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Purpose

High level Overview of the Small Craft Harbour Program (SCH)



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Brief History

- **1974** - Federal public fishing and recreational harbours transferred to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in 1974
 - Often only public access to waterways and federal presence in remote communities
 - *Fishing and Recreational Harbours Act (FRHA)*
- **1989** - Community based Harbour Authority (HA) delivery model created
- **1995** - Federal gov't decision to narrow mandate to focus on core fishing harbours critical to Canada's commercial fishing industry
 - 1,114 non-core SCH harbours since divested
- **Today** - 28th year of HA program, > 5000 volunteers, ~ 90% of commercial fish harvesters use SCH facilities (nearly \$2B in landings), strong community economic benefits



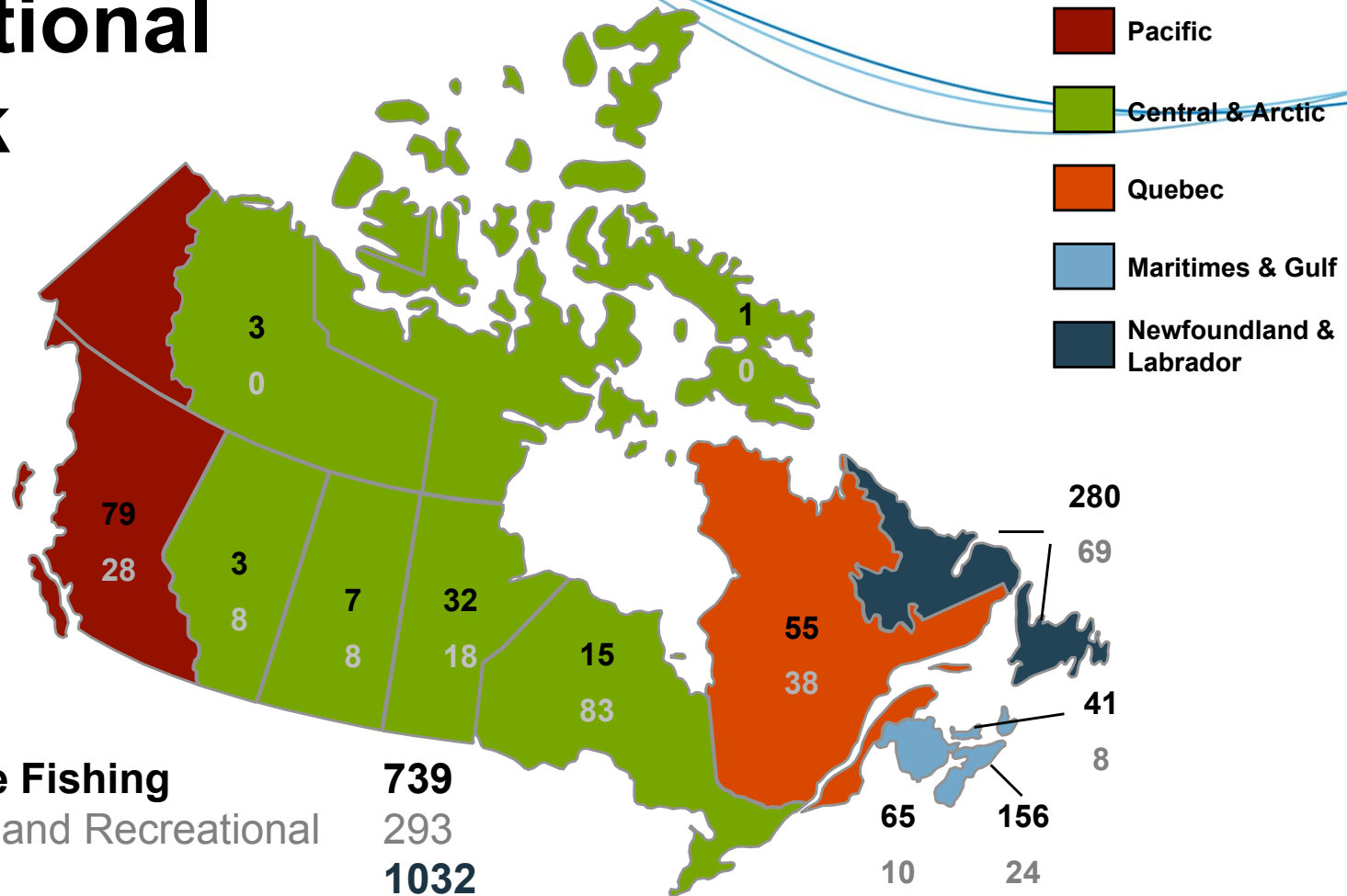
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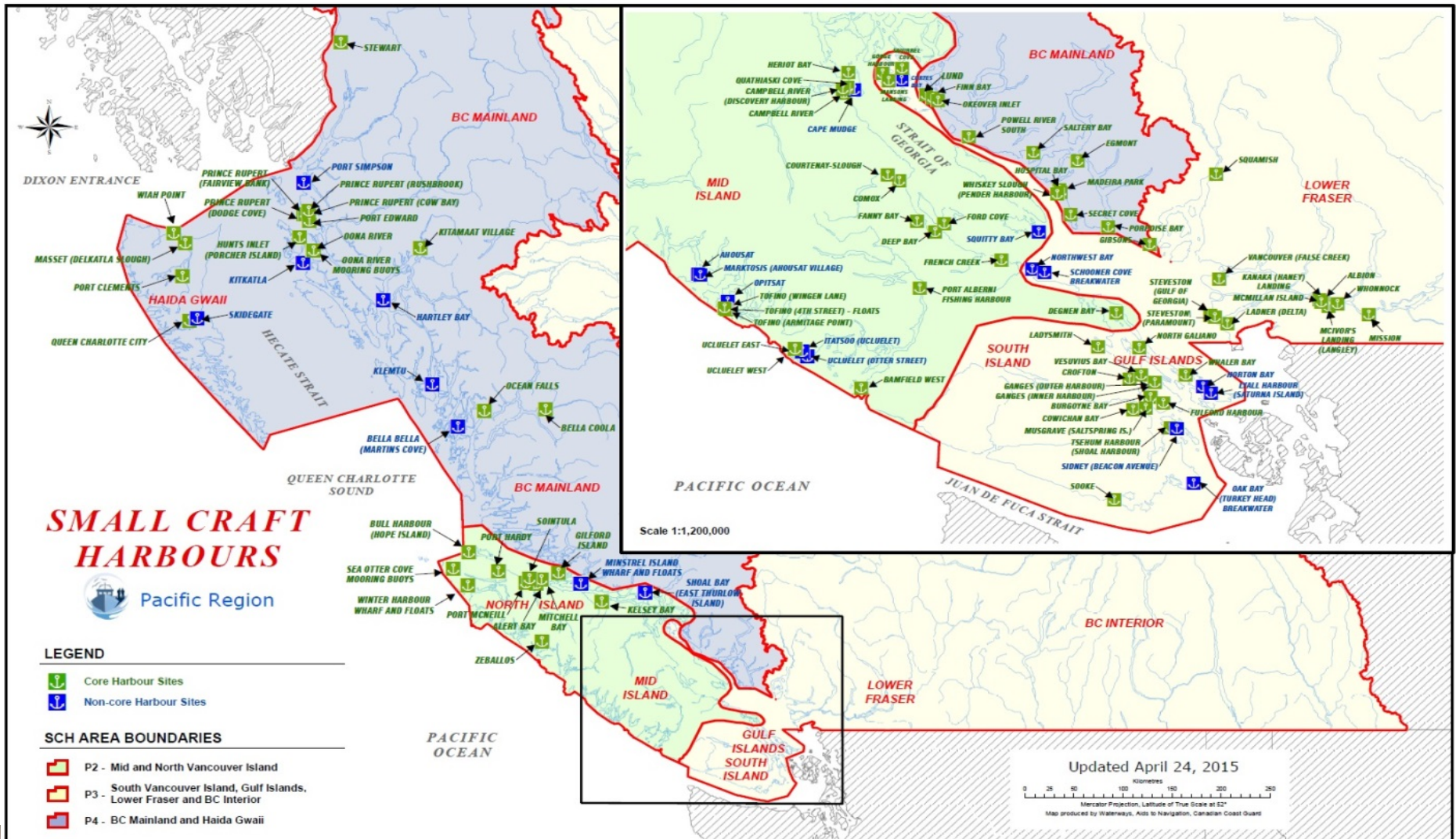
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SCH National Network





