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Postdoctoral Position: Fisheries allocation in Canada's North: Review and recommendations

Location: Dalhousie University, Marine Affairs Program, Halifax, NS, Canada
Supervisors: Dr. Megan Bailey (Dalhousie) and Dr. Nigel Hussey (University of Windsor)
Practitioner support: Dr. Vicki Sahanatien, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Iqaluit, NU
Start date: Flexible, but preference for fall 2017, one year term (with potential for extension)
Compensation: \$55,000 plus benefits and travel support

Project description:

The Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) was established in 1994, in accordance with the *Nunavut Agreement*. It is a co-management board and independent tribunal with a mission to conserve wildlife and wildlife habitat for the long-term benefits of all Nunavut residents, while fully respecting Inuit harvesting rights and priorities. NWMB makes decisions and recommendations regarding the allocation of Nunavut's commercial marine turbot (Greenland halibut) in NAFO zones 0A and 0B and Northern and Striped shrimp in zones SFA1 and SFA2 in Baffin Bay, Davis Strait, and Hudson Strait. NWMB's *Allocation Policy for Commercial Marine Fisheries 2012* (Allocation Policy) guides the application, review, and evaluation process for Nunavut turbot and shrimp enterprise quotas. In 2016, the NWMB began reviewing Allocation Policy by holding a Stakeholder Working Group meeting to define the scope of policy review, which resulted in consensus on a list of recommended priorities for further discussion.

The successful candidate for this postdoctoral position will undertake to complete the revisions of NWMB Allocation Policy (for turbot and shrimp) and provide recommendations to the NWMB regarding evaluation criteria and incorporation of socio-economic development and cultural dependence into allocation policy. The NWMB will use the outputs from the postdoctoral work in their decisions on other fisheries harvesting sectors in Nunavut.

It is expected that this position will be one year in length, with funding provided by the NWMB, and with possible extension after the first year. The successful candidate will be based at Dalhousie University in Halifax, NS, but will be expected to attend and facilitate meetings in Iqaluit, as well as to conduct expert interviews with industry and stakeholders in Nunavut throughout the term of the position. All associated travel costs will be covered by the NWMB.

Expected deliverables:

- Within 6 months of the start date, the postdoc will conclude a draft of the revisions on the allocation policy and deliver the results to the NWMB; receive feedback from the NWMB, and submit the final allocation policy 1 month later.
- Within 9 months of the start date, the postdoc will develop and present a framework (non species-specific) to the NWMB
- Within 12 months of the start date, the postdoc will submit for peer review the allocation framework

We are looking for:

A doctorate in sociology, human geography, political science, economics, or fisheries management. The following qualifications are desired:

- Background in research related to fisheries management, policy, and/or allocation
- Knowledge of or experience in working with Indigenous and land claim resource management issues
- Experience in conducting research in Canada's north, or in similar Northern locations (i.e., European)
- Experience in qualitative research design and research methods

Interested candidates should send a one-page letter of interest to Megan Bailey (megan.bailey@dal.ca) outlining your interest and qualifications in the position. Please attach a CV as well, including the names of three references. Applications will be accepted until September 25, 2017.