



# 2009 FISHERIES HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM

(St. John's – April 12, 2009) - Are you in possession of a stage, store, flake, loft or other building associated with the Newfoundland and Labrador fishery that is in need of repairs and restoration?

The Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador is currently accepting applications for the 2009 Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program.

“Our mandate is to protect and promote our built fisheries heritage which is under constant threat from the environment and abandonment. Traditional fisheries buildings have defined the look of our coastal communities. Once they vanish, they can not be replaced”, says Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador Executive Director, George Chalker.

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 2009 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.

Potential applicants are encouraged to apply early as the program is one of the foundation's most popular and successful programs. A new guidelines document has been prepared for this year and it is available on-line at the Fisheries Heritage website.

This is the sixth consecutive year that the Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador, with the generous support of the Provincial Government, has offered the Fisheries Heritage Preservation Program.

The deadline for applications is noon, Friday, May 21, 2009.

For more information contact Deborah O'Rielly at 1.888.739.1892; or by email at [info@heritagefoundation.ca](mailto:info@heritagefoundation.ca), or visit our Fisheries Heritage Website at [www.fisheriesheritage.ca](http://www.fisheriesheritage.ca)

## **Media Contact:**

Peter Whittle  
Public Relations and Events Specialist  
Heritage Foundation Of Newfoundland And Labrador  
[whittlep@heritagefoundation.ca](mailto:whittlep@heritagefoundation.ca)  
1-866-739-6592