

MEMORIAL PRESENTS

What is the Future of the Marine Sector in the Coast of Bays?

Participate in a discussion on the marine sector in the Coast of Bays.

CHALLENGE THE PANEL WITH YOUR OWN IDEAS.

- Given the changes in the fishery resource, the markets and technology, what is the future of the marine sector in the Coast of Bays?
- What are the trends – both here at home and abroad – which are affecting the fishing industry, aquaculture and other marine activities?
- What changes can we expect to see over the next few years?
- Will these changes be enough to help sustain the Coast of Bays area?

This Memorial Presents will explore the options available to tackle the challenges ahead.

PARTICIPATING AND PROVIDING THEIR VIEWS ARE:

- **Glenn Blackwood** - executive director of the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland
- **Shawn Robinson** - director of Aquaculture Development for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
- **Don Stewart** - mayor of Harbour Breton
- **Max Taylor** - chairman of the Canadian Business Development Corporation for the South Coast

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7 p.m.

Vancor Motel

Bay d'Espoir, NL

Reception to follow

HAVE YOUR SAY

Following the discussion by the panel, the public is encouraged to participate.



Glenn Blackwood is the executive director of the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland. The Marine Institute is the largest and most comprehensive institution of its kind in Canada and is a global leader in marine education and applied research and development.

In his previous role, Glenn directed the development of the Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Resources. Under his leadership, the Centre expanded its scope, research capability and geographic range to make it a global leader in sustainable fisheries and development with projects in Nunavut, the Eastern United States, Mexico and throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

Prior to joining the Institute, he was the managing director of the Canadian Centre for Fisheries Innovation (CCFI). During the 1980s and early 1990s he also served as assistant deputy minister of Fisheries and as director of Resource Analysis with the Government of Newfoundland's Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. He represented the provincial government on numerous regional, national and international advisory committees including the Fisheries Resource Conservation Council of Canada (FRCC) and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Council (NAFO).

Glenn holds a master of arts in fisheries resource management and bachelor of science (honours) in marine biology from Memorial University. He has also taught graduate and undergraduate courses in fisheries resource management, and fisheries planning and development.

Glenn is noted for his collaboration with industry to spearhead major fisheries research and development, and his expertise in resource management is recognized at the national and international level.



Shawn Robinson is the director of Aquaculture Development for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. He manages financial programs and professional staff providing services to the aquaculture industry. Biologists, veterinarians, policy analysts and financial staff offer technical and biological support, fish health services and the development of policies that ensure the sustainable development of the sector. Shawn helps to foster innovation in farming, improve the use of technology and increase on-farm skill levels. And he works to ensure that industry has access to marketing assistance, planning and processing expertise.

His primary focus is on encouraging the development of aquaculture by promoting the advantages that are available in Newfoundland and

Labrador. These include abundant and pristine sites, a proactive development approach by both industry and government that ensures environmental sustainability and a strong commitment by government to help industry grow.

With a strong research and development record and capability, ongoing sea cage operations, an abundance of sites and a strong commitment to complete the commercialization phase for this species, Shawn is poised to help reach the next stage of cod aquaculture – large scale pre-commercial development. This stage will focus on identifying the opportunities and challenges for this species as it moves to commercial production levels.



Don Stewart has been involved in economic development since 1975, when he founded and was the first president of the South Coast Regional Development Association (the second Rural Development Association in Newfoundland and Labrador). Since that time, he has served on countless boards, including the Coast of Bays Regional Development Board, where he has served as its chair for the past five years. He is a former MHA, co-founder and first president of the Harbour Breton Chamber of Commerce, and one of the founders of the first local newspaper for Harbour Breton (the *Foghorn*, later renamed *The Coaster*).

A member of the Harbour Breton Town Council since 1997, Mr. Stewart was directly involved in the development of Harbour Breton's Strategic Development Plan. Since 2003, Don has been the Mayor of Harbour

Breton, guiding the community through arguably the most challenging period in its long history. He continues to provide leadership in economic development at the provincial level through his involvement with a variety of organizations, including the Rural Secretariat and the Federation of Municipalities.



Max Taylor has been involved in community economic development for over 30 years. He has served as the chair the South Coast Canadian Business Development Corporation (CBDC) for the past six years, and is the past chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of CBDCs, as well as chair of the Atlantic Association of CBDCs.

Max is president of a community-owned processing facility that employs over 100 people and is mayor of the rural municipality of St. Jacques-Coombs Cove. In November 2002, Max was profiled in Atlantic Business Magazine as one of the 20 people in Atlantic Canada who are making a difference in their local communities – because of his involvement and success in community economic development. A labour arbitrator, Max has served as an employer representative on the Newfoundland and

Labrador Labour Relations Board for the past four years and has served two terms on the Newfoundland and Labrador EDGE Board, a body regulating fiscal benefits for companies establishing themselves in the province.

Max graduated with a bachelor of arts and education degree from Memorial University, and completed a master's in curriculum development at St. Francis Xavier University. A classroom teacher for 12 years, he also spent 18 years in school administration, the last four as a district superintendent.