



Foundation Launches Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program 2008

(St. John's - April 22, 2008) - The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL), is pleased to announce funding for the 2008 Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program. This provincial granting program is designed to assist in the conservation of the built fisheries heritage of Newfoundland and Labrador.

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

Chalker says that “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. Our mandate is to protect and promote our built heritage.”

The Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program 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.

This will be the fifth consecutive year that HFNL, with the generous support of the Provincial Government, has offered the program.

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.