79 core harbours over 27,000 kms of coastline





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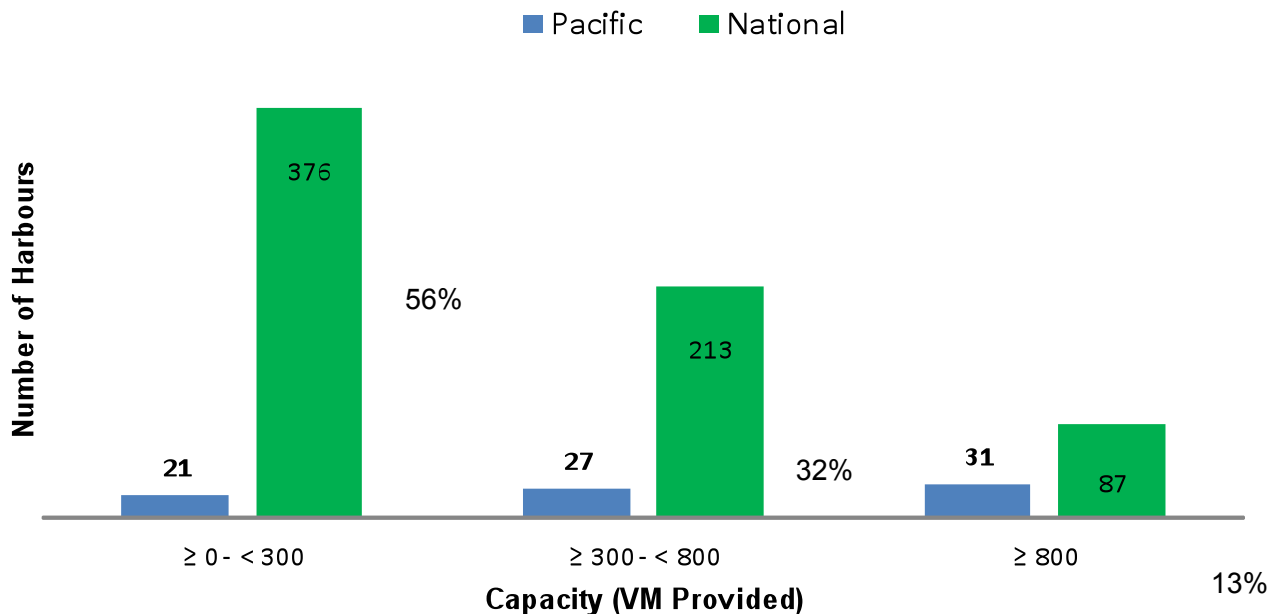
SCH Harbours – Large, Medium and Small





Harbour Capacity / Size

Distribution of Core Harbours by Capacity Categories



Pacific has relatively large harbours compared to rest of country

Larger sites require greater proportion of funding (~13% of harbours require roughly 35-40% of budget)

Total capacity represents est. max. capacity in vessel metres under normal operating conditions, using optimal placement and normal accommodation standards (done on harbour by harbour basis)



