



Port aux Choix

Western Waters

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FLOUNDER SURVEY

The Fisheries Development commenced a Flounder Survey, September 30, in the Point Riche to Cape Bauld area for the purpose of testing a new flounder otter trawl and to identify new flounder beds along the Northwest coast.

The M.V. Julie LeBlanche, chartered from Ron White of Sandy Cove, is the vessel being used for the project. The new net was designed and constructed by I.C. Trawl Company of Stephenville and, to date, there have been numerous problems with the net, mostly tears. However, modifications have been made and the net is now working satisfactorily.

Identification of new flounder beds is being carried out to see whether or not there is sufficient stock in the area to warrant fishing on a commercial basis. To date, however, catches have been very low.

The project will continue until mid-November when an assessment will be completed and a report prepared.

RECORD YEAR FOR VIOLATIONS

The sport salmon fishing season in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador ended in mid-September for another year, a year which saw a record number of violations and seizures of nets on inland waters.

Our Fisheries Officers and Guardians laid a total of 129 charges for violations of the inland sports fishery regulations as it pertains to salmon and trout for the 1982 season. This total was almost triple the number of violations (51) for the 1981 season. In addition they seized a record 53 nets on inland waters as compared to 19 nets the previous year.

Our Area Director attributes the increase in charges laid to a better organized enforcement approach by the Department and the success of the Dial-a-Poacher program which was implemented on an experimental basis for the first time in the Deer Lake area. Mr. Marshall feels the number of violations recorded is due, in a large extent, to the co-operation received from the general public, and in particular from the SPAWN organization, the RCMP and Wildlife Officials which permitted a much better co-ordinated approach.

DIAL-A-POACHER WRAPUP

The Dial-a-Poacher program was implemented on an experimental basis for the first time in the Deer Lake area this past summer, and now that the final report is in, it can only be termed "a success".

Eric Seaward, the Fishery Officer in charge of the program said, "the place where the effectiveness of this program shows is the decrease in poaching effort". In the local area, Fisheries Personnel have seized from persons unknown an average of seventeen (17) nets every summer. This past summer only six (6) nets were seized. This could be interpreted two ways: (1) smarter poachers, or (2) less poaching, but through his personal experience, Eric has to support the latter. In 1982 the greatest effect this program has

had to decrease poaching is to act as a deterrent. Throughout the entire Western area great praise has been bestowed upon the Department for the courage to venture into such a program. Through Eric's experience and the experience of local Fisheries Personnel and Anglers, they feel that the deterrent factor alone proves conclusively the effectiveness of the program. It has made the illegal fisherman **very** conscious of all persons he encounters.

Breakdown of calls and charges are:

Number of calls	- 27
Number of legitimate calls	- 22
Number of charges	- 15

Example of some of the convictions:

Netting inland waters	- Two months in jail, no fine.
Fishing in Prohibited Area	- \$750
Catching over daily bag limit	- \$500
Taking of immature fish	- \$250

Two persons have been convicted of having a net near inland waters at Lomond River, but have not been sentenced to date.

For 1983, Seaward feels all licenced Anglers should be given a wallet size card imprinted with the Program name, area covered, and the phone numbers. Talking to members of SPAWN and local Anglers they have said repeatedly that if they had had the number close at hand, the number of complaints would have tripled. Since the sport fishing has concluded, the number of inquires regarding the Program for 1983 are too numerous to mention. Eric said the low number of reported calls in 1982 should not be a deterrent factor for 1983. This is the first time any attempt has been made to get local people involved in Fishery matters. Like any new program, it takes a great deal of time and patience to get local involvement. If we had only received one complaint and laid one charge, it would have been a step closer towards the betterment of the Fishery. Seaward said that with the success we did have and the deterrent factor, it proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Program can and will work.

Based on the success of the program, it is the intention of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans office in Corner Brook to expand the program in 1983 to include the Corner Brook area, thereby covering the most densely populated areas on the west coast.

SHRIMP VESSEL OPERATORS CHARGED

Six shrimp vessel operators from the Northeast coast had a total of 12 charges laid against them by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans under Section 6 (b) of the Atlantic Fishery Regulations for excessive by-catch of cod in the shrimp fishery.

Two individuals were each charged on three separate occasions and two other vessel operators were each charged twice, with single charges against two other operators.

A total of 50 warnings were handed out by Fisheries Officers in Port au

Choix for excessive by-catch before the 12 charges were laid. In connection with these charges, the by-catch, valued at approximately \$14,000, was seized by the Department.

The six individuals charged appeared in provincial court October 29th, in Port au Choix. They all entered a not guilty plea and the cases will now be heard December 17th.

Area Director, Jack Marshall, felt there was a serious situation erupting with regard to the by-catch of cod in the shrimp fishery and this is why the charges were laid. The Department is continuing to closely monitor the fishery and, in addition the M.V. Gander Bay was sent to the Port au Choix area to assist in monitoring the situation.

FIXED GEAR HERRING FISHERMEN PROTEST

The fixed gear herring fishery south of Cape St. Gregory closed October 16th when the 50 metric tons reserved for the fall fixed gear fishery was taken.

However, this closure brought a flurry of protests from some 20 fixed gear fishermen who visited DFO headquarters in Corner Brook two days later to make their feelings known.

The group met with Lew Crane, Area Chief Regulations & Enforcement, who listened to their comments and answered their questions. The majority of the group was satisfied with the information given them by Mr. Crane but several insisted on seeing the Area Director before leaving and promptly marched into his office.

A discussion followed between the fishermen and Mr. Marshall with relative calm being restored before the group departed our office.

SPECIALIZED FISHING CHARTS

NORDCO Limited is undertaking, with the support of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, a project to produce specialised charts for use by fishermen. These charts are to be compiled using information from a large number of experienced fishing skippers. The charts are intended to pinpoint areas where fishing is generally unsuccessful because of excessive damage to nets and gear. The chart will show points where fishermen have ripped otter trawls, snagged gillnets or longlines and should enable other fishermen to avoid unnecessary damage. Only obstructions which have been pinpointed on more than one occasion will be mapped. Typical obstructions that will be mapped are wrecks, rock outcrops, boulders and debris.

In a report produced in 1981, NORDCO estimated that replacement of damaged gear cost the Newfoundland fleet about \$18 million and the fleet in the maritimes about \$24 million dollars per year. It is intended that these costs should be reduced by making available charts showing rough ground and other hazards to fishermen.

During October and November, NORDCO field workers will be travelling in Nova Scotia and Western Newfoundland collecting data from fishermen for the first charts which are to cover part of the Bay of Fundy, Brown's Bank, Banquereau Bank, and the north east Gulf of St. Lawrence. Many skippers have already volunteered information but if others would like to contribute we would appreciate it if they would contact NORDCO Limited in St. John's, Newfoundland.

The information gathered will be prepared over the winter, and it is anticipated that these initial charts will be available in early spring, 1983. It is intended that these charts be the first in a series of 1/250,000 charts for the Canadian Atlantic Coast and that when these are completed a further series of 1/100,000 charts be produced for some special areas.

NORDCO Limited is a consulting company with a fisheries division undertaking research and development for the fishing industry and government.

TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR

All field staff are advised that effective immediately Mary Lundrigan of DFO headquarters in Corner Brook will be training co-ordinator for the area.

The multi-talented Ms. Lundrigan will be responsible for all aspects of training, from supplying information on training programs when requested, to booking the courses for candidates, etc.

Anyone requiring any type of information on training can call Mary at 634-6051.

VESSEL CERTIFICATION MEETING

The Inspection Services branch held a two-day meeting at headquarters in Corner Brook during October for the purpose of discussing the new Vessel Certification Manual.

Inspection supervisors, all KIP personnel in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador, along with Jean-Guy Bernard from Moncton, Roy Bond from Scotia-Fundy, and Derek Luscombe and Guy Wakeford from St. John's attended the meetings.

The new vessel certification manual is designed to tell inspectors in the field all aspects of the program. The manual is still in the planning stage and discussion centered around the first draft of the manual from Ottawa. In addition Joyce Noseworthy, Area Chief Inspection Services, and the other visiting officials discussed any problems the KIP officers might have with regard to the program and answered their questions.

JOB CREATION PROGRAM

On October 18, we had the start-up of six projects under the Job Creation Program. These projects, which are located on the Great Northern Peninsula,

have all their participants hired and actual work has begun.

These projects involve various types of work from the repair, reconstruction and new construction of river guardian cabins to the repair and maintenance of property under Small Craft Harbours and Facilities jurisdiction.

The six projects are in the following areas: Pistolet Bay, St. Geneveive River, Hawkes Bay, Big Brook, Green Island Cove and Port Saunders - Port au Choix.

The total number of participant/laborers on these six projects amounts to fifty for an average length per project of ten weeks.

On October 15, there were seven other projects which were submitted for approval. The approval from all departments responsible was received on October 26th.

These projects will take place in the following areas: Port aux Basques, Port au Port, Steady Brook, Deer Lake, Brig Bay, Ten Mile Lake, and L'Anse au Loup. The projected start-up date is scheduled for November 15, 1982.

Once these projects get started, the Job Creation Program will have created short-term employment for ninety-eight participants in total over an average span of ten weeks per project.

Presently, we have an additional ten projects identified which are in the process of being accepted by sponsoring bodies or in various stages of approval. A further word on those will be noted in future reports.

FISHERIES CONFERENCE

Mr. Jean Hache, Acting Regional Director General for the Gulf Region, and Jack Marshall, Area Director for Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador, were two of a number of DFO officials who attended the two-day Fisheries Conference October 27-28 in Plum Point.

The conference, to discuss all aspects of the fishery, was sponsored by the St. Barbe and Straits Development Associations and drew some 50 interested people.

Mr. Hache gave a talk on federal fisheries policy while our own Area Director talked on west coast fisheries management. In addition, Doug Rowe, area chief resource allocation and development, gave a rundown on quotas and allocations for the Gulf Region.

Representatives from DFO Newfoundland Region, provincial fisheries, Fisheries Loan Board, Fish Trades Association, Canadian Saltfish Corporation, Kirby Task force and the NFFAWU also attended the conference and addressed the gathering.

PROCESSORS MEETING

Meeting with processors active in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador was held October 12, 1982, at the Board Room in Corner Brook. Primary purpose of the meeting was to inform the processing sector of initiatives being taken by our Department.

Presentations were given by Claude Burry - Small Craft Harbours, Joyce Noseworthy - Chief of Inspection, Jim Cheeseman - Development, and D. A. Rowe - Resource Allocation & Development. These presentations centered on present activities and on proposed plans for future activity. In this regard, the meeting was used as a form for processors to comment and suggest improvements or additions to the plans.

The meeting was considered a success and it is anticipated that a further meeting will be held in spring, 1983.

RETIREMENT PARTY



A retirement party was held recently for Tom Pittman of Belburn's who retired after serving 25 years as a Guardian on River of Ponds. Area Director Jack Marshall, area chief Lew Crane and district supervisor Leinus Fitzpatrick of Regulations & Enforcement, attended the party along with a number of Fisheries Officers and Guardians who have known Tom over the years.

Highlight of the evening's activities was the presentation of an engraved plaque to Tom by Cyril Sheppard (left), a sub-district supervisor at our Port au Choix office.

We wish Tom all the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Sympathy is extended to J. M. Marshall on the recent death of his brother-in-law.

George McCarthy is out of the hospital and resting comfortably at his home in Stephenville. No doubt George will be up and around soon.

Rumor has it that a few female employees at Area Office have been frequenting the Weight Watchers Club. Surely there's gotta' be a better way to shed those pounds. It wouldn't hurt for a few of the men around here to join. Show them how it's done, Alma.

Not too long ago, not too far away, a few of the female employees at Area Office were reported to have been "kicked-out" of a local hotel. Like I say, it's only a rumor, and we're having trouble digging up enough dirt to back it up, but stay tuned.

Poor Bruce Marshall got mixed up with some of these females the night before he went to Regina. It's been said he went off flying! As a matter of fact, just before he was leaving for the airport, Bruce called Leinus wanting to know what size his head was. Still trying to get the story on that one!

Stella, Clarence, and Paul did their duty last week by giving blood at the local clinic. Leinus was scheduled to do likewise, but he was a "no-show". We're wondering if Leinus is afraid of discovering that he is carrying some sort of social disease, or if he really is "CHICKEN LITTLE". Well, Leinus?

She made the appointment, she cancelled it, she made it again, she wasn't sure if she should do it, but she did it - Leah Byrne finally got a perm in her hair. Looks good Leah!

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL WOMAN IS A MAN WHO'S SURPRISED!

