

Ocean Tracking Network (OTN) as a Fisheries Research Tool

A Joint Workshop of the Fishermen and Scientists Research Society (FSRS) & the Ocean Tracking Network (OTN)

February 25, 2010
Best Western Glengarry Hotel, Truro, NS

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- \$ explore the potential benefits of and uses for the Ocean Tracking Network (OTN) and other ocean tracking initiatives to the fishing industry from conservation, fisheries research and economic/sustainability perspectives, and
- \$ identify fisheries research priorities that could utilize ocean tracking technology.

The objectives will be achieved through presentations on the OTN and current projects for which OTN and other ocean tracking technology is being used, breakout group discussions, and a plenary session. A workshop report will be prepared and distributed to participants and other interested parties and made available on-line via the FSRS and OTN websites.

Draft Agenda

9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15 – 10:15	Presentation on the Ocean Tracking Network (OTN) Presentation on OTN Canada
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:50	Presentations on examples of projects using OTN and other ocean tracking technology for fisheries related research, including for groundfish, lobster and seals. Q&A
11:50 – 12:00	Assign Breakout groups and give them directions on what they will be doing.
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch (Provided)
1:00 – 3:00	Break groups – participants will be divided into three groups and each will be assigned one of the three following categories: conservation, fisheries research, or economic/sustainability. They will be given questions to focus their discussion, with the objective of identifying the potential benefits of ocean tracking technology and OTN, and research priorities as it relates to the category they have been assigned.
3:00 – 3:15	Coffee Break
3:15 – 4:30	Plenary – each breakout group will report back to the entire group and next steps and recommendations will be discussed.
4:30 – 5:00	Wrap Up/Conclusions

