



FISHERIES HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

(St. John's – May 13, 2008) – The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador would like to remind the public that the deadline for applications for the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program is Friday May 23rd.

“The 2008 Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program is designed to assist in the conservation of the built fisheries heritage of Newfoundland and Labrador. The program is one of HFNL’s most popular and successful programs and I urge potential applicants to get their applications in to our office before the deadline.” says George Chalker, Executive Director, HFNL.

Chalker says, “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. Once they vanish, they can not be replaced. Our mandate is to protect and promote our built heritage.”

Grants are 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 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 the conservation of heritage features using original materials.

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

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.

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