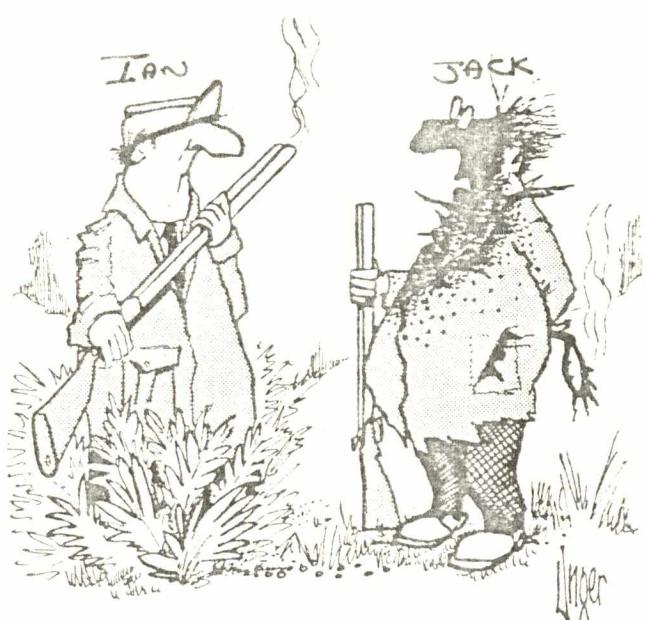
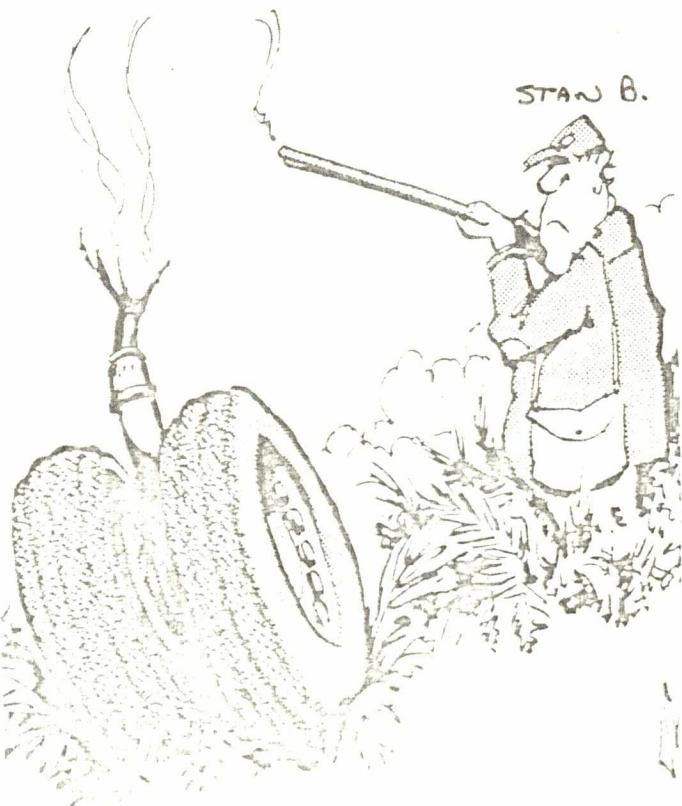
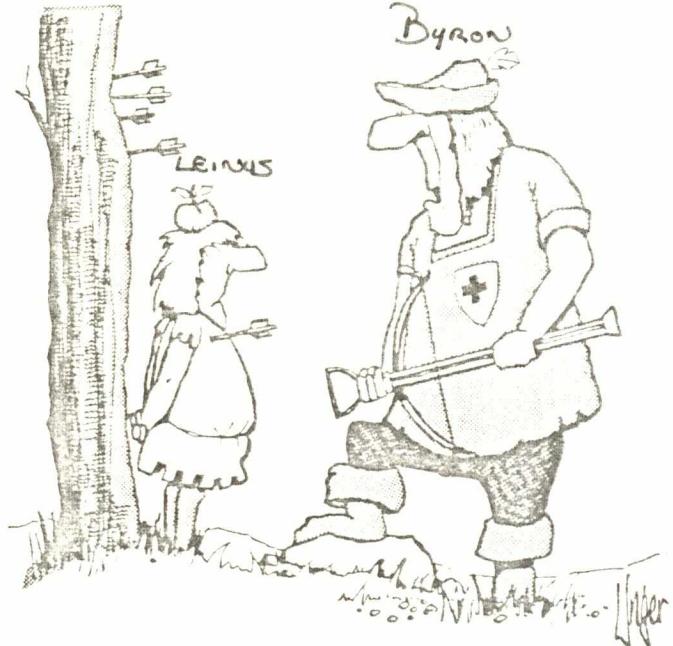
For those ardent rabbit catchers who are having trouble catching some of those little hippity-hoppers when they make a trip in the woods, we have some good news. Professional rabbit catcher William Samson, of Brig Bay, has volunteered to give lessons on rabbit catching to anyone interested. The course is free, but you have to bring your own rabbits.

Cyril Sheppard of Port au Choix has ordered a manuel on how to deliver a summons. It's called "Hit and Run".

Central records clerk Hazel Hamlyn and communications officer Bruce Reid are both doing a French conversation course at the college in Corner Brook. Can't figure out why though since we can't understand what they're saying in English most of the time, let alone French. The only expression Bruce has learned is: J'ai mal aux cheveux! (I have a hangover!)

Bev Green openly admits that she "did good" in Gander. In what capacity, that remains to be seen!

COMIC SECTION

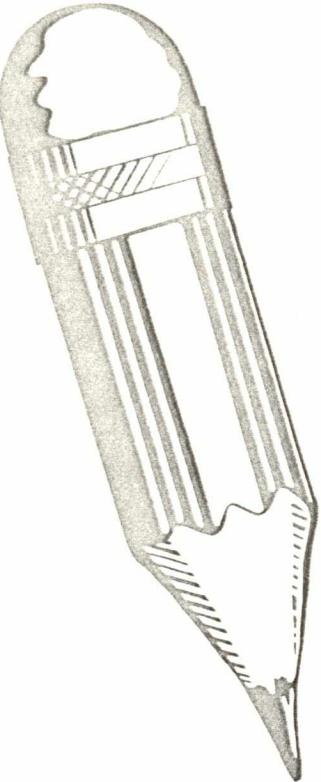


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"I don't want to ruin your day but tomorrow morning I want to see you in my office."



POSTER-DRAWING CONTEST



To coincide with 'back-to-school' days and Fish and Seafood Month in November, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is promoting a poster-drawing contest based on the theme 'The wealth of Canada's waters', and open to children of all departmental employees.

The contest is one of several Fish and Seafood Month activities sponsored by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and supported by many other organizations eager to promote one of Canada's prime natural resources.

Entries in this contest, a Communications Branch endeavour, will be judged in November on the basis of creativity. A panel of judges will declare winners in each of the following categories: under 10 years, 10-12 years and 13 years of age or over. In each category, a first and second prize will be awarded along with an honourable mention to the third best entry.

A similar contest run in 1979 under the theme 'Fisheries and Oceans', name of the then newly-created Department, generated substantial interest among DFO employees. Many imaginative and original creations were received from their children. The winners, in each category, were Jane Henshaw, then 15 years old, daughter of Marilyn (Information Branch, HQ); Graham Elvidge, then 12 years old, son of Robert, (Habitat Protection Branch, Vancouver) and Natalie Radmore, then 8, daughter of Ted (Ocean and Aquatic Sciences, Ottawa).

Posters may be drawn on any type of paper, in colour or black and white, must be signed by the artist and sent, along with a completed entry form (attached), no later than November 15, 1982 to:

Poster-Drawing Contest
Communications Branch
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
240 Sparks Street
7th Floor West
Ottawa, Ontario
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PISCES wishes all participants good luck and happy drawing!

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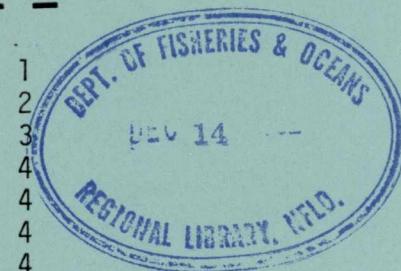


Typical Fishing Cove, Western Newfoundland

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AWARDS FOR BRAVERY

Jim Cheeseman, our Industrial Development Officer at headquarters in Corner Brook, is quite a proud person these days, and with good reason.

Jim's ten year old son Ricky has been quite a celebrity during November as he received two life-saving awards resulting from his heroic action in saving the life of another boy in April of this year.

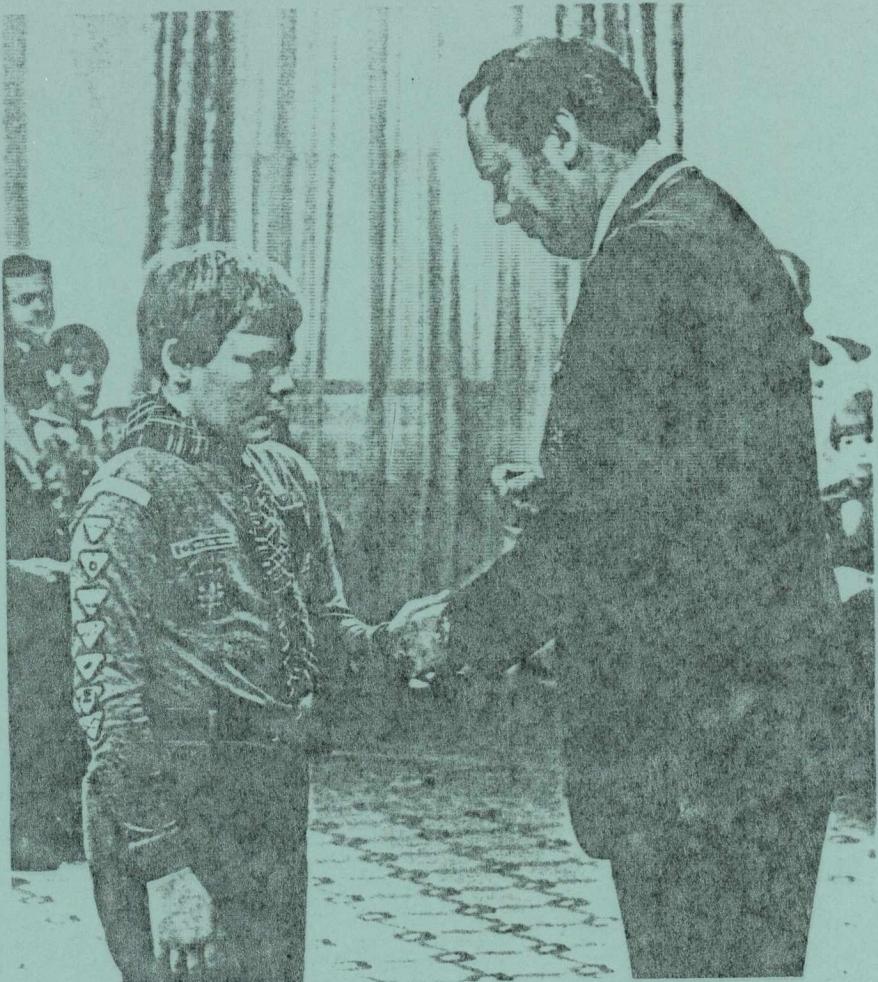
Ricky was playing with Kyle Brake, five, and another friend near the rain-swollen Blue Gulch Brook at Pasadena when the five-year-old fell in. The boy's first attempt to save his friend failed but he sent the other friend for help after he got out of the water. He then ran downstream to the next accessible point in the stream, where the water ran through a culvert and under a road.

If Brake had passed Cheeseman there, he would have died in all likelihood, but he waded waist-deep into the water, caught the boy, dragged him ashore and applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until he revived. He then covered the boy with a dry jacket and ran for help.

Brake was brought home in shock but recovered with no ill effects and was up and about the next day.

Governor-General Edward Schreyer (in photo) Canada's Chief Scout, honored Ricky on November 19, 1982, during a ceremony in Ottawa when he was presented the Scout's Silver Cross for Bravery. Then on November 26, during a ceremony in St. John's, the young hero received a Life Saving Award from the Order of St. John. Lt.-Governor W. Anthony Paddon presented the award after a St. John Ambulance official read that Cheeseman, "at great personal risk to his own life... with great presence of mind and determination, rescued his five-year-old friend from a fast moving stream, thus saving his life."

Our congratulations to Ricky Cheeseman for his heroic efforts.



