Presentation to the Senate Standing Committee of Fisheries and Oceans-SAR

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Fisheries Safety Association of NS

• A small, not-for-profit, industry-led and funded initiative

• Volunteer Board of Directors
  – Representing all sectors
  – Advisors from DOLAE, DOFA, WCB, TC, DFO

• Focus is on workplace safety for the NS fisheries sector
FSANS Mandate

- Enhance Safety
- Create an industry that is attractive to NEW WORKERS
- Protect the health and safety of EXISTING WORKERS
- Prevent injuries
- Reduce workers’ compensation COSTS

Loss control
- Encourage injury management and Return to work programs

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Making Safety Part of Your NEW Tradition

Workplace Culture

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Rate History
SIC 311 – Salt Water Fishing


$7.55 $7.50 $7.85 $7.48 $7.72 $9.06 $6.51 $5.46

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Fishing Safety Now
A plan by and for Nova Scotia's fishing industry

Safe At Sea Alliance
The NS Fishing/Seafood Industry...

- Historically, THE most dangerous industry

- OVER FORTY times more likely to lose one’s life in commercial fishing

WCB NS
Challenges for MSAR activities

• Concern over everyone’s safety; Fishers, AND SAR personnel...ALL involved

• ‘Dumping Day’
  – SAR resources may be stretched
  – Simultaneous calls
  – Response times, prioritization
  – SAR triage
Opportunities for MSAR activities

• Outreach, relationships with safety organizations and fishers at the wharf

• Use SAR experience to promote public education and awareness; Lessons Learned Case studies

• Increased SAR presence at the wharf, ease of access

• Shift from SAR activity to SAR prevention; Safety organizations need additional resources, Support promoting PFDs, Risk-based decision making
Opportunities for MSAR activities

• Clarity re PFDs, PFAs and lifejackets
• Use of SAR resources with fewer major rescue/recovery activities
  – safety equipment, training, education, awareness, wharf activities, case studies
• TSB 2011 Safety Issues Investigation report
  – 10 key issues where action is required
  – SAR resources can help
• Number and location of SAR personnel and equipment resources on “Dumping day”
Thank you!

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