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# Offshore Wind and First Nations Fisheries

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# About APC

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- APC is an Indigenous advocacy organization that is responsible for:
  - Research and Analysis
  - Development of Policy Alternatives and Programs
- We support 33 Mi'kmaq, Wolastoqiyik, Peskotomuhkati, and Innu communities in all aspects of fisheries and environment.



# First Nations Fisheries in Atlantic Canada:

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- 1999 = \$3 Million
- 2019 = \$170.8 Million
- 350 Licenses
- 34 Communities
- 4.9% of total commercial landed value in Atlantic Canada



# First Nations Fisheries vs Commercial Fisheries

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- Treaty and Aboriginal Right
- Culture and Ceremony
- Communal Commercial Licenses
- Moderate Livelihood Fishery

- Privilege
- Family tradition
- Individualistic
- Commercially and economically based

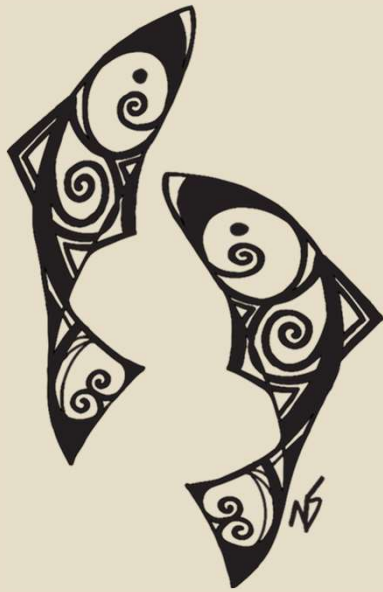


# Things to consider for offshore wind:

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- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Cultural Significant Species:
  - American eel
  - Atlantic Salmon
- First Nations Fisheries (small and large scale), including:
  - Large pelagic
  - Small pelagic
  - Lobster, snow crab, lobster, shrimp, scallops, etc.





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*Thank you*  
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