with CI, the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, the U.S. National Park Service, Nova Southeastern University’s Oceanographic Center, the Broward County Sea Turtle Conservation Program, and Ecuador’s Jatun Sacha Foundation. Arlo co-founded the Congal Biomarine Reserve - a privately-run mangrove and aquaculture research station is coastal Ecuador, is currently active in high seas policy initiatives and maintains research interest in coral reef and epipelagic fishes.

**Juanita Keel-Ryan** is the Director of Tourism Product Development with the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Her educational and experience is rooted with degrees in Economic Geography and Education from Memorial. Juanita has been involved in all aspects of tourism over the past 20 years, as Director of Tourism Marketing, Director of Tourism Planning, Research and Evaluation, and Director or Provincial Parks. Juanita has also been involved with innovation and technology as Director of Advanced Technologies in the Department of INTRD and recognizes the importance of technology to succeed in this provinces tourism business. In addition to working within the tourism industry she has been an avid tourist to places not unlike NL, where the nature is outstanding and the culture intriguing. Juanita has been very active as a parent and community representative on several school councils. She is also a marathon runner and loves the great outdoors.

**Greg MacLeod,** founder of the Tompkins Institute at the University-College of Cape Breton, has over twenty-five years of experience in community economic development in Canada. He is the founding chairperson of New Dawn Enterprises, a multi functional co-operative development corporation with assets of over 15 $million. He is also founder of the BCA Community Venture Finance Group which has raised over two million in community investment. He is author of “New Age Business” published by the Canadian Council on Social Development in Ottawa, as well as a video series on community business case studies. He is author of “From Mondragon to America” worker-owned co-operative industrial complex in Spain. This has been translated into Japanese. His organization is now organizing a condominium project in Cape Breton, a area with one of the highest unemployment levels in Canada. His general activity has been a search for viable business structures that are locally based and controlled which can be a counter-weight to the global corporate system. His key insight is that capitalistic tools can be used for social purposes. He bridges the gap between theory and practice using a method called “ACTION RESEARCH”. MacLeod is now directing an SSHRC research project on tourism based on history, culture and ecology. This is especially geared to small communities in Atlantic Canada.

**Shane Mahoney** is the Executive Director of the Science Division - St. John’s Area Wildlife with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation.

**Brian Meaney** is a Marine Biologist who graduated from Memorial University, with a research focus on salmon and trout populations in the province. From 1976-1985, he worked with the Department of Fisheries & Oceans and the Salmon Association of Eastern Newfoundland as a Salmon enhancement biologist. In 1984 he tried his hand as a salmon farmer in St. Mary’s
Bay, and then joined the Provincial Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture as the aquaculture program manager. He is currently the Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for aquaculture. Brian has extensive experience in aquaculture research, development and policy from a provincial, national and international context.

**Barbara Neis** is a Fellow of the Trudeau Foundation and a member of the Council of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. She is a Professor of Sociology at Memorial University. She is also the co-director of SafetyNet, a Community Research Alliance in Workplace Health and Safety in Marine and Coastal Work. She specializes in interdisciplinary, team-based research with a focus on fisheries, knowledge production and policy.

**Sue Nichols** is a Professor in Land and Coastal Studies at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. She has extensive international experience in land policy, community development, and land administration, including aboriginal and gender issues. Her teaching and research in Canada also includes marine policy, water law, and coastal zone management. She represents the Ocean Management Research Network (OMRNN) on the Board of Canada’s Ocean Science and Technology partnership and is a coinvestigator on the Linking Science and Local Knowledge node.

**Shane Noble** is Marketing and Sales Manager and small business owner in training of New Wood Manufacturing in Centreville, Newfoundland, a family operated business started by Bill Noble. Shane completed a Diploma in Business Administration and worked as a buyer for Sobey’s in Newfoundland and Labrador before transferring to Ontario, where he worked as a buyer, merchandiser and Category Manager. After three years away Shane decided to return home to Centreville to work with New Wood Manufacturing, a manufacturer of mouldings, staircase components, hardwood flooring and cabinet doors and components. The company has 19 employees.