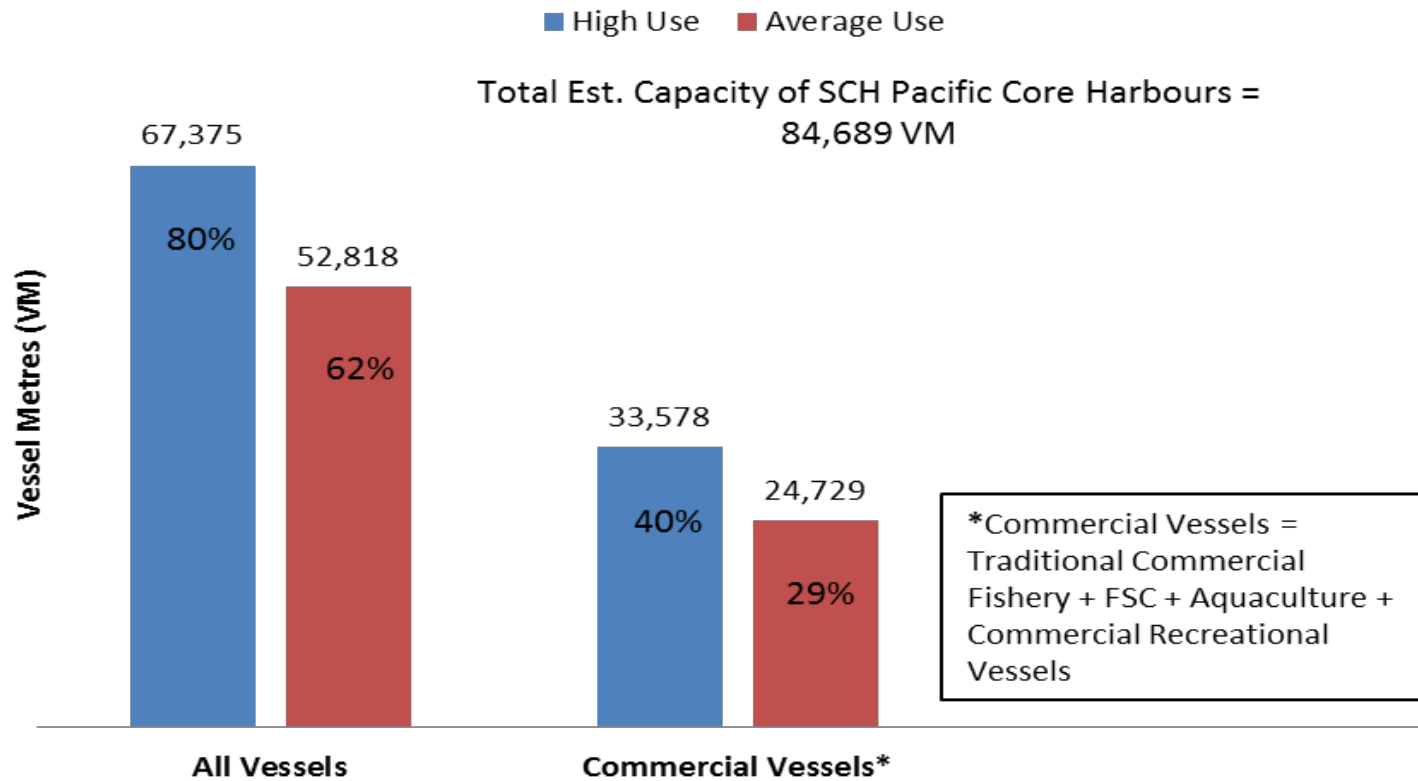
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Current Activity & Use

Core Harbour Use in Pacific Region



Diverse client group

- 80% of commercial fishing fleet
- year-round fisheries
- shellfish aquaculture
- recreational charters
- other marine based commercial interests
- Tourism
- Community use
- First Nation interests (~50+% of harbours have significant FN use)



