

A conference on climate change and renewable resources in Labrador

This conference aims to examine the relationship of past, present and future climate and climate change to the terrestrial and marine ecosystems of Labrador. These ecosystems support the renewable resource-based economies and way of life of Labrador communities. The conference has been organized in response to community concerns about the impacts climate change may have on these ecosystems. It is also part of our program to communicate climate change science results to policy and decision makers at community and government levels.

Who should attend?

Scientists, resource managers, environmentalists, representatives of renewable resource-based industries, and interested community members are invited to attend and participate in the conference. The featured speakers include specialists on climate change and renewable resources. All conference registrants, however, are invited to present posters for public display. Public sessions will provide an opportunity to share knowledge with all members of the local community.

Where and when?

Labrador Interpretation Centre
& Community Hall
North West River, Labrador
March 11 - 13, 2008

Sponsors:

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Northern Ecosystem Initiative (Environment Canada)
Government of Canada Program for International Polar Year
Labrador Institute of Memorial University
Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development, Memorial University

Conference Organizers

The **Labrador Highlands Research Group** is researching the sensitivity of tundra and treeline ecosystems to climate change in highland areas of Labrador. The aims are to better understand these ecosystems in relation to their local climates and to determine how they evolved in the past and to predict what will happen to them under a future, perhaps very different, climate.

The **Labrador Institute of Memorial University** was established by the University to stimulate, coordinate, and support major University projects and programs designed to promote the well-being of the people of Labrador and to expand the Labrador knowledge base. Its location in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, the geographic centre of Labrador, gives it a perspective on regional and aboriginal issues that direct the operations of the Institute.



Climate Change and Renewable Resources in Labrador: Looking toward 2050



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North West River, Labrador
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Tuesday, March 11 *Setting the Stage*

Public Session - Community Hall, North West River

Greetings and Welcoming addresses

Keynote Presentations

- Labrador's renewable resources: past, present and future
- Labrador's Changing Climate

Dialogue with the community: Personal and traditional perspectives on resources and environmental change. A moderated lunch and afternoon session involving researchers, local and traditional knowledge-holders, and the public

Wednesday, March 12 *Sharing What We Know*

Scientific Sessions - Labrador Interpretation Centre, North West River

Invited presentations on climate change and renewable resources. Topics will include: Future climate scenarios, Forestry resources, Caribou, Seals, Salmonids, Freshwater resources, Tundra ecosystems

Public Drop-in and Poster Session - Community Hall, North West River

Come join us for tea and share your thoughts about climate change and renewable resources with our researchers. Posters and displays will be on view all day and someone will be there to greet you.

Evening Dinner and Social - Community Hall, North West River

Thursday, March 13 *Making Our Knowledge Relevant*

Morning Public Session - Community Hall, North West River

What do climate change and its impacts on renewable resources mean for our communities? - A facilitated workshop about adapting to the realities of a changing climate. Community members are encouraged to participate.



Featured Speakers

Trevor Bell, Memorial University
Keith Chaulk, Labrador Institute
Valerie Courtois, Innu Nation
Brian Dempson, Fisheries and Oceans
Canada

Larry Felt, Memorial University
Chris Furgal, Trent University
Luise Hermanutz, Memorial University
John Jacobs, Memorial University
Rebecca Jeffries, NL Environment and
Conservation

Gary Lines, Environment Canada
Martin Moroni, Canadian Forest Service
David Natcher, University of Saskatchewan
Becky Sjare, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Others to be confirmed

Conference Registration

A registration form is available on our web site to fill out and email or fax to us. Conference attendance is limited so please register early. Registration fee is \$90 payable in advance. Registration includes access to conference sessions, refreshment breaks, lunches, dinner and social (March 12), conference report and return daily transportation to North West River from Happy Valley – Goose Bay.