
Jones to meet with Shea

Provincial Liberal leader in Ottawa today to meet federal fisheries minister

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Yvonne Jones

Jones also wants to discuss the most recent scientific data on cod stocks and a number of issues related to her district of Cartwright-L'Anse Au Clair.

She's looking for funding for fish-plants and three small craft harbours in her district.

"There hasn't been a lot of investment in small craft harbours in Labrador in the past year or two," Jones said.

Meanwhile, inside of the House, Liberal Marshall Dean had a number of questions for the newly minted provincial Fisheries Minister, Clyde Jackman.

Dean said the Fish, Food, and Allied Workers are warning that if fish prices stay as low as they were this year, there may not be a fishery next year.

Jackman said the province has committed \$800,000 for a memorandum of understanding so harvesters, the union, processors and government can work together on fisheries.

"Protests (and) ultimatums are not going to cut it, Mr. Speaker. It has to be an agreed path forward," Jackman told the House.

Jackman also said he would be glad to work with Dean as the new fisheries critic especially, if he had fresh ideas on how to improve the industry.



Gail Shea

Yvonne Jones says she has lots to discuss with the federal fisheries minister. Jones will meet with Gail Shea in Ottawa this morning. After question period at the House of Assembly, Thursday, reporters asked Jones what will be on the agenda for the meeting.

She listed a number of things including the seal hunt and proposed changes to the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) which has many people in this province upset.

Jones also said she wants to bring up the way fishermen say they were wrongly taxed when Ottawa bought back fishing licences after the cod moratorium.

She estimates 800 families in the province are owed more than \$20 million from the federal government.