

FISHING HERITAGE PRESERVATION CONTINUES

(St. John's) November 1, 2007 – The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador continues to preserve and protect fisheries-related architecture as a living symbol of our rich fisheries heritage by assisting 63 fishing stages and stores in 2007.

“As nature and time takes their toll on stores and stages scattered around the hundreds of coves and fishing harbours the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program assists in providing a new lease on life to buildings that may otherwise be lost”, says Heritage Foundation Of Newfoundland and Labrador Executive Director George Chalker.

“It has been an exciting year for the fisheries heritage”, says Chalker. “In the spring the Provincial Government announced \$60,000 in grants allowing us to conserve more of our unique buildings. A new website, ***fisheriesheritage.ca***, devoted to the promotion and preservation of Newfoundland and Labrador's fisheries structures was launched. Both the funding program and the website have been very well received.”

Over the past five years the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program has contributed \$330,000 in funding for the conservation and repair of 151 fishing stages and stores in communities across the province”.

Interested groups and individuals can download applications online or phone the Heritage Foundation office at 1-888-739-1892.

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