

STRONG COMMUNITIES HEALTHY OCEANS



The Maritime Fishermen's Union



L'UNION DES PÊCHEURS
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FISHERMEN'S
UNION

SERVICES

IN ADDITION TO BEING PART OF A RESPECTED AND INFLUENTIAL ORGANIZATION OF FISHERMEN WITH COMMON INTERESTS AND GOALS, YOUR MEMBERSHIP GIVES YOU ACCESS TO SEVERAL UNIQUE SERVICES CREATED TO MEET YOUR NEEDS:

- Access to a **team** of dedicated **full-time staff** for information and services related to your fisheries.
- **Representation and point of contact with DFO** on various advisory committees and science reviews.
- **Communication team** that advocates on your behalf and ensures your representation in the media.
- Access to a private **Facebook group, website,** and **monthly emails** to keep you up to date.
- **Annual Convention and local meetings** to exchange and discuss with other fishermen on various issues.
- Possibility to get involved as an **MFU representative** and to participate in the organization's decision-making process.
- **Training, workshops, and conferences** offered in person and virtually.
- **Research and development,** through the Homarus subsidiary, aimed at improving the state of the resource in various inshore fisheries.
- **Access, training, and ongoing support** with paper and electronic logbooks.
- Access to **new fish resources** and better sharing arrangements.
- **Advocacy** of the independent owner-operator principle.

*For
New Brunswick
members
only...*

- Access to a **life insurance and health plan.**
- **Free tag** service.
- **Access and management of the community** snow crab quota, through the Opilio subsidiary.

WHO MAKES THE DECISIONS AT THE MFU?

THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AT THE MFU INTERACTS TO ENSURE THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION AND VARIOUS FILES. WITHIN EACH GOVERNANCE LEVEL, THE ELECTED MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WHICH GUIDES THE EVERYDAY WORK OF THE MFU STAFF.

MEMBERS' AGM (CONVENTION)

Supreme authority of the MFU composed of all the members of the organization. Among its responsibilities, it elects the MFU Executive who sits on the Maritime Council and makes decisions on the major orientations that affect the entire organization.

MARITIME COUNCIL

The Maritime Council makes resolutions and gives direction on issues that affect the MFU during the year.

- **Maritime Council Executive**

The Executive of the Maritime Council is composed of the President, Vice President N.B., Vice President N.S. and Secretary-Treasurer of the MFU. It mainly supervises the Executive Director and can also give direction on major issues that concern both provinces.

PROVINCIAL COUNCILS (N.B. AND N.S.)

The provincial councils make decisions for members on province specific matters.

LOCALS

Each regional local elects an executive, which represents its members on both the Maritime Council and the N.B. or N.S. Council. The executive organizes local membership meetings to approve finances, report back on MFU activities and to decide what further issues to work on or to bring to Provincial Council or the members' AGM (Convention).



OPILIO (N.B. ONLY)

The Opilio Board manages the N.B. members snow crab quota. It approves the fishing plan in collaboration with the N.B. Council, the eligibility criteria for fishermen who can receive a snow crab allocation and it supervises special programs, such as the Community Impact Program (C.I.P.).

COMMUNITIES OF INTERESTS (N.B. ONLY)

Each community elects an executive that receives funds from the snow crab fishery profits through the C.I.P. In total, there are 8 communities of interests in N.B.

WHARF REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives are elected at each wharf by the fishermen to oversee the affairs related to their wharf. These representatives share information, act as advisors, and organize meetings to make decisions on projects and the distribution of C.I.P. funds (applies to N.B. only).

HOMARUS

The research and development subsidiary whose objective is to ensure the sustainability of many of our inshore fisheries resources. It coordinates several projects aimed at promoting harmony between the inshore fisheries needs and the maintaining of a healthy marine environment. Its main components are science, education, and resource assessment.



MEMBERS' AGM (CONVENTION)



HOMARUS

- MFU N.B. Executive
- General Manager MFU

MARITIME COUNCIL

- President MFU
- VP N.B.
- VP N.S.
- MFU Secretary/Treasurer
- Local Presidents and Secretaries/Treasurers

OPILIO

- MFU Executives
- Presidents of the 5 locals
- Presidents of the 8 communities of interests

N.B. COUNCIL

- VP N.B.
- President MFU
- MFU Secretary/Treasurer
- Presidents and Secretaries/Treasurers of the 5 locals

N.S. COUNCIL

- VP N.S.
- President MFU
- Secretary/Treasurer MFU
- Presidents and Secretaries/Treasurers of the 3 locals

COMMUNITIES OF INTERESTS (8)

LOCALS (5)

LOCALS (3)

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