REGIONAL PROTECTION AND REGULATIONS MEETING

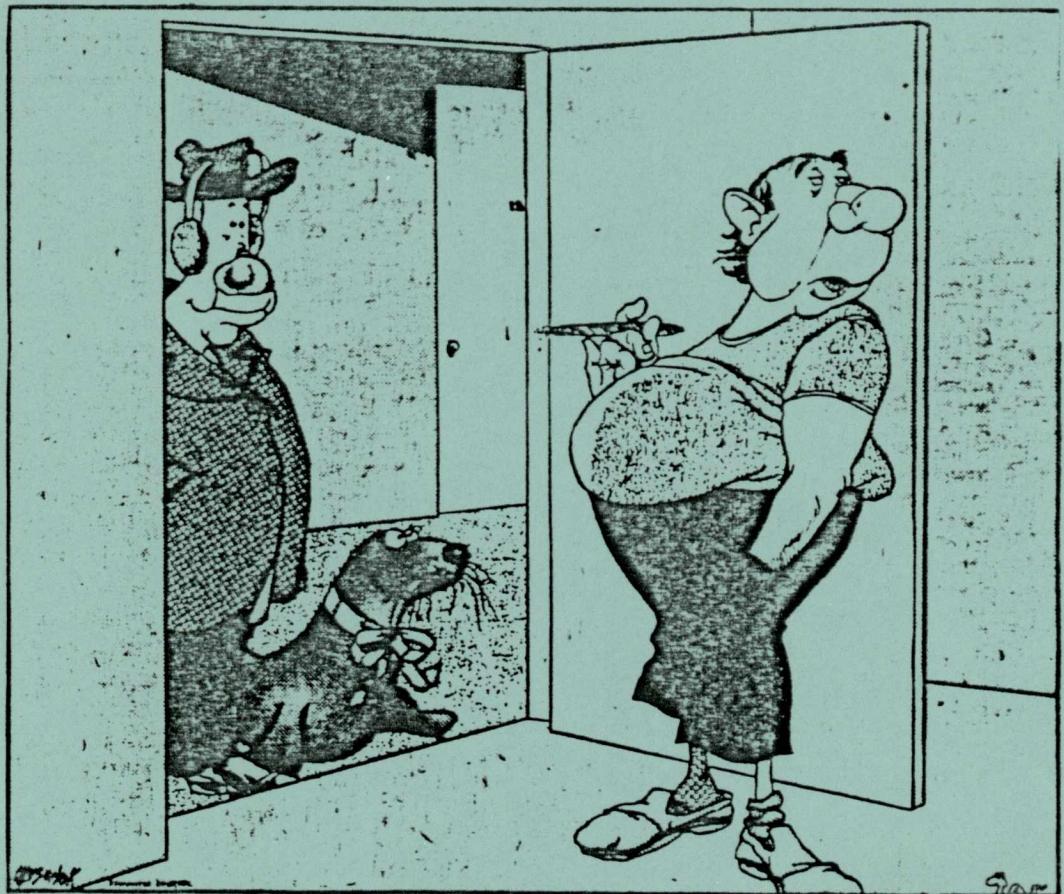
A meeting of the five Gulf Region Protection and Regulations Chiefs was held November 16-17 in Corner Brook with Bob Allain, Branch Director for the Gulf, acting as chairman.

The meeting was a follow-up to the one held in Prince Edward Island last July. The purpose of these meetings is to review and plan branch activities with respect to training and development and all other matters pertaining to enforcement.

Some of the main items of business on the agenda included: regional small arms program, regional enforcement directory, fishery officers field manual, regional inventory of gauges, fishery officers uniforms, regulations review task force, fisheries officers development program, departmental forms, forfeiture policy.

Guest speaker for the meeting was John Cohrs of the vessel management branch, Scotia-Fundy Region, who discussed the inshore patrol vessel study.

*PLEASE NOTE: The space below was originally scheduled to contain a group picture of the Gulf Region Protection and Regulations Chiefs, however, due to a delay in getting the print back from the photo shop I have had to make a substitution. In its place (as you can see) is a picture concerned with the Seal Fishery.



"It's some guy selling Christmas seals!"

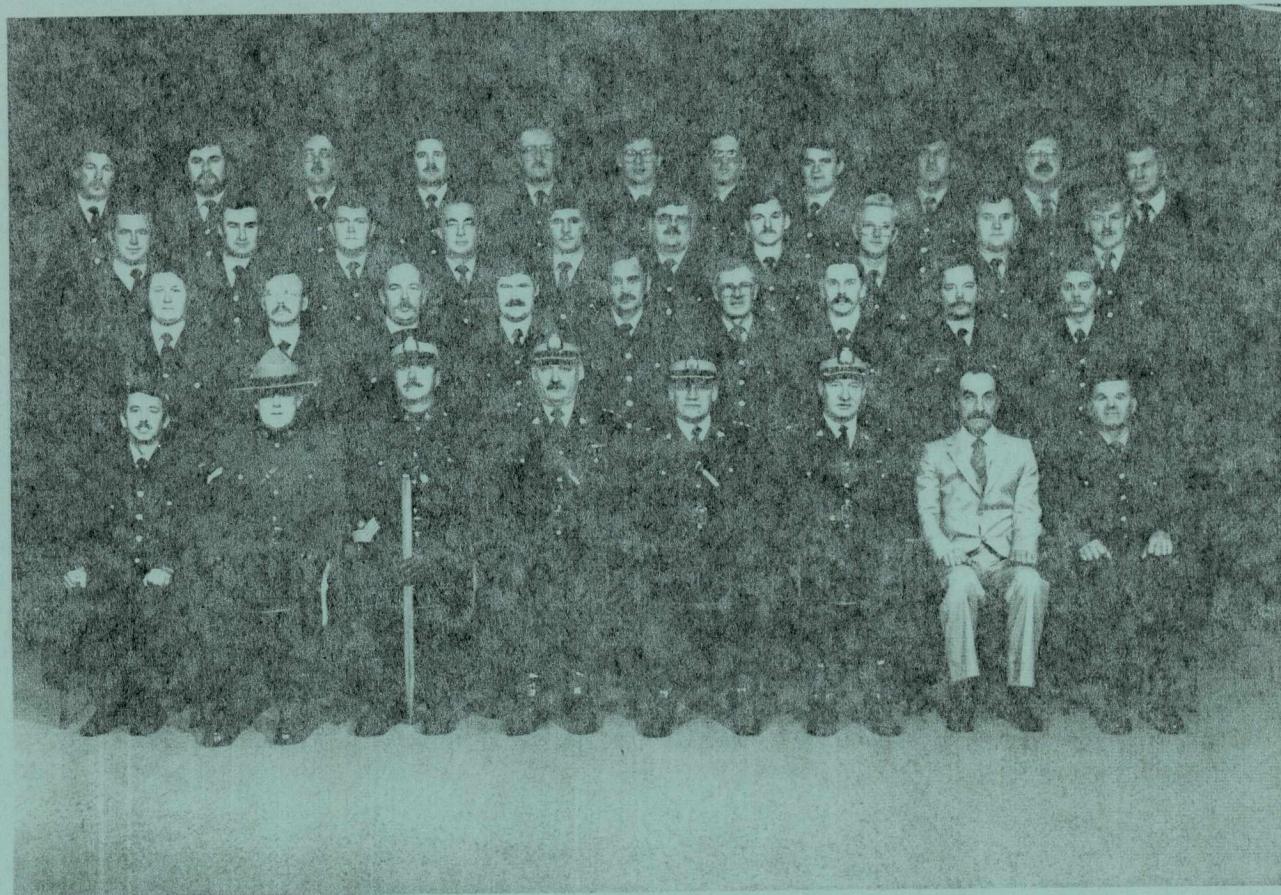
FISHERIES ENFORCEMENT COURSE

The newest graduates of the Canadian Fisheries Enforcement Course in Regina are once again back home in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador.

The nine-member contingent - Max Gill and Bruce Marshall, Corner Brook; Colin Hutchings, Cow Head; Lee Patey, Hawkes Bay; Walter MacInnis, Highlands; and Eric Seaward, Deer Lake - returned home November 19th after a five-week training course.

They were part of a 32-member group of fisheries officers from all across Canada who took part in the course which covered such areas as: safety and handling of firearms, the criminal code as it pertains to fisheries, human relations, effective speaking, driver training, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, identification and photography, self defence, physical training, care and handling of prisoners and operational training.

Almost all of our fisheries officers in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador, with a couple of exceptions, have now taken advantage of the course.



1st Row: G.W. Swyers; Cpl. G.R. Oberg; S/M T.O. Lewis; Supt. R.R. Mackeracher; C/Supt. J.L.D. Ling; Supt. R.L. Fletcher; G.M. Hargood; J.C. Huxter

2nd Row: M.B. Marshall; S.R. Wilson; C.R. Murdock; S.O. Fraser; W.P. Dean; L. Patey; R.M. Allen; W.C. Fowler; B. Ferguson

3rd Row: R.J. Didham; B.L. Moyles; R.D. Morse; W.T. MacInnis; G. Hache; G.A. Cox; K. Pardy; H.C. Compton; W.L. Penny; E.W. Seaward

4th Row: W.R. McLean; C.H. Hutchings; B.C.J. Keating; J.E. Jamieson; J.B. Brown; R.F. Hunter; G.R. Blanchard; P.C. MacAdam; R.J. Doucette; M.K. Gill; W.F. Gidney

SHRIMP FISHERY REMAINS CLOSED

The 1982 shrimp fishing season along the northwest coast of Newfoundland is over for another year.

The fishery ended early this year, October 30th to be exact, as the result of a problem with significant cod by-catch in the shrimp fishery. The department laid a total of 68 charges against operators of class E vessels for excessive by-catch of cod before the shrimp fishery was closed.

The department anticipated the normal movement of cod within the Gulf of St. Lawrence would result in re-opening this fishery. However, following surveys conducted by shrimp vessels on November 10th and again on November 15th which indicated there was still an abundance of cod frequenting the grounds normally fished by the shrimp draggers, the decision was made the shrimp fishery would remain closed.

The by-catch of cod incurred during these experimental trips determined the by-catch to be in excess of 100 per cent.

FIXED GEAR COD FISHERY CLOSED

The fixed gear cod fishery in NAFO sub-divisions 4RS-3Pn was closed as of midnight, November 10th, when the 2,000 M.T. quota set aside for the fall fishery was to be reached.

This closure ~~brought~~ immediate objections from various fishermen's committees and development groups along the southwest coast. One of the most vocal was the Southwest Coast Development Association which was successful in getting a commitment from the new Minister of Fisheries, Pierre DeBane, that his department would re-evaluate catch statistics on the fixed gear fishery.

The association was hoping for an additional allocation of 500 M.T. for areas 4Rs-3Pn but its very unlikely the additional allocation will be granted.

SCALLOP ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans new Job Creation Program has helped save the Port au Port Economic Development Association's scallop enhancement project.

Through this program \$23,000 was provided to hire seven persons for eight weeks to carry out phase two of the four-phase project. Concerns had been expressed earlier this year that the partially completed project to rebuild scallop stocks in Port au Port Bay would be scrapped because financing could not be arranged.

But with DFO providing the money through the Job Creation Program, the scallop enhancement project is able to continue.

HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR

Four staff members from our headquarters in Corner Brook, namely Beverley Green, Doris Reid, Leinus Fitzpatrick and Clarence Butt, attended a one-day seminar on Human Rights.

Flemming Holm, one of three Human Rights Officers with the Halifax office of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, conducted the seminar Nov. 18th at Holiday Inn.

The seminar dealt with the various kinds of discrimination which are prohibited and they include: race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, martial status, the fact that a person was convicted for an offence for which a pardon has been issued, and the fact that a person has a physical handicap (where employment is involved).

The Canadian Human Rights Act applies to all federal government agencies and departments, crown corporations, to business and industry under federal jurisdiction such as banks, airline and railway companies, in their employment policies as well as in their dealings with the public.

STAFFING UPDATE

Competitions have been held for the GT5 and PM3 positions at area office in Corner Brook. Job offers are expected to be made to Jim Cheeseman for the GT5 position and to Clarence Butt for the PM3 position. Both are awaiting official notification from Gulf headquarters in Moncton.

Claude Burry, chief Small Craft Harbours and Facilities, is also awaiting a job offer from Moncton for the position of Chief, Harbours and Facilities Development for the Gulf Region.

Competition posters are out for the two GT3 positions, one in Brig Bay and the other for St. George's. The close off date is December 8, 1982.

Dave Griggs, Director General for Management Improvement and Review with DFO in Ottawa, was in Corner Brook Nov. 25th to meet with our Area Director and discuss all existing PYs (person years). Mr. Griggs is rolling together a report on PYs for all the Gulf Region which will be presented to the assistant deputy minister.

Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador are not expected to lose any existing Pys but no additional PYs are forthcoming. It is expected our Area Director will be receiving a directive in the very near future regarding restrictions on PYs.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Birthday wishes extended to two Area Office employees, namely Ed Gibney and Jim Cheeseman. How old, boys?

Congratulations to our Editor Bruce Reid and wife Glenda, proud parents of a new baby girl. Baby Reid weighed in at 9 lbs. 14.5 ozs. Sounds like she came out walking.

Fishery Officers are back from the Enforcement Course in Regina and Western Waters is trying to get the "low-down" on the happenings. For sure there were plenty. We've already heard about Eric Seaward's prowess on the firing range as ol' Dead Eye Eric must have had both eyes closed when he did this part of the course. The former police sharpshooter is obviously slipping as he failed to pass the small arms shooting test. Guess we'll have to get Leinus and Byron to teach him how to use the bow and arrow now.

L.J. Cowley, ADM, was recently in Corner Brook to attend meetings and while in the area he was presented with a rather unique gift from the Staff of Fisheries and Oceans, Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador. To field staff who were not able to attend the presentation, Mr. Cowley was most appreciative of the gift.