**Stephen Olsen** has been associated with the Coastal Resources Center since its creation in 1971, and has served as its director since 1975. From 1985 - 2003, Stephen was the international director of the Coastal Resources Management Program sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development. That program is widely recognized as a pioneer in developing a learning-based, issue-driven approach to the management of coastal ecosystems through long-term programs in Latin America, East Africa and Southeast Asia. Stephen has also been working to formulate a common methodology for learning from coastal management experience. This work is being supported by a number of international institutions and is promoting an adaptive, learning-based approach to coastal management. Stephen led the team that drafted the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program adopted by the state in 1976—one of the first to be approved by the federal government. He also led the design of the second generation Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Program that has been the basis for management decisions in the state since 1983. More recently he has worked with the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations Development Program on their coastal management initiatives in a growing number of countries. Stephen is regarded as one of the leading authorities worldwide on coastal governance. He has an M.S. in Biological Oceanography and a B.A. in Biology.

**Geoff Perry** has been the Regional Aquaculture Coordinator with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Newfoundland and Labrador Region for the past four years. He is responsible for coordination or management of DFO's aquaculture programs related to regulation,
animal health, introductions and transfers, and research and development. As of July 2006, Geoff is the acting Manager of Oceans Division of Oceans and Habitat Management Branch.

**Steve Plante** has a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Montreal and a Masters in Anthropology from Laval University (Quebec). He is a professor at the University of Quebec at Rimouski, since 2002, where he teaches Social Development, Territorial Development and Regional Development. His research on coastal communities and insular communities in Brazil and in the Estuary/Golf of St-Laurent in Quebec has a particular focus on governance, capacity building, climate change including adaptation, the dynamics of human behaviour, the question of the Commons and local development. His field work experience, and his view about interdisciplinarity, have developed his interest for Territorial Development, believing that the Social Sciences will play an increasing role in this field of study and intervention.

**Honourable Thomas Rideout**, veteran MHA and Cabinet Minister, is the province’s Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. He was sworn into this position on November 8, 2005, and simultaneously received the portfolio of Deputy Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador and maintained his role of Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs. Minister Rideout was first sworn in as Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs on November 6, 2003, at which time he was also pointed to the position of the Minister of Transportation and Works (formerly Works, Services and Transportation). This came just 14 days after Minister Rideout was successfully re-elected to represent the people of Lewisporte District, a position he was first elected to in February 1999. In 1994, Minister Rideout enrolled in Law School at the University of Ottawa, and in 1997 graduated with a Baccalaureate of Laws (LL.B.). He articulated in St. John’s with Morris, Pittman and Powell and was admitted to the Law Society of Newfoundland and Labrador as a Barrister, Solicitor and Notary in June 1998. Minister Rideout served as an associate in the practice of law with Fraize Law Offices. Prior to pursuing law, Minister Rideout served as Leader of the Official Opposition between May 1989 and September 1991, after which he served as a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada until 1993. In 1989, he was elected Leader of the Newfoundland and Labrador Progressive Conservative Party, and on March 22, became the province’s fourth Premier since Confederation. He led the government until May 5, 1989, and also held the portfolio of Minister responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs during his tenure as Premier. Prior to becoming Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Minister Rideout served in Premier Brian Peckford’s Cabinet as Minister of Fisheries between 1985 and 1989 and Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth between 1984 and 1985. Minister Rideout entered politics in 1975, representing the people of Baie Verte-White Bay District. He retained this seat in the House of Assembly on four successive occasions, in 1979, 1982, 1985 and 1989. Prior to entering public life, Minister Rideout was a teacher at St. Theresa’s All-Grade School at Fleur de Lys and St. Puis X Central High School at Baie Verte, where he also served as vice-principal.

**Gordon Slade** was born in North Harbour, Placentia Bay, Newfoundland and attended Memorial University. Gordon is currently the Executive Director, One Ocean- Newfoundland and Labrador. Prior to this he held positions with the Cruise Ship Authority of Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial University of Newfoundland and the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. In addition to serving as the Federal Economic Development Coordinator for Newfoundland and Labrador and the Federal Co-Chairman of the Offshore Development Fund, he was the Deputy Minister of Fisheries for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador from 1975 to 1982. Gordon is currently the Vice-Chair of Atlantic Economuseum, Managing Director for Battle Harbour Historic Trust, and Chair of the Advisory Committees.
for Red Bay National Historic Site and Ryan Premises National Historic Site in Bonavista. He was awarded the Order of Canada in 2005.

