

Liberals ask why province cracking down on local cod sales

St. John's —

Liberal Marshall Dean wants to know why provincial fisheries officers are cracking down on fishermen who sell cod to people off the wharf, door-to-door, or off the backs of trucks.

Dean told the House of Assembly Wednesday that's been a common for practice for decades.

Fisheries Minister Clyde Jackman said under the Fish Inspection Act, harvesters are only allowed to sell cod to licensed processors and buyers.

But he admitted the rule hasn't always been enforced.

Jackman said some fishermen have brought the issue up with him and the department is discussing how it will address the issue from now on.