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Province, September 07, 2006 - What the ravages of time and Mother Nature take away, the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador is helping to restore. Through its Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program, the Foundation has announced funding for the conservation and repair of fishing stages and stores in 15 communities across the province.

“Stages and stores are tangible connections to our great fisheries heritage”, says Dale Jarvis, Heritage Preservation Officer with the Foundation. “This type of built heritage was familiar in our coastline communities, but as is often the case, through time and neglect it is disappearing. The Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program provides the means for the restoration of some of these properties”.

Over the past four years, the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program has contributed over \$270,000 to some 88 projects. “The interest in this program continues to grow”, added Jarvis. “Restoration of waterside architecture seems to be a priority in many rural Newfoundland and Labrador communities”.

Communities and groups from St. Lewis in Labrador, through Change Islands and Fogo Island, to Bonavista and Bide Arm will be the recipients in grants ranging from \$2000 for individual projects, and up to \$10,000 for multiple structure projects.

In the coming weeks, the Heritage Foundation will debut a new website, [www.heritagefisheries.ca](http://www.heritagefisheries.ca). The site will be a comprehensive resource on past and present restoration projects, and also feature a photo gallery, research documentation, and a glossary. “We want the public, especially students, to grow their appreciation of the value of this built heritage”, said Jarvis. “We know this website will be a tool in getting that message out”.

Fisheries Heritage Structures are listed on the Provincial Register of Historic Places at [www.heritagefoundation.ca](http://www.heritagefoundation.ca). For more information on the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program and the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, please visit this site or telephone 1-888-739-1892.

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The HFNL was established in 1984 to stimulate an understanding of and an appreciation for the architectural heritage of the province and to support and contribute to the preservation and restoration of buildings of architectural or historical significance in the province. Since its creation, the Foundation has designated over 400 buildings, structures and lands as Registered Heritage Structures. It has disbursed over \$1 million in restoration grants for projects all across Newfoundland and Labrador, with an estimated economic spin off of close to eight times that amount.

Barr'd Islands	Henry Combden Stage
Bide Arm	Ronnie Randall / Naaman's Stages
Bonavista	Bonavista Historic Townscape Foundation
Bonavista	Samuel Abbott Fishing Stage
Burnt Islands	Caines Stage
Change Islands	Alfred Parsons Stage and Store
Change Islands	Hyde's Shed
English Harbour	Tucker's Storage Shed
English Harbour East	Community Stage Project
Fair Island	Noble Store
Joe Batt's Arm	Adams Fishing Stage
Joe Batt's Arm	Brett/Eveleigh property
Joe Batt's Arm	Cobb Fish Stage/ Net Loft
Joe Batt's Arm	Decker's Property
Joe Batt's Arm	William Head Property
King's Cove	Aylward's Fishing Stage
St. Julien's	McGrath Stage and Wharf
St. Lewis	Solomon Curl's Twine Store
Southport	Balsom Stage
Tilting	Michael Greene's Stage and Store
Trinity Area	Community Stage Project