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# DFO Priorities and Strategic Direction

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# Outline

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# Governance

- More than government
- Mechanisms, processes, and institutions through which citizens and groups voice their interests, mediate their differences, arrive at decisions and, ultimately, implement them.
- Governance can be defined as *the various systems of authority and decision making in fisheries management combined. It also includes the participation of resource users and other interested parties in consultation, planning and decision-making processes*
- Aspects of good governance may include:
  - accountability, fairness, inclusiveness,
  - mechanisms for decision-making,
  - legitimacy, representation, empowerment, consultation, and good faith