Stella Guinchard returned from another trip to Upper Canada. We're sort of wondering if these trips are related to special medical treatment. Come on Stella, we want an explanation. We've got a right to know!

Speaking of medical treatment it appears our own Mary Lundrigan is having problems with her "tweeters". We're not sure what that means. Only her doctor knows for sure.

Some of the staff at headquarters in Corner Brook organized a Grey Cup party and reports have it the party went into triple overtime. Those attending even found time to watch some of the Grey Cup game.

Rumor circulating that Bruce Marshall won't make an overnight trip unless he has his Mickey Mouse pillow with him.

You only get what you ask for, just ask Ed Gibney. It appears Ed ordered 50 employment application forms from Moncton and he only ended up with 50 packages of forms, each package containing 1,000 forms. This means we'll be able to handle any demand for employment forms for the next century or two.

Finally getting some feedback from field staff for the newsletter as evident of the drawing submitted for comic section while the following items also sent in from the field:

FISHY FABLES - "Just look at what your husband is up to," said a woman to her neighbor as she noticed the man with his fishing line dropped into a small pail in the backyard.

"Yes," replied the other woman sadly, "I'd like to take him to a psychiatrist, but we need the fish."

If you could kick the person responsible for the majority of your troubles, you wouldn't be able to sit down for six months.

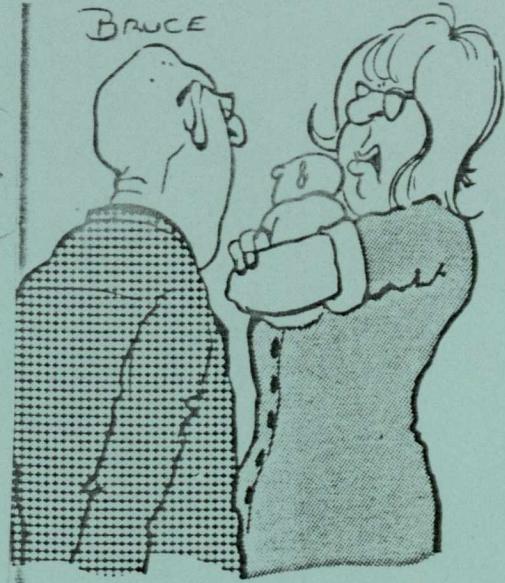
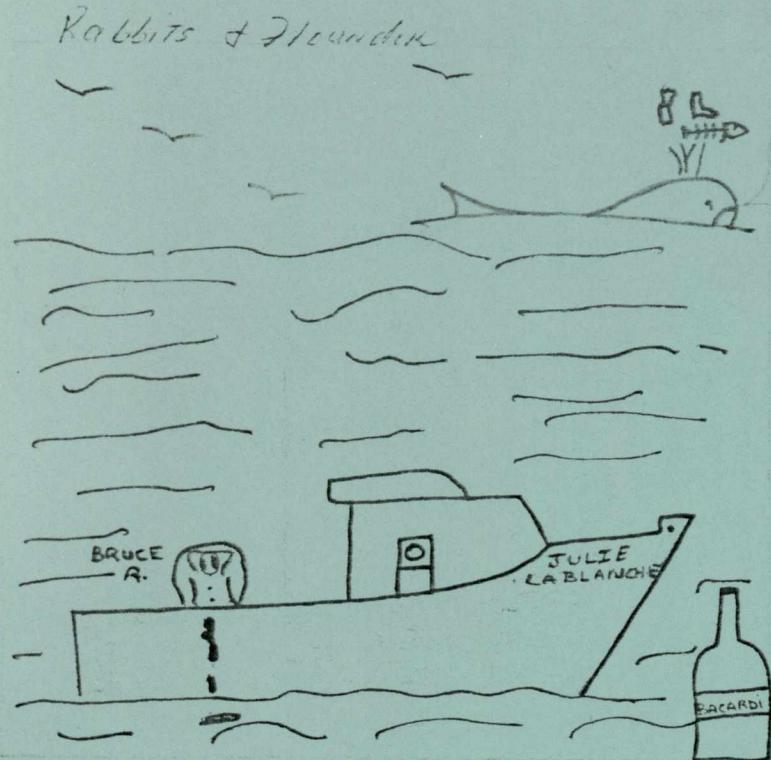
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this page - to prove he is curious too.

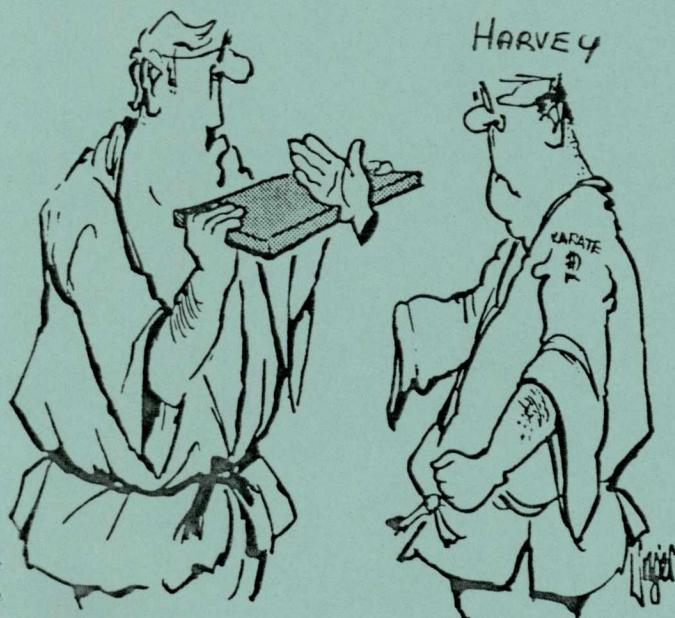
A woman's curiosity is famous the world over. Yet, many a man will turn

COMIC SECTION

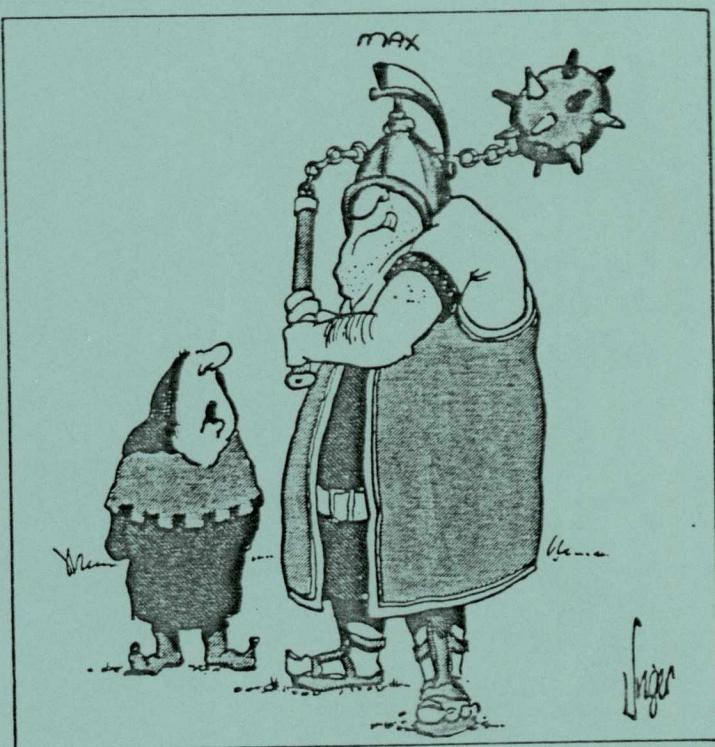
Special for the Editor:



For our Fisheries Officers who were training in Regina:



"You can't be expected to get it right first time!"



"Okay, now shift your weight onto the left leg during the follow-through."

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HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

NEWSLETTER

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JOB CREATION PROGRAM

As was the case with the entire Program throughout Atlantic Canada, our Program as well experienced some delays initially. However, according to Program Supervisor Don Ball, we should note that while we received delays, we were not behind in the implementation and the actual setup of the Program.

While other areas and regions were experiencing delays and setbacks, we were learning from their mistakes and were able to overcome certain obstacles.

"We were so far behind, that we were ahead", said Ball. "We have been fortunate in the fact that we have not had any problems in securing sponsors. We have basically been using the Development Associations in our area. These groups have great experience in implementing Government Programs such as: L.I.P., Canada Works, C.C.D.P., etc".

The first projects to actually start commenced on October 18. On this date we had four (4) projects start. As of today's date, we have ten (10) projects started with eighty-four (84) participants involved in working on these projects.

We also have received approval from both DFO and CEIC on three (3) other projects involving fourteen (14) participants. These projects are expected to start any day.

DFO approval has been received on three (3) other projects involving nineteen (19) participants. CEIC approval is expected soon.

We have a total of seven (7) projects which have been proposed and we are now in the process of soliciting sponsors. These projects will involve an additional fifty-three (53) participants.

In total, our projects involve the following:-

Projects started:	10	Participants:	84
Projects approved (both):	3	Participants:	14
Projects approved (DFO):	3	Participants:	19
Projects proposed:	<u>7</u>	Participants:	<u>53</u>
TOTALS:	<u>23</u>		<u>170</u>

The local economy has definitely benefited through the Job Creation Program as we have placed considerable amount of money into the area.

Our allotment of \$350,000 O & M and \$50,000 Capital will be spent this year.

To date, the figures are as follows:-

Projects started	- O & M:	\$147,697.00	Capital:	\$19,525.00
Projects approved (both)	- O & M:	25,931.00	Capital:	10,900.00
Projects approved (DFO)	- O & M:	32,964.00	Capital:	7,400.00
Projects proposed	- O & M:	143,408.00	Capital:	12,175.00

The amount of work weeks used to date in all categories of projects is 1,835 of the allotted 3,340 for 1982 - 1983.

The total salary dollars generated is difficult to determine as we have no way of verifying the amount each participant is receiving prior to joining the Program. But in consideration of the \$240.00 that each participant will be paid it is noted that a goodly amount of money is generated.

Considering that we expect to have 170 participants working on projects this year, this alone will create a figure of \$440,400.00 in total UIC salaries.

In total, including DFO support and UIC top-up, the local economy for Western Newfoundland will receive an input of \$840,400.00 from the 1982 - 1983 Job Creation Program.

The average length of each project is ten (10) weeks with each having an average of seven (7) participants.

"In conclusion", said Ball, "we feel that despite the initial setback involved in implementing the program, it has progressed well to this point. We are now in the process of identifying specific projects for 1983 - 1984".

GROUNDFISH ADVISORY MEETING

A meeting was held December 1st in Corner Brook with representatives of the fishing industry (harvesting and processing sectors), plus provincial government and the NFFAWU to get advice from the fishing industry on the allocation of the groundfish resource in NAFO areas 4R-3PN for consideration in the development of the 1983 Groundfish Management Plan. The recommendations of the committee was presented to the Gulf Groundfish Advisory Committee December 14th for review and approval.

A gear conflict was identified as a major issue at the Groundfish Advisory meeting as a petition was received from fishermen in the Flower's Cove to Cape Bauld area expressing concern over conflict between fixed and mobile gear. A recommendation of the committee was that a sub-committee be established to study the problem and report back to the advisory committee. The sub-committee will consist of six fishermen plus Leinus Fitzpatrick from DFO who will act as Advisor and Secretary for the sub-committee.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COURSE

Headquarters in Corner Brook was the site for a one-week (December 13 - 17), General Law Enforcement Course for DFO personnel in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador.

