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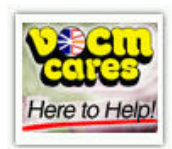
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Crab Fishery Crisis May 6, 2009

Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones is looking for details of the contingency plan government had said was in place in the event of a crisis in the crab fishing sector. Jones says her office learned yesterday, processors would stop buying product as of 6 last evening, after the fish pricing panel dropped the price by fifteen cents to \$1.40 a pound. Fisheries Minister Tom Hedderson says they are watching the situation, but need to allow the panel to regulate the industry. Outside the House of Assembly, Hedderson said the economy is impacting processors and fishermen, which prompted the panel to allow the change in raw material pricing. He says as is the case in other provinces, government and industry will have to deal with the issues as they arise and hopefully salvage the season.



Tom Hedderson



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