Harbour Authority (HA) Highlights

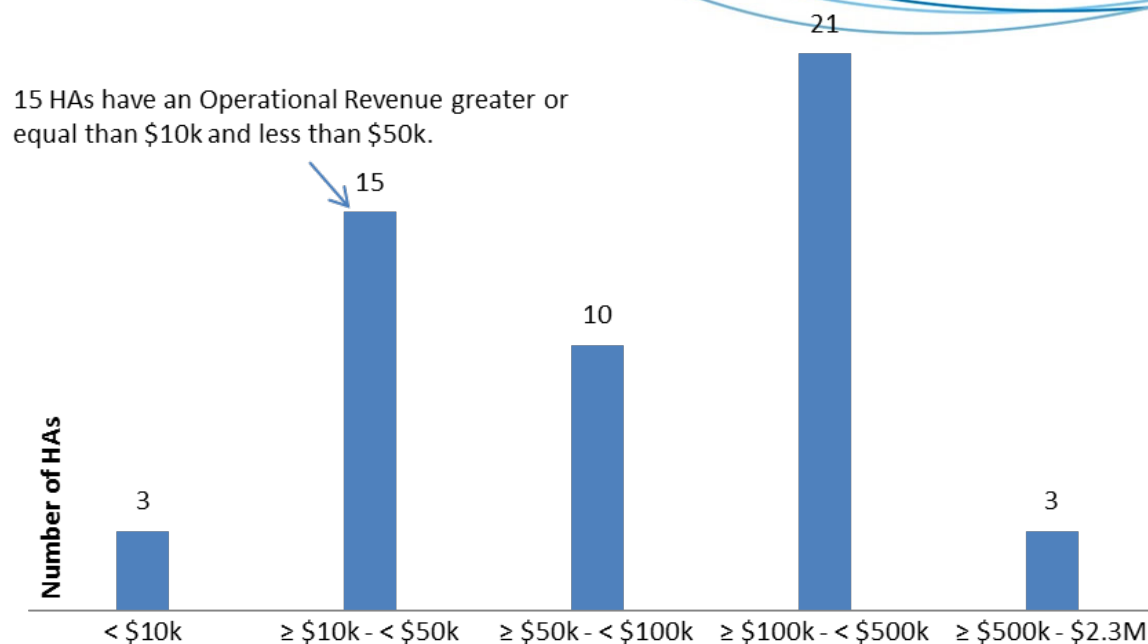
- 54 HA's - incorporated non-profit boards but also municipalities and First Nations
- Focus on HA capacity building, community engagement and local economic development through HA planning and project delivery
- Community Economic Benefits – \$52 of benefits for every \$1 spent on harbour operations / repair (2015 study)
- Harbour Authority Advisory Committees – Regional and National
- Harbour Authority Association of BC (communication, information exchange, conferences, training workshops, tools for HA's)
- HA Award & Recognition Program – Regional and National
- Strong Environmental Stewardship - EMP's, eco-certification, ⁹spill prevention etc.



HA Operational Revenues in Pacific

HA Operational Revenues

Berthage
Launch
Landings
Licenses
Fueling
Sub Leases
Other Services
(electricity, storage, etc.)



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■ Number of HAs	3	15	10	21	3
HA Average Capacity (V-M)	356	483	900	2184	6886
Median Op. Revenue	\$5,700	\$26,782	\$68,195	\$174,123	\$1,054,859
Avg. Op. Rev. per V-M Offered (\$/V-M)	15	52	75	101	213



Opportunities and Issues

- Transition to New Federal Government
 - Relationships with Indigenous Peoples
 - Infrastructure Investments (\$149M recently announced)
- Long-Term Program Sustainability
 - Relevant, efficient, effective but... ongoing budget can't sustain existing infrastructure over longer-term
 - Improving condition due to large periodic influxes of temporary funds (>\$600M since 2007 or approx.\$70M)
 - Changing fisheries / use: fewer but larger fishing vessels, more rec. vessels, growing demands re: shellfish aquaculture and First Nations
 - Under and over-utilized harbours, some not optimally located
 - HA health and capacity varies within and across regions
 - Limited funding and barriers to divestiture of non-core harbours



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Opportunities and Issues (con't)

- First Nations - legal obligations to consult, increasing interest, economic opportunities
- Long-term harbor and zonal planning – priorities, cost-effective delivery of critical services to fishing industry, infrastructure optimization
- Abandoned and Derelict Vessels – jurisdictional issues, costs / complexity
- HA Support & Communication



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“Teamwork... $1+2=4$ ” or “Stronger Together”



Harbour Authorities

Fishing Industry

SCH / Other Government Agencies

First Nations

Local Communities

***“Alone we can do little; together we
can do much”Helen Keller***

Synergy – sum greater than parts

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