Eleven Inspection Officers, two Enforcement Officers and two of the

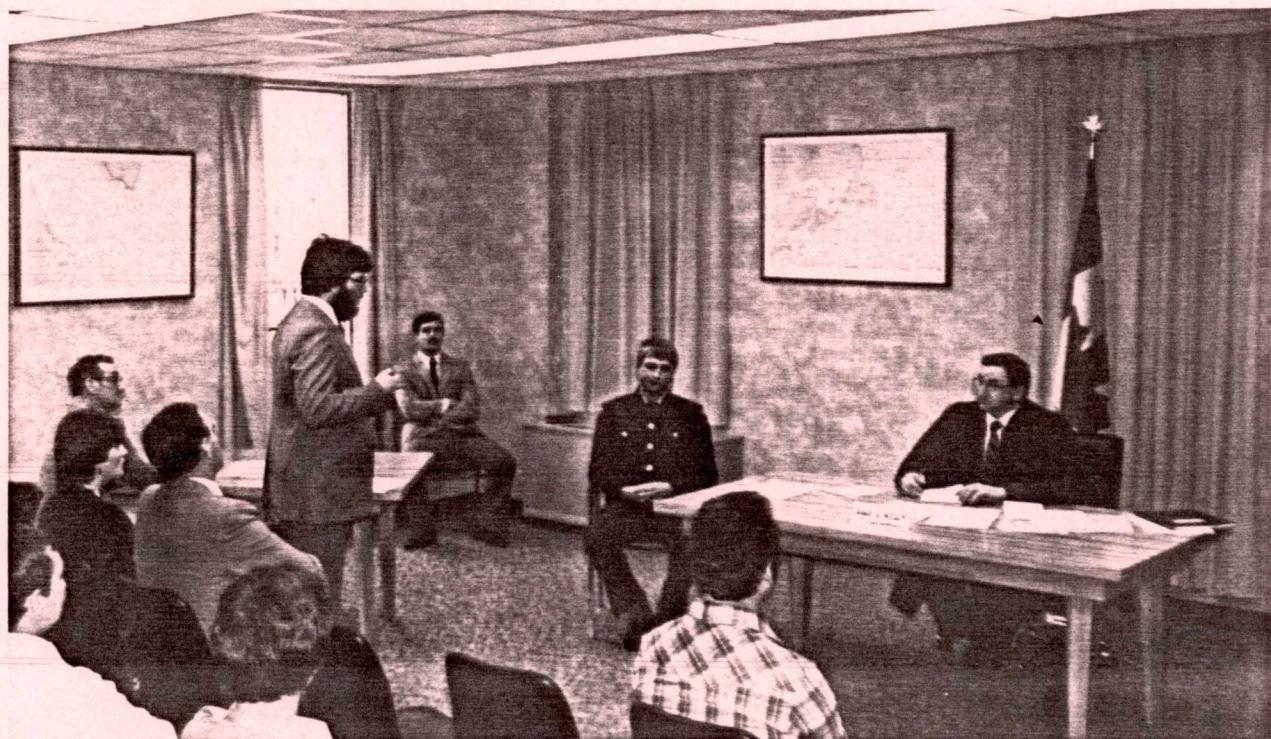
Laboratory staff took part in the course which was run by the Police Related Services Branch of Holland College in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Harry Mackenzie, Director Police Related Services and Ed Dornan, Instruction Co-ordinator, ran the course which dealt with the law as it relates to the criminal code and the Fisheries Act. Topics dealt with included: obstruction, search and seizure, evidence, courtroom procedure and finally a mock trial. In addition DFO gave a lecture on the Fisheries Act and Regulations.

The course concluded with a written exam and the presentation of certificates to candidates.

Taking part in the course were: Inspection Supervisor Ed Kelly of Corner Brook and Inspectors Jim Mullins and Dave McLennan of Port aux Basques; Tom Pike, Red Bay; Hiram Samson, Brig Bay; Ralph Francis, Isle aux Morts; Wilf Hillier, Stephenville; Keith Pittman, St. Paul's; Jeff Gould, River of Ponds; Lyman Caines, Bartlett's Harbour; John O'Dell, West St. Modeste; Laboratory Supervisor Imelda Marche and Darrock (Doc) Fagan, Corner Brook; Enforcement Officers Les Chambers, Blue Cove and Emmanuel Barney, L'anse au Loup.

JUSTICE IN ACTION - THE MOCK TRIAL



IDB TRIP TO DENMARK

During the early to mid 1970's, the Shrimp Fleet in the Port au Choix area had encountered a problem of catching immature Redfish while engaged in the Shrimp fishing operation. Aside from being a nuisance to the fishermen, it was also a destruction of a commercial resource.

During this time extensive work was done on developing on board separators to effectively extract the Shrimp from the Redfish, however the Department recognizing the fact that this destruction could not be allowed to continue commenced work on a Shrimp sorting trawl. The development of such a trawl by the Industrial Development Branch continued for a number of years, however when the problem disappeared in the late 1970's, the idea was put to one side.

The Spring of 1981 however, gave rise to a similar problem, that being a large catch of immature Cod during the Shrimp fishery. The problem was so severe that the Shrimp fishermen themselves stated that if the problem continued or reappeared at a later date, the Shrimp fishery should be closed. This problem along with the re-appearance of the immature Redfish brought the idea of a Shrimp sorting trawl back to the surface once again.

In view of this problem, a Shrimp sorting trawl was designed and in early December Jim Cheeseman, along with Gerry Brothers, who has done extensive work on sorting trawls, and two fishermen, Gerald Cole and Dwight Spence, travelled to Denmark to test this design in a flume tank. The testing of the model sorting trawls were done over a two day period and at the end of this time it was felt by all that an adequate design had been devised and that similar nets should be constructed and tried commercially during next springs Shrimp fishery.

The testing of the sorting trawl was done in conjunction with the I. C. Trawl Company of SKAGEN - Denmark.

PROTECTION AND REGULATIONS MEETING

The five Gulf Region Protection and Regulation Chiefs were in Corner Brook Nov. 16-17 for one of their regular meetings to review and plan branch activities with respect to training and development and all other matters pertaining to enforcement. Attending the meeting were: front row (l-r) Lew Crane, Chief Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador; Stella Guinchard, HDQ Corner Brook; Bob Allain, Chief Gulf Region; Guy Lafranchise, Regional HDQ Moncton. Back row: Gill Ouelette, Chief Quebec; Doug Rix, Chief Prince Edward Island; Tom Kiley, Chief Gulf Shore Nova Scotia; and Ruby Lavoie, Chief Southwest New Brunswick.

SANTA'S GIFT LIST FOR DFO STAFF

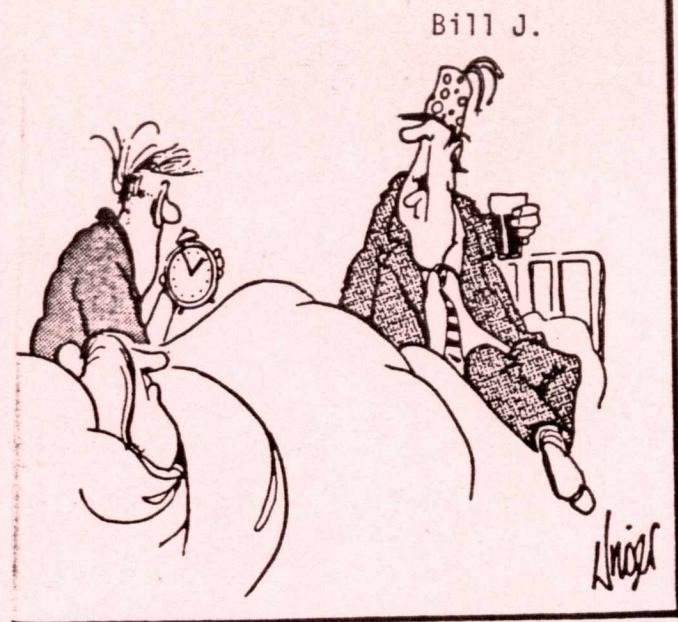
- Jack Marshall - A Christmas visit from the Genges
- Doug Rowe - Jack's job
- Lew Crane - Doug's job
- Joyce Noseworthy - A transfer
- Leinus Fitzpatrick - Permanent residence in Port aux Choix
- Paul Caines - A travel claim with no corrections
- Ed Kelly - Appointment to the Supreme Court
- Doris Reid - A budget that don't have to be balanced
- Basil Ledrew - An unlimited supply of purchase slips
- Jim Cheeseman - A pair elevator shoes
- Bev Green - A VHS set for stag movies
- Claude Burry - A book on how to speak french
- Mary Lundrigan - A tape recording of "Oh My God"!!
- Karen Head - Basil's job
- Leah Byrne - Some straightner for her afro
- Ed Gibney - Extension on his dog house
- Hazel Hamlyn - Brinks armoured truck
- Alma Gillingham - A glass of Yogi
- Imelda Marche - An easy diet to follow
- Doc Fagan - A transfer to St. John's
- Ian Fudge - A hunting guide
- Dave Wheeler - A fire truck
- Bill Joyce - A job with the Department of Fisheries
- Clarence Butt - A new 3 piece suit
- Sherry Hunt - A drop of Leah's hair straightner
- Brenda Locke - To get her name in Western Waters
- Catherine Pender - To get mentioned as top scorer in ladies basketball
- Sandy Bursey - A little less blush on her face
- Max Gill - A uniform that fits
- Bruice (Jack Jr.) - A new mickey mouse pillow
- Ralph Cox - His own telephone
- Don Ball - Another Gov't. assisted program
- Doug Butt - A carpenters plane
- Ernest Dowding - A German Cap
- Bruce Reid - A Toupee to match his beard (not black)
- Stella Guinchard - To win the EPA free travel contest

Mike Wall	-	A key hole in the door
Walter McInnis	-	Can of Blue Ribbon
Albert White	-	A right & left shoe
Greg Swyers	-	A promotion for the new year
Harvey White	-	A new clip board for priorities
Eric Seaward	-	A gun that will shoot straight
Byron White	-	A layoff slip for October, 1983
Jerry Layden	-	A picture of Relik
Bram Barnes	-	An extension for November, 1983
Colin Hutchings	-	A permanent position for Cow Head
Cyril Sheppard	-	Typing lessons
Lee Patey	-	His own boat & motor
Les Chambers	-	A new telephone book
Bill Samson	-	Instructions on rabbit catching
Emanuel Barney	-	A trip to Nain on the Coastal Boat
Warren Fowler	-	A defensive driving course
Harvey Compton	-	A position with Alf Ollerhead in the Nfld. Region
Jim Mullins	-	A model kit of onboard handling system
Stan Bessey	-	A new telephone voice
Dave McLennon	-	A job somewhere
Ralph Francis	-	A set of marked cards
Virginia LeFrense	-	An apartment in Corner Brook
Wilf Hillier	-	A Dept. car to drive
Keith Pittman	-	A new gas station attendant
Jeff Gould	-	A midnight swim in Port aux Basques
Casey House	-	Holidays when he wants them
Clarence Miller	-	A get well card from Ambrose Hynes
Lyman Caines	-	Driving lessons for a standard
Hiram Sampson	-	A quieter voice
Tom Pike	-	A new stainless steel prong
John O'Dell	-	Tom Pike's job

MERRY XMAS



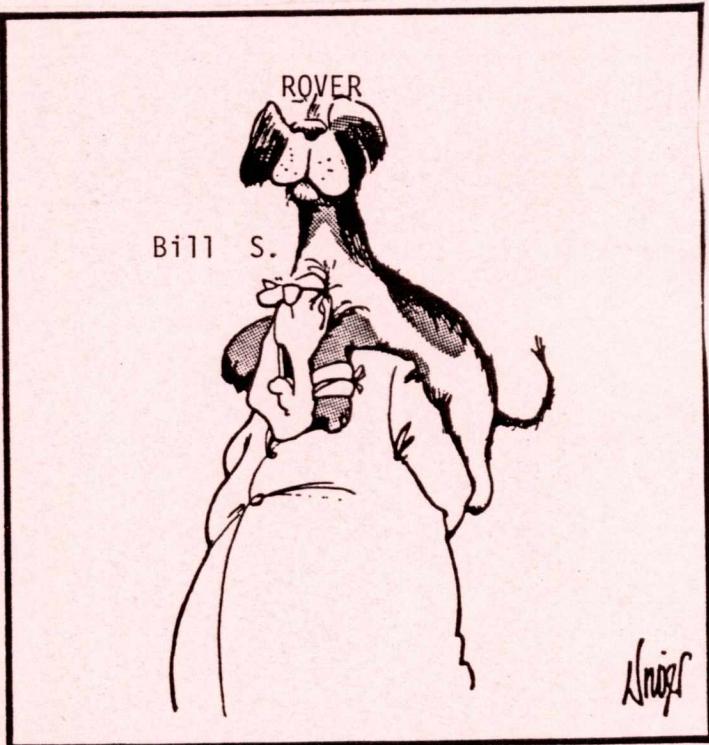
"Can you send an ambulance to 7 Walbourns Road in about six minutes?"



"Maybe I'd better get going soon."



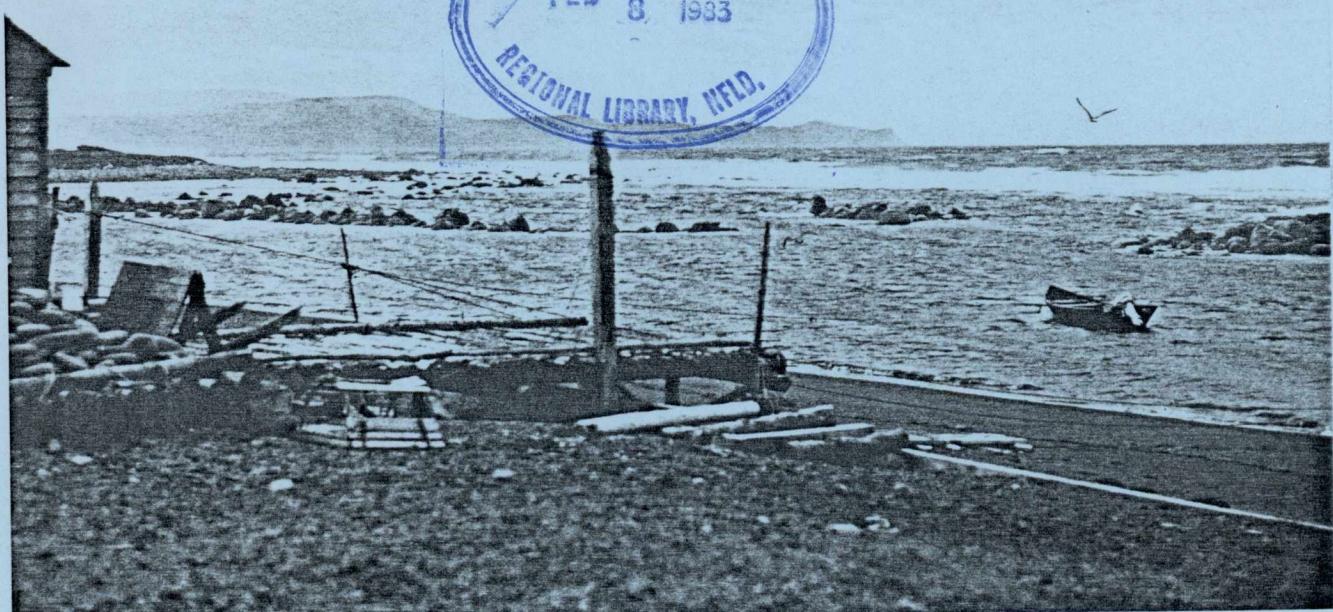
"Do you mind keeping the noise down!"



