**Atlantic mackerel advisory meeting.**

* Nova Scotia fleet planning board was represented as one voice at the table by Ronny Heighton due to the lack of number of seats at the table.
* The morning started with a short presentation of transport Canada safety at sea on the changes coming this summer.
* Following the safety at sea. DFO science presentation on their Egg survey, landings and biomass.
* The PowerPoint also pointed out the estimated undeclared fish landed.
* Also touched on the age of the biomass of the fish and projected numbers for the next few years.
* There was discussion on the science. Members of the table from Newfoundland felt that science was not reflective of what they seen while fishing last year.
* After lunch, the meeting shifted to conservation, protection, the use of log books and addressed that the declaration of fish varies from location to location. The feel from the table was that there had to be better enforcement on log books to better keep track of the amount of fish that comes in and lower the amount of undeclared catches.
* The meeting turned to the discussion of the TAC. There were 3 suggestions for the TAC
1. 8000 declared + undeclared catches (t) (suggestion made by a conservation group with a seat at the table to bring the stock back to a better biomass)
2. 20000 declared + undeclared catches (t) (the suggestion from most reps at the table)
3. 36000 declared + undeclared catches (t) (the suggestion by members of Newfoundland)
* Other high points were discussion on a hand line bait license smaller to the ones that were available last fall.