**Beverley Stevens** is the Director of the Change Islands Newfoundland Pony Refuge a Not-for-Profit breeding program whose aim is to raise the numbers of our 'Critically Endangered' pony. Started in 2004 the Refuge also is focused on economic development for Change Islands through direct employment and tourism initiatives. Born in NL she and her husband, David Carlson, have recently retired and live on Change Islands. While in Ottawa, Beverley ran her own renovation company and volunteered in palliative care and human rights issues.

**David Thomson** began working life as a North Sea fisherman in Scotland. He went on to do fishery development and management work in Africa and Asia, and served for periods in the college of Fisheries, Newfoundland, and the University of Rhode Island, USA. He has written extensively on fishery technology and fisheries management.

**Stan Tobin** is one of Newfoundland’s leading environmental advocates, having devoted over thirty years of his life to marine stewardship, particularly in Placentia Bay, a region identified as Canada’s highest risk for a major oil spill. His connection to the ocean stems from his upbringing in Ship Cove, Placentia Bay, where he worked first as a commercial fisherman for ten years. As one of a three member 1990 Public Review Panel on Tanker Safety and Marine Spills Response Capability, Stan co-authored “Protecting Our Waters” (The Brander-Smith Report), with 107 recommendations relating to Canada’s Oil Spill Response capability. Stan is currently President of the Regional Advisory Council to the Canadian Coast Guard on oil spills preparedness and response, and advises industry on ocean related issues such as mystery spills and the impact of oil spills on sea birds. He also counsels enterprise in the development of oil spill related technologies. As a founding member and president of the Newfoundland Environmental Association, Inc. (NLEA), Stan operates the only licensed cleaning and rehabilitation centre for oil impacted seabirds in Newfoundland and Labrador. Its mandate is to selectively capture, clean and rehabilitate oil-impacted birds and monitor the coastal areas of Newfoundland.

**Paul Torraville** is on the Board of Directors of the Fogo Island Co-op where he has worked for more than 15 years. Paul was the Chair of the Fogo Island Survival Committee, is a member of the FFAW and is the 1st Assistant Chief of the Fogo Town Fire Brigade.

**Anne Troake** was born in Twillingate, Newfoundland, and works as a choreographer, filmmaker, costume and graphic designer as well as a performer in dance, theatre and comedy. Anne’s choreographic works include *The Sinking: stories of cold water* (’97), *A day in the life of Mr. P. Nis* (video, ’98), *The Bearded Lady* (video, ’99), *Fever Dreams...perfect silence of glass* (2002), *Bell* (2004) with visual artist Peter von Tiesenhausen and *Inhabitant* (2005), a community creation commissioned by Neighbourhood Dance Works. Her work has been shown at The Canada Dance Festival, the Soho 20 Gallery (NYC), Artist's Television Access (San Francisco), the Lincoln Center's Dance on Camera Festival, the Kennedy Center, and the Goethe Institute. In 2005 she completed her first documentary film entitled *My Ancestors Were Rogues and Murderers* and is currently at work on a second doc called *Time Equals Zero.*

**Kelly Vodden** is a PhD candidate in the Department of Geography, Simon Fraser University (SFU) and Instructor in SFU’s Centre for Sustainable Community Development. She is a
consultant to government and non-government organizations, First Nations, industry and academic institutions and a volunteer with several conservation and community development organizations. Kelly’s academic and professional endeavours focus on sustainable community economic development and community-based resource management. Kelly’s PhD research examines models of collaborative governance in three Canadian coastal regions.

