



L'UNION DES PÊCHEURS des Maritimes | The Maritime FISHERMEN'S UNION

MFU VICTORIES

THE MFU HAS CONDUCTED SEVERAL CAMPAIGNS SINCE 1977 THAT HAVE PRODUCED SIGNIFICANT GAINS FOR INSHORE FISH HARVESTERS.

Some examples include:

- Creation of the **Homarus** science subsidiary to further research and development in our fisheries.
- Creation of the **Opilio** subsidiary to manage the snow crab quota (N.B.) and the Community Impact Program investments.
- Co-founded the **Canadian Independent Fish Harvester's Federation** to defend our national interests (www.fed-fede.ca).
- Co-founded the **Coalition of Atlantic and Quebec Fishing Organizations** (www.lfishery.ca).
- Access to a larger share of the **herring quota** compared to the large seiners (industrial fleet).
- Access to an **employment insurance program** designed specifically for fishermen. 
- Changes to the provincial **Fisheries Representation Act** (N.B.).
- Implementation of the **Bona fide fishing policy**.
- Implementation of the **licence retirement program** in the early 2010s. 
- Increased **lobster stocks** through visionary conservation initiatives. 
- Protection of the inshore fishing zone in the **right whale** issue.
- Establishment of a wharf investment coordination and management team through the **Community Impact Program**.
- Obtained the **Fish Harvester Benefit and Grant Program** (470 million) during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Stopped the development of the **Northern Pulp** project.
- Introduction of **Bill C-68** (Owner-Operator).