"If I find out you're faking, there'll be no 'yummies' for a week."



WESTERN



Baker's Brook, Northwest Coast

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GROUNDFISH MANAGEMENT PLAN

The 1983 Atlantic Groundfish Management Plan was finally released on January 12th by Fisheries Minister Pierre De Bane, but prior to, and since its official release DFO staff have been busy meeting with fishermen to explain and discuss the plan.

DFO staff held a meeting with processors January 11th in Corner Brook to discuss the plan as defined for NAFO areas 4R-3Pn. All processors agreed with the new structure allocating separate quotas for the four fleet sectors defined for vessels less than 65 feet. All agreed to a weekly limit of 100,000 pounds for the fishery from January 1st to April and 75,000 pounds from May to December.

Participants at the meeting also stressed the importance of strict enforcement of weekly limits.

Doug Rowe, Area Chief, Resource Allocation, and Fisheries Officer Les Chambers of Brig Bay attended a meeting January 16th in Anchor Point for the purpose of discussing the plan with local fishermen. The main discussion centered around the seasonal quotas for mobile gear in the cod fishery and the vessel class definitions.

The following is a copy of the 1983 Proposed Management Plan for 4RS, 3Pn cod, mobile gear under 65 feet:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>VESSEL* CLASS</u>	<u>ANNUAL QUOTA</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>SEASONAL QUOTA</u>
4S	D ₁	4,500	Jan-Dec	4,500
4S	E ₁	2,000	Jan-Dec	4,500
4R-3Pn	E ₂	12,000	Jan-Apr May-Dec May-Dec(Revised)	3,600 7,400 1,000
4R-3Pn	D ₂	5,500	Jan-Apr May-Dec	1,700 3,800

<u>Area</u>	<u>Vessel* Class</u>	<u>Annual Quota</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Seasonal Quota</u>
4R	D ₃	8,500	May-Dec	8,500
4R-3Pn	D ₄	4,000	Jan-Dec	4,000

*Vessel Class Definitions:

Class D (General): A vessel less than 19.8 M in overall length using mobile gear, but does not include Class E vessels.

Class D₁ : Vessels based other than in Area 4R-3Pn.

Class D₂ : Vessels based in Area 4R, having been issued a mobile gear licence since prior to 1982.

Class D₃ : Vessels based in Area 4R, having been first licenced for mobile gear in 1982 or 1983, and restricted as a condition of licence to operating within Area 4R north of Cape Gregory.

Class D₄ : Vessels based other than in Area 4R or Area 4S, but including those vessels eligible to participate in Area 4R, 3Pn as an authorized overlap under Sector Management guidelines.

Class E (General): A vessel less than 19.8 M in overall length using mobile gear, the owner of which is authorized to operate that vessel to fish for shrimp.

Class E₁ : Vessels based other than in Area 4R, 3Pn.

Class E₂ : Vessels based other than in Area 4S.

4RS, 3Pn Cod - Proposal 1983

TAC	100,000		
French Quota	13,500		
Canadian Quota	86,500		
NGBV > 100' < 1050 bhp	5,000		
GBV > 100'	1,000		
NGBV 65' - 100'	500 - (Jan-Apr)		
GBV 65' - 100'	3,000 - 1,500 shrimp fleet*		
	1,500 groundfish fleet**		
MG < 65'***	36,500 - 4R-3Pn	30,000	
	4S	6,500	
FG < 65'	40,500 - 4R-3Pn	Jan-Sept	25,500
		Oct-Dec	2,000

FG < 65' cont.

4S Jan-Dec 13,000

* Groundfish vessels holding shrimp licences

** Vessels with groundfish licences only

*** See Appendix for detailed plan

GEAR CONFLICTS

Gear conflicts continue to pose a problem along some parts of the Northwest Coast, and DFO, acting upon a request from the Groundfish Management Committee, held two meetings in the area during January to discuss the problem.

Leinus Fitzpatrick, District Supervisor for Protection and Regulations who is the department's representative on the committee, attended meetings in Green Island Cove and Cook's Harbour.

The meetings drew 93 fishermen in Green Island Cove and 44 in Cook's Harbour and the discussion centered on gear conflict with respect to cod trap versus gill net, and gill net versus mobile gear. Four areas discussed that might solve the problem included: buffer zones, windows, seasons, closed areas.

Nothing was resolved during the meeting in Green Island Cove since the fishermen were unwilling to co-operate with each other and as a result no recommendations were made to DFO by the fishermen.

However, the Cook's Harbour meeting saw the majority of fishermen vote to have DFO bring in a regulation or policy to limit the setting of gill nets one-half mile from cod traps during the cod trap fishery, particularly in the area from Big Brook to Cape Norman.

The sub-committee will now put together a report containing information gathered from the two meetings and present it to the Groundfish Management Committee at their next meeting.

1983 SEAL HUNT

Plans are now being finalized for the 1983 Landsmen Seal Hunt Management Plan and once completed a copy of the plan will be forwarded to all field staff.

Doug Rowe, area chief resource allocation who is co-ordinator for the seal hunt in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador of the Gulf Region, has attended meetings of the Gulf and Newfoundland Regions during January to formulate final plans for the hunt.

In addition Basil LeDrew Statistics, and Leinus Fitzpatrick Enforcement, attended a meeting with the Newfoundland Region to look at the overall strategy for the 1983 landsmen seal hunt.

It is anticipated the 1983 Landsmen Seal Hunt Management Plan will be ready by mid-February.

INSPECTION BRANCH SUB-AREAS CHANGE

Sub-area Supervisor Ed Kelly relocated to Regional Headquarters in Memramcook on January 4th, and effective that date the Corner Brook sub-area for Inspection ceased to exist.

As a result of this move the Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador area is now divided into two sub-areas instead of three, with headquarters in Port aux Basques and Port aux Choix.

Clarence Miller will now supervise the sub-area from Trout River north and including Southern Labrador, and Jim Mullins will supervise the area from Rose Blanche to Cox's Cove.

DRAW FOR NEW SHRIMP LICENCES

A draw will be held to allocate four additional shrimp licences to fishermen in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador this year.

This announcement was made by headquarters staff in Corner Brook a couple of weeks ago as the Department endeavors to bring the optimum number of shrimp licences back up to 42 for NAFO area 4R. The draw is open to all fishermen in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador who presently hold a groundfish licence. An economic assessment of the fishery conducted in 1979 determined it was not viable for a vessel to fish shrimp only. Since vessels in both fisheries require similar gear, it was decided to limit participation in the draw to otter trawl fishermen.

A four-member licencing allocation committee, comprised of Trevor Bennett, Clyde Strong, Allan Warren and Matthew Pike, has been established, and in conjunction with DFO will conduct the draw for the additional shrimp licences. The draw is expected to take place about the third week of February at a yet to be named location along the Northwest coast.

Applications for the additional shrimp licences have gone out in the mail and fishermen who wish to be included in the draw have until February 11th to return their applications to DFO.

STAFF SOCIAL CLUB

A four-member committee has been set up for the purpose of trying to form a Social Club for all DFO staff, headquarters and field, in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador.

Staff members joining would pay an initial fee of \$5.00 and the monies collected would be used to purchase flowers, gifts, etc. for births, deaths, retirements, etc. Instead of having to shell out a couple of dollars every-time something arises, the Social Club fund would take care of it.

In addition, the Social Club would hold regular fund rasing ventures (hockey sweeps, tickets on booze etc.) and the money raised would go into the general fund. This money could then be used during the year for various

events (e.g. paying for the music for the Xmas social, paying for a social for staff members during the annual meetings or for members attending a training course, in Corner Brook or other areas of Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador, etc.).

We realize some field staff may feel they won't get anything out of it but they will be included as much as possible in all activities. Field staff should also remember that many times they are not asked to donate to a collection for flowers, etc., yet the card always says from All the DFO staff.

Whether or not we get a Social Club underway depends on the response from YOU. If you are interested in forming a Social Club and becoming a member please contact either member of the organizing committee, Mary Lundrigan, Bev Green, Stella Guinchard or Bruce Reid, as soon as possible.

SMALL CRAFT HARBOURS PROJECTS

In 1983 SCHD will be involved with 20 CCDP projects and to date four projects are still operating with the remaining 16 closed due to weather conditions.

The projects still working are: Harbour Le Cou, Fishermens' Wharf; Rose Blanche, Wharf Extension; West Bay Centre, Slipway and Fox Island River, Breakwater construction.

Materials for the remaining projects will be shipped during the winter months so there will be no delays in spring startup.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

The Communications Branch, working in close liaison with Protection and Regulations and Licencing, has published a brochure on the Commercial Lobster Fishery and a similar brochure on the Commercial Salmon Fishery is ready to go to print. A Fishermen's Information brochure outlining the duties of the

various branches in the Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador Area of the Gulf Region is ready for print while wallet size cards for the Dial - A - Poacher program have now been printed.

The Communications Officer is now co-ordinating information from the various branches for the area's annual report which it is hoped will be ready by this spring.

In addition, plans also call for publishing some fact sheets for fishermen and the general public concerning various programs of DFO in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador.

MEETING FISHERMEN'S COMMITTEE

Area Director, Jack Marshall along with three other headquarters staff attended a meeting of the newly formed Bay of Islands-North Shore Fishermen's Committee, January 6th in Cox's Cove.

Main discussion at the meeting included licencing procedures and the new job creation and NEED programs being administered by DFO. Some talk was generated about salmon enhancement in the area with regard to salmon farming and general enhancement work.

The committee expressed a desire to have one of its members added to the salmon advisory committee for the area.

The remainder of the meeting was taken up with a general discussion on the rules and regulations of DFO.

Attending the meeting with Mr. Marshall were Development Officer Jim Cheeseman, Licencing Administrator Bev Green and District Supervisor Paul Caines of Protection and Regulations

DEVELOPING TRAINING MODULE

District Supervisor Paul Caines of Protection and Regulations was in

Ottawa the week of January 17 - 21 to assist in developing a training module for the National Enforcement Program.

The module covers the role of the fishery officer, contacts in the public service and habitat management and protection. The six-week course will be offered to new recruits across Canada starting June 13th in Ottawa.

The program is the first stage of the Fishery Officer Career Progression, and will offer training to new officers and refresher courses for previously trained staff.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COURSE PIX



A week-long General Law Enforcement Course for DFO personnel in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador was held Dec. 13-17 in Corner Brook. Eleven Inspection Officers, two Enforcement Officers and two of the Laboratory staff took part in the course run by the Police Related Services Branch of Holland College in Charlottetown, P.E.I. The course concluded with a written exam and the presentation of certificates to candidates. Here Emmanuel Barney (centre), Enforcement Officer in L'Anse au Loup accepts his certificate from Harry Mackenzie (left), Director Police Related Services, and Ed Dorman, Instructor Co-ordinator, who conducted the course.

UNION PRESENTATION

Ed Kelly, sub-district supervisor with Inspection, recently transferred to Moncton. Prior to his departure Ed, who is outgoing president of Local 90728 of the Environment Component of the PSAC, was presented with a gift from the union. Here a smiling Father Ed accepts his gift and a squeeze from Stella Guinchard, the new president of Local 90728. We understand that in Moncton he's not called Father Ed, but Grandfather (Grand-Père) Ed.

Sympathy extended to Peter Hoddinott on the recent death of his Mother; and also to Claude Burry on the sudden death of his Father; and to Joyce Noseworthy on the death of Paul's Father.

Frank Lavers, Deckhand on the M/V Gander Bay had a heart attack and is in the hospital at Port aux Basques. We're hoping that he will be back on "deck" soon!

Stan LeDrew is off on sick leave - he recently returned from St. John's where he had tests done; everyone hopes that the results are favorable.

Birthday wishes extended to Sherry Hunt and Hazel Hamlyn - the Birthday Girls at Fisheries this month. Happy Birthday also to River Guardian Bob Webb!

