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Opposition challenges government to fix its focus on the fishery **LATEST NEWS**

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The 17th anniversary of the closure of the northern cod fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador is an important milestone in the province and an appropriate time for Premier Danny Williams to focus on the fishery, says the opposition Liberals. Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones said people are looking ahead at a diversified industry that could be enhanced if given the proper government attention, innovation and investment.

"Currently, there is a crisis in the shrimp industry that requires an immediate solution," Jones said. "There are some 2,000 people and a dozen or more communities directly impacted that are gravely affected by this crisis and it is evident the premier and his government have not been pro-active nor interested enough to 'smarten' this industry."

Jones said rural Newfoundland and Labrador and the fishery have fallen off government's radar over the years.