**Mike Warren** is Executive Director (Policy & Planning) with the Newfoundland & Labrador Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. In his 20 years with the department he has worked on many coastal and oceans-related projects. These projects have focused on topics related to policy and planning, economic development, aquaculture conflict management, coastal zone management, and fisheries management (international and domestic). Some of his current activities and interests include: the Action Team for Cod Recovery, the Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers Oceans Task Group (Co-chair), the Canada-France Fisheries Advisory Committee, the Oceans Management Research Network, and the NL Regional Committee on Oceans Management. He has also participated in the North Atlantic Conference Series on the protection of the sea and sustainable utilization of living marine resources in the North Atlantic. He has a degree in Geography from Memorial University, and has completed graduate courses in fisheries management, coastal zone management, environmental impact assessment, and oceans technology. Prior to joining the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture he was employed with a NL engineering company participating in flood damage assessments, energy projects, and environmental impact assessments. He was also employed at the Centre for Cold Ocean Resources Engineering (C-CORE) researching the application of airborne radars for sea ice investigations.

**John Wickham** is the Director of Regional Economic Development with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development.

**Todd Wight** is currently the Executive Director of the Newfoundland and Labrador Outfitters Association (NLOA), the professional association of provincial hunting and sport fishing businesses in Newfoundland and Labrador. Todd has worked extensively in the tourism industry over the past twelve years, specializing in human resource training, product development, and destination marketing. Todd’s work experience includes key roles with the Viking Trail Tourism Association, Hospitality NL, the Gros Morne Cooperating Association and his consulting company Tourism Concepts. Todd recently contracted with Intervale Associates Inc. to deliver a Port Readiness Program to over thirty provincial ports on behalf of the Cruise Association of Newfoundland and Labrador. Todd’s ties to rural Newfoundland and Labrador stem from his roots in Rocky Harbour. He grew up working closely with his parents’ family businesses in Rocky Harbour from an early age. The Wight’s owned and operated a small accommodations operation and a well-known local service station which is still in operation today. Todd currently resides in Deer Lake with his wife Cindy and daughter Jillian.

**Mervin Wiseman** studied Political Science at Memorial University of Newfoundland (1972-76) and later completed studies in Nautical Science at the same institution (1977-78). He is the owner of the largest silver fox farm in North America, located in North Harbour, Placentia Bay. Mervin is currently serving his forth term as president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Agriculture. He is also president of the NL Livestock Council and President of the NL Fur Breeders Association. His work in all of these areas finds him on numerous provincial and national committees in the interest of advancing agriculture in NL
and across Canada. In addition to his interest in agriculture, Mervin is a full time Search & Rescue Co-ordinator at the Canadian Coast Guard Maritime Rescue Centre in St. John’s, where he has worked for the past 28 years. In his capacity with the Canadian Coast Guard he has written a number of national and international publications dealing with the administration of regulations and safety services in both territorial and non-territorial waters adjacent to Canada. He co-authored a report for the Canadian Coast Guard Search & Rescue branch in 1999 and subsequently led the implementation of a safety program for fishermen in NL. He recently served on an assignment with Transport Canada to implement a similar program for fish harvesters across Canada.

Maureen Woodrow is currently a Research Project Manager based at Carleton University. She is a sociologist who specializes in rural sustainable community development. Her research includes community level work various parts of rural Canada as well as internationally. She holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Laval University with a graduate degree from University of Louvain, Belgium and an undergraduate from Memorial University of Newfoundland. She speaks English, French and Spanish. In the fall of 2000, Maureen and her husband Herb, launched a wholesale and Internet eCommerce artisan business (Stages and Stores, Inc.) combining it with a heritage foundation (Stages and Stores Heritage Foundation, Inc.) in the small island community of Change Islands off the Northeast coast of Newfoundland with the dual objective to create much needed employment and to preserve and promote the unique fishing heritage buildings of one of the last picturesque Newfoundland fishing communities.

Joe Wroblewski is a Professor (Research) in the Ocean Sciences Centre at Memorial University of Newfoundland. As holder of the NSERC/FPI/ National Sea Products Research Chair in Fisheries Oceanography, he studied the ecology of the northern cod. He had a leading role in establishing the science basis for the Gilbert Bay Marine Protected Area in Labrador. He teaches fisheries ecology and fisheries resource management with the viewpoint that fishers and their knowledge should become part of the management process.