Area Offices seems to be operating with a skelton crew since the New Year came in:

- Jack Marshall is in Ottawa for a four-week Senior Management Course;
- Claude Burry just returned from a Cost Benefit Analysis Course in Ottawa;
- Paul Caines just came back from Ottawa where he attended sessions on Fisheries Officers Career Development Program.
- Brenda Locke is in St. John's whereas Sandy Bursey just returned - both have been "doing time" in Licencing;
- Joyce Noseworthy just returned from a week in St. John's;
- Lew Crane has been in and out as he has been quite busy attending meetings in "Canada";
- Doug Rowe, in his capacity as Acting Area Director has certainly been kept on the "hop" as well;

So, as you can see, no one stays around the Office very long these days.

Basil LeDrew and Leinus Fitzpatrick were recently in Gander attending Seal Hunt meetings; upon their return, both ended up being ill. We're wondering what "germs", (or should I say "GEMS"), they "picked up". Whatever is was it seemed to plague Leinus for some time as during his trip up the Coast, he spent the weekend in bed, --- SICK?????

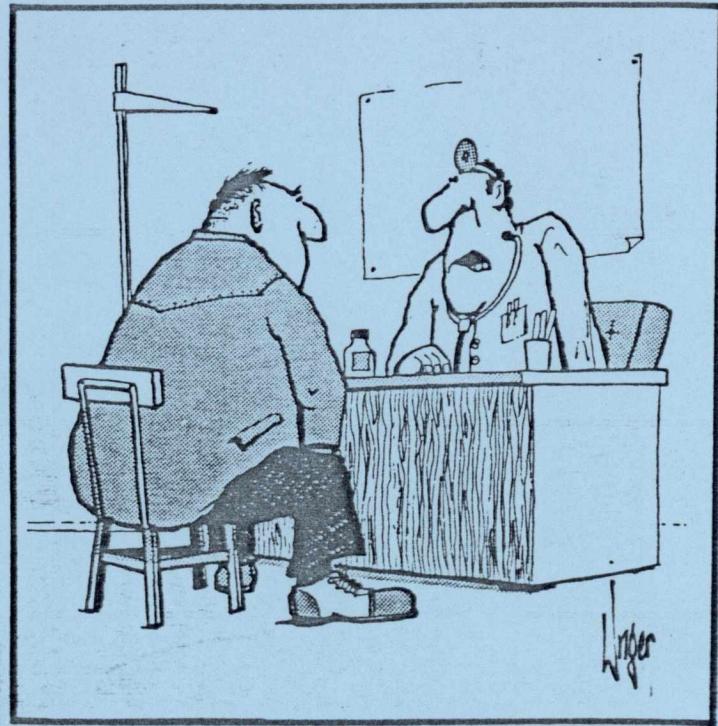
Bruce Marshall couldn't keep up with the extra-curricular activities initiated by certain employees at Area Office and has gone back home to Port aux Basques to recuperate. What's your problem, Bruce?

C O M I C S E C T I O N

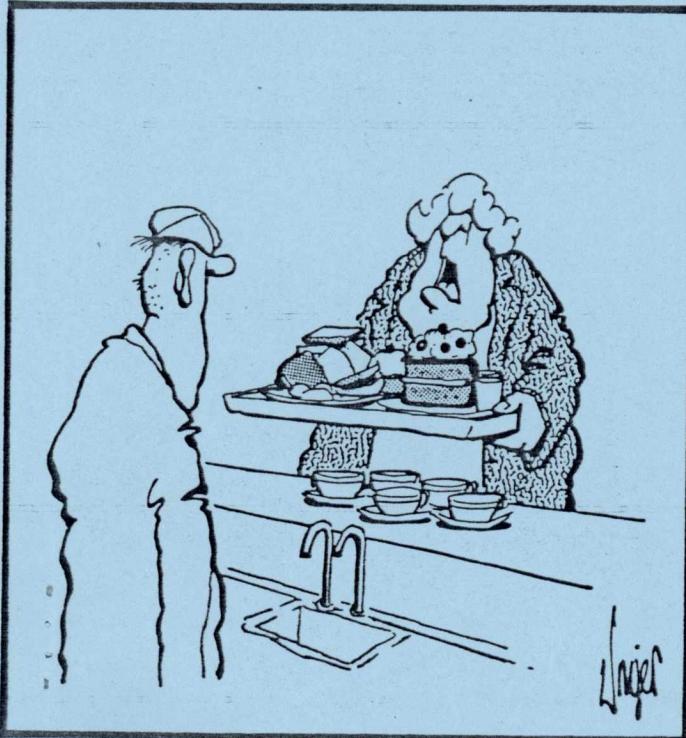
This month's comic section is dedicated to all those staff members who made New Year's Resolutions to quit smoking and to lose weight. No names are necessary.



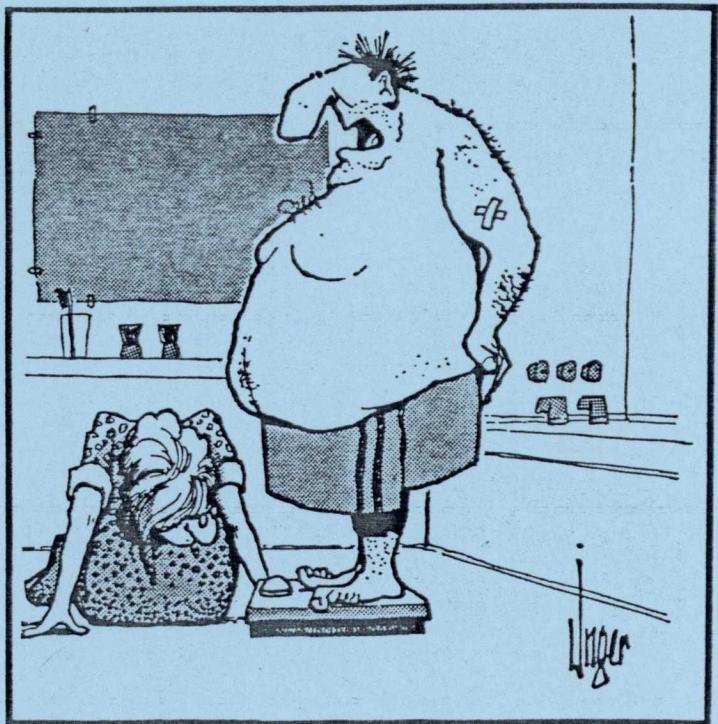
"Think it'll work?"



"Let me put it this way . . . for your weight you should be thirty-seven feet tall."



"Any diet drinks?"



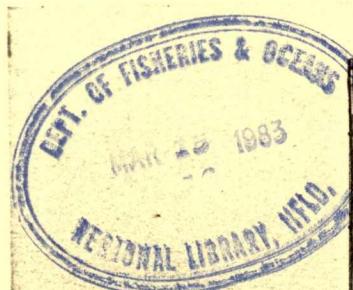
"Whadyer mean the needle's broken off?"



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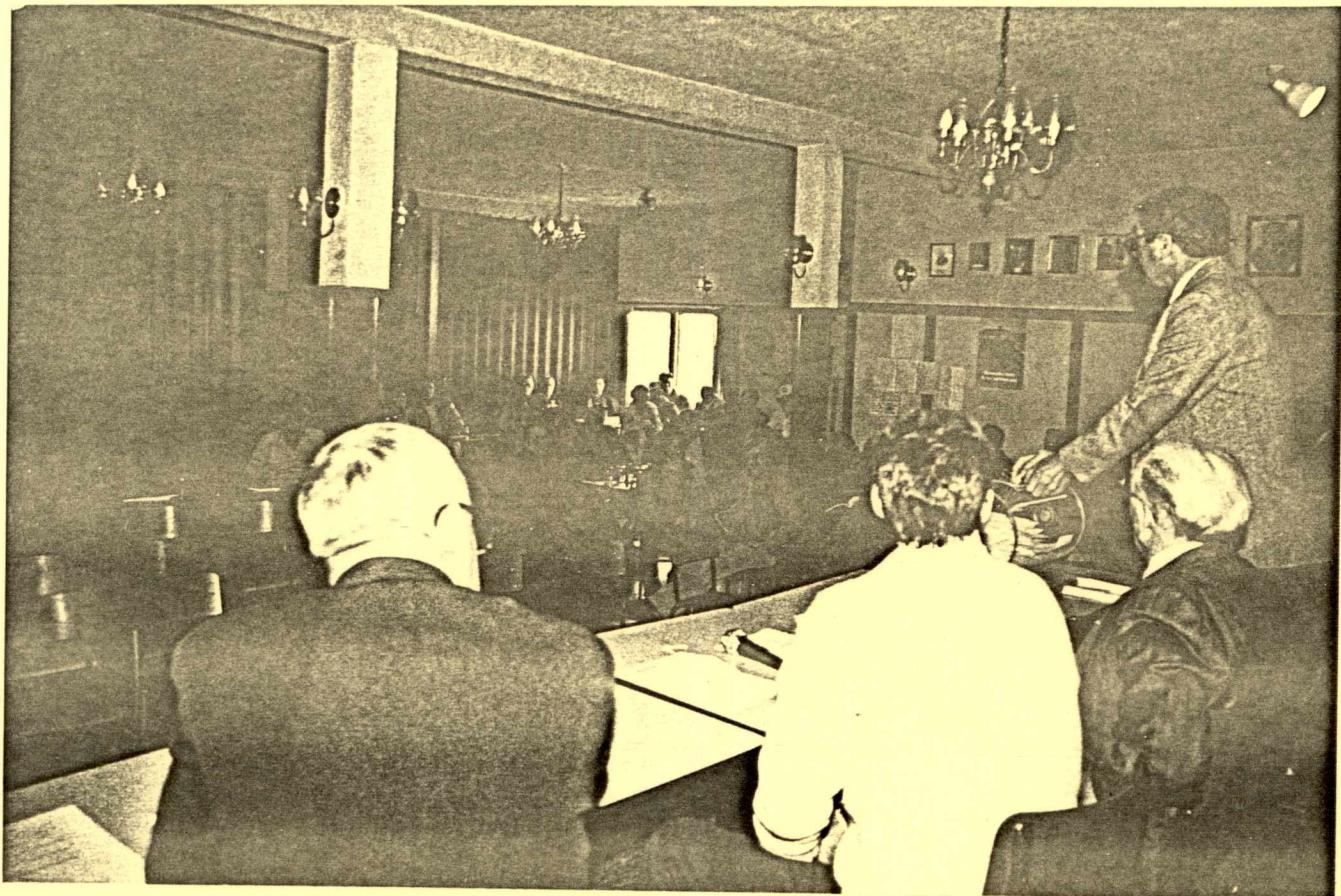


Preparing for the Winter Fishery - The Newfoundland Maid in Isle aux Morts

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ADDITIONAL SHRIMP LICENCES ISSUED

MAKING THE DRAW

The draw for four additional shrimp licences to fishermen in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador was held Saturday, February 19th, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Plum Point and it drew nothing but praise from the some 53 interested fishermen in attendance.

The four-member licencing allocation committee of chairman Trevor Bennett, Alan Warren, Matthew Pike and Clyde Strong conducted what can only be described as a "very professional" draw. This surprised many of the fishermen who felt DFO had already issued the licences to selected individuals. But the draw left no doubt that each of the 61 applicants seeking one of the four licences available had an equal opportunity to have their name drawn out of the drum.

The fishermen who received the four new licences were: Abraham Genge Sr. of Anchor Point, Dalton Earle of L'Anse au Loup, Ralph Allingham of Brig Bay and John Coleman Sr. of Isle aux Morts.

The draw, the first of its kind held in the Gulf Region, was necessitated when the number of shrimp licences for NAFO area 4R fell below the optimum.

As a result the Department endeavored to bring the effort back up to the optimum number of 42 as established in the late 1970's. The draw was open to all fishermen in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador who held a groundfish licence.

Representing the Department at the draw were Doug Rowe, Area Chief Resource Allocation, Beverley Green, Licencing Administrator, Fisheries Officer Les Chambers of Brig Bay and Communications Officer Bruce Reid.

CATEGORIZATION APPEALS HEARD

The past month was a busy one for Licencing Administrator Bev Green and a number of our Fisheries Officers as they heard a total of 220 categorization appeals from fishermen in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador.

Purpose of the appeal boards was to determine a fishermen's eligibility for upgrading to full-time and boards were held in Port aux Basques, Stephenville, Corner Brook, Port au Choix, Brig Bay, St. Lunaire, Rocky Harbour and L'Anse au Loup.

Of the 220 appeals, 96 fishermen were upgraded to full-time with 124 remaining part-time. However, those who weren't upgraded can now go to the second level of appeal and those boards are expected to commence hearings in mid-March.

SCHOOL KIDS VISIT

DFO headquarters in Corner Brook was the site for a visit by some 40 school kids from British Columbia during early March.

The students were in Corner Brook as part of an exchange visit with students from Regina High School. The B.C. students along with students from Regina visited the DFO offices where they were shown a slide presentation entitled "Canadian Frontiers" and then given booklets on Careers in DFO. In addition Leinus Fitzpatrick, district supervisor with Protection and Regulations, was on hand to answer questions from the students while Lab Supervisor Imelda Marche and technician Doc Fagan gave the students a tour of the lab and explained the work done there.

