

Foundation launches Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program 2008

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The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL), is pleased to announce the launch of the 2008 Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program. This provincial granting program is designed to assist in the conservation of the fisheries heritage of Newfoundland and Labrador.

“The Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program has proven to be one of our most popular and successful programs”, says George Chalker, Executive Director, HFNL. “Traditional fisheries buildings have defined the look of our coastal communities.”

Significant inshore fisheries infrastructure throughout the province, including flakes, stages, and fishing premises, are under threat. Much of this remarkable heritage is being lost with each passing year, and much more of it is threatened. Once they vanish, they can not be replaced. “Indeed, the results of the preservation program are impressive”, says Chalker.

The Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program, started in 2003, will provide funding to community and non-profit groups to restore stages, stores, net lofts and other buildings associated with the Newfoundland and Labrador fishery. Assistance will be provided for conservation of heritage features using original materials.

Grants will be available for up to \$2000 per property, or up to \$10,000 for community-based projects involving multiple structures. Priority will be given to communities which have not received fisheries heritage funding in the past.

The deadline for applications is noon, Friday, May 23, 2008.

Download guidelines and application forms at www.fisheriesheritage.ca or phone 1-888-739-1892, ext.3.