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Provincial Government Announces Funding for Regional Aquaculture Centre in the Coast of Bays region

A new Regional Aquaculture Centre is being developed in the Coast of Bays region by the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University. This new centre will further Marine Institute's efforts to facilitate the growth of the fisheries and marine sectors through education, training, applied research and development, and technology transfer.

The Honourable Steve Crocker, Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources, announced \$131,500 in funding on behalf of the Honourable Christopher Mitchelmore, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation, to assist the Marine Institute in the development of the new centre. The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources has also provided \$25,000 for the development of the new centre.

This Regional Aquaculture Centre will direct its activities around labour market research with industry, to help identify and develop training programs for the aquaculture industry.

Quotes

"Today's investment to establish a Regional Aquaculture Centre in the Coast of Bays region plays a key role in the development of the aquaculture industry, and also supports our government's commitment to diversify the economy and advance business innovation as outlined in The Way Forward. Our government continues to support aquaculture to ensure this industry is developed in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner, and this investment will be significant in helping us achieve these goals."

Honourable Christopher Mitchelmore
Minister of Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation

"Having a physical presence in the Coast of Bays region will enable Marine Institute to have greater access to aquaculture stakeholders in rural areas. In The Way Forward we have committed to growing our salmon aquaculture industry to 50,000 tonnes per year and this announcement will help us achieve this goal in addition to allowing for easier collaboration and the ability to work with stakeholders to define important issues, as well as an ability to implement solutions."

Honourable Steve Crocker
Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources

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