It was hoped to arrange a tour of a fish plant in Stephenville for the visiting students, however, the fish plants in Stephenville and others in the immediate area were not in production at that time.

STAFF SOCIAL CLUB

As outlined in the January issue of Western Waters, plans are presently

underway to form a social club for all DFO headquarters and field staff in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador.

To date a half dozen people have sent back a reply indicating they are interested in joining and some included their \$5.00 membership fee.

The four-member committee of Stella Guinchard, Bev Green, Mary Lundrigan and Bruce Reid will be putting on a membership drive for next payday, March 10th, at which time we hope to get as many staff members as possible to join the club.

Once this is done we can then start on planning some fund raising ventures.

KIRBY REPORT

All staff are undoubtedly aware the Kirby Report has finally been released and this is just a note to let field staff know that we have numerous copies of the digest available here at headquarters.

Copies have been sent out to field staff for their own use and for onpassing to the general public. If you haven't received copies of the Kirby Report, and/or need additional copies, please contact Bruce Reid and they will be sent out A.S.A.P.

Unfortunately, we only received a nominal number of copies of the full report and therefore do not have any available for the general public. If additional copies of the full report can be obtained, one will be sent to each sub-district office.

SMALL CRAFT HARBOURS UPDATE

Disagreements over fish prices on the Southwest coast in early February resulted in unloading systems on the SCHD wharf at Port aux Basques (one owned by Fishery Products and one by Northwest Atlantic Fisheries) not being in operation.

A group of fishermen then formed an open co-operative type of arrangement and were issued a licence to unload their own catch at Margaree, the fish then being trucked to Nova Scotia.

SCHD received pressure from both sides in this dispute on the allocation of wharf space for unloading pruposes, however, the situation has now smoothed itself out and the two unloading systems in Port aux Basques are now in operation along with the one in Margaree.

Projects under a Special Employment Related Initiatives Program are underway in Blue Beach, Rouzes Brook, Codroy and others at Port au Choix, Frenchman's Cove,

Forrester's Point and Raleigh should be starting in the near future.

Only two or three of the present CCDP projects are still working with the remainder closed until spring.

MEETING WITH SHRIMP OPERATORS

A meeting was held February 18th in Port au Choix with vessel operators fishing shrimp in the North Esquiman Channel to discuss excessive by-catch of cod in this fishery. The cod by-catch during the third week of February was running at 45% and an agreement was reached that all by-catch would be deducted from the 11,000 M.T. cod quota established for the shrimp fleet.

It was also agreed that observers would be placed on shrimp vessels periodically to monitor the fishery and to identify the amount of small cod discarded. Continuous monitoring will take place until the percentage of by-catch is vastly reduced.

GULF SHRIMP AND CRAB ADVISORY MEETINGS

The Area Director attended Gulf Shrimp and Crab Advisory Committee meetings in Montreal during the week of February 21-24.

Although Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador has no crab fishery, a proposal was presented to the Advisory Committee that experimental work be conducted using at least one vessel from the 35-45 foot class and one from the 45-65 foot class.

The proposal met with satisfactory approval from committee members, however, it was suggested that caution be taken when developing such a fishery. A discussion on market outlook and quality also took place.

Recommendations were also put forth from Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador that the shrimp fishery in the Esquiman Channel be looked at, and that consideration be given to increasing the number of shrimp licences to harvest the established TAC. It was also proposed that separate quotas be established for shrimp vessels less than 65' and greater than 65'.

All recommendations put forth at the meeting will be reviewed with recommendations being forwarded to the Minister for rejection or approval.

SALMON MANAGEMENT MEETING

The Zonal Salmon Management Advisory Committee held its annual meeting on February 10th at DFO headquarters in Corner Brook.

Representatives from DFO, SPAWN, fishermen's organizations and the processing sector attended the one-day meeting, the purpose of which was to discuss management initiatives in 1983. Since no major changes are anticipated it is expected the plan will be amended shortly and all field staff will be kept informed.

SEAL HUNT UPDATE

The 1983 seal hunt will see no changes from 1982 with regard to regulations and quotas while the licencing policy also remains the same as the previous year.

Again in 1983, enforcement will be a major concern of the Department and as a result emphasis will be placed on humane killing and quota control.

In order to update all Fisheries Officers who will be involved in the seal hunt a seminar is set for March 8th in Plum Point. Purpose of the seminar is to review regulations, enforcement procedures, protest activity, patrol requirements for boats and aircraft, and statistical reporting.

The main quotas we will be concerned with in Western Newfoundland and Southern Labrador are:

North Gulf: Vessels 35-65 feet	- 1875
Vessels less 35 feet	- 3050
South Gulf: Vessels 35-65 feet	- 3500
Vessels less 35 feet	- <u>3500</u>
TOTAL QUOTA	-11,925

PERSONAL ITEMS

Sympathy extended to Lew Crane on the recent death of his brother-in-law.

Birthday wishes extended to Alma Gillingham who celebrated her birthday (in fine style, I might add) in February and also to Basil LeDrew who celebrated his birthday in March - in what style, he's not saying!

A sincere welcome is extended to Ray Finn, the new Assistant Chief of Inspection Services. Ray was in town for a week and will be moving his family here shortly. Good luck to Ray in his new position!

Plans are once again in the making for our Annual Meeting. Should prove to be an interesting three or four days and if anything like last year, the St. John ambulance Course which most of our field staff took last fall should come in quite handy!

Remember the barbecue we had last year at our Area Director's residence? You don't! That's probably because it never materialized. However, we felt that if we started getting our "digs in" in March, Mr. Marshall should get around to having it by August, we hope! How about it Mr. Marshall?

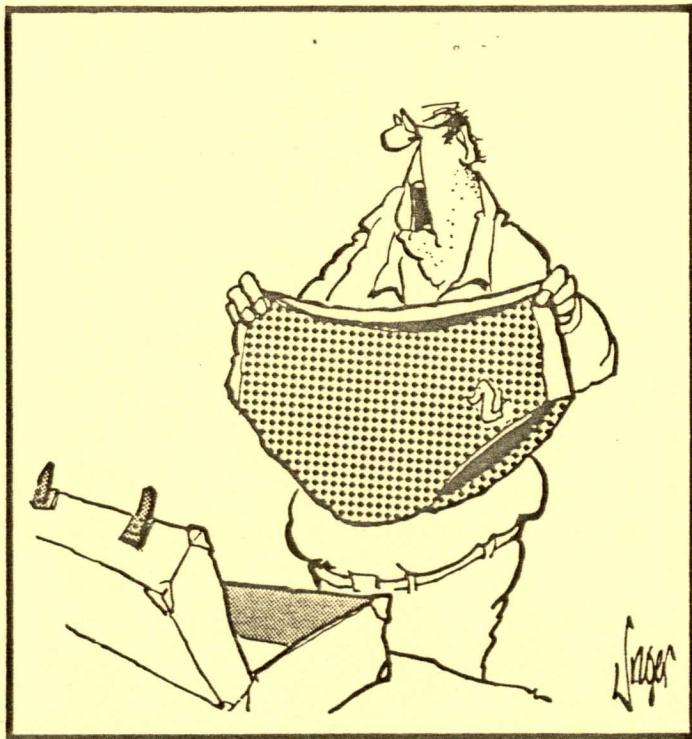
Sherry Hunt is in St. John's for six weeks on training. Sherry is the only person we know who goes out of town and takes her husband and baby with her. Not one of your typical fisheries employees!

Things have been rather quiet lately when it comes to staff going out for a few sociables. One contributing factor might be that Ed Gibney got so "fed up" with being the talk of this column that he refuses to go out with us anymore. Any truth to that, Ed?

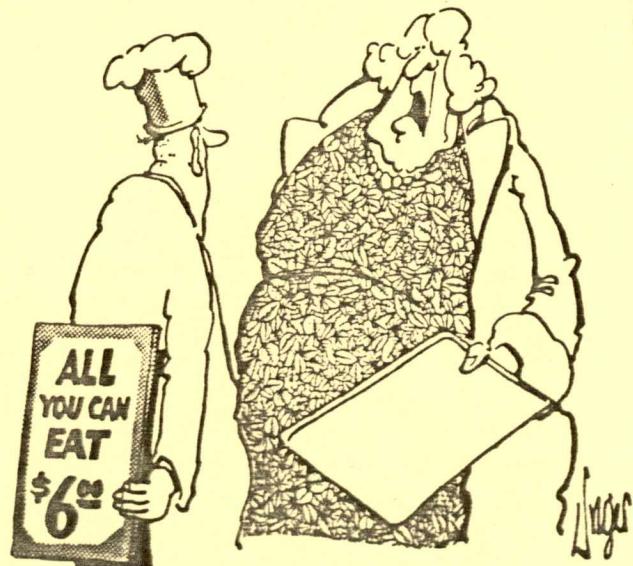
Some of Western Newfoundland's "old buddies" were in town last week, namely Tom Donahue and Lionel Rowe. Sure enough we got together for a few drinks, which naturally took us into the early hours of the morning. We also had a few "Upper Canadians" with us - none other than Jim Jones, Réjean Hebert and Edmond Arsenault. Proved to be an enjoyable evening - but a very poor morning after!

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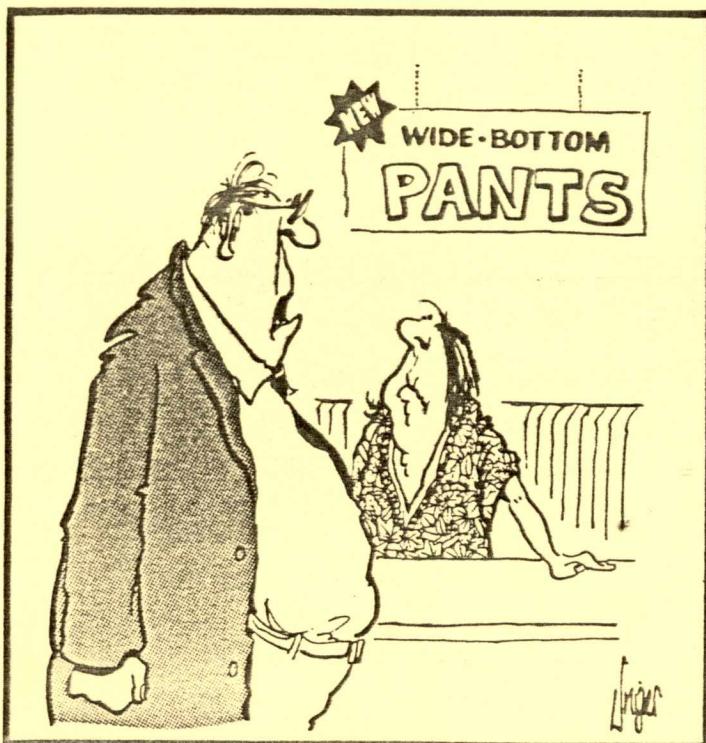
Since last month's Comic Section was such a big hit, Western Waters has decided to once again dedicate this month's section to all those staff members who made New Year's Resolutions to quit smoking and to lose weight.



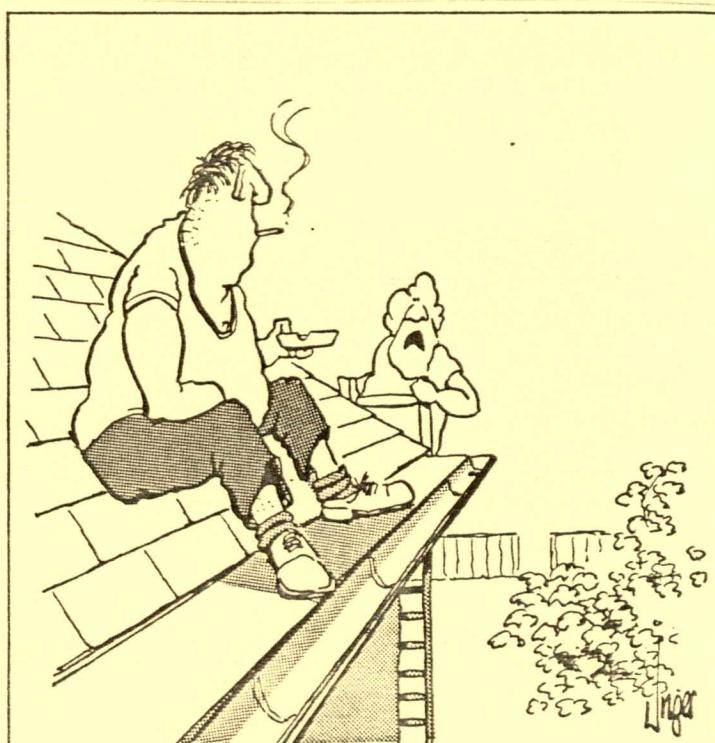
"Are you taking your bikini?"



"What are you hiding behind your back?"



"Got any wide-bottom shirts?"



"I knew you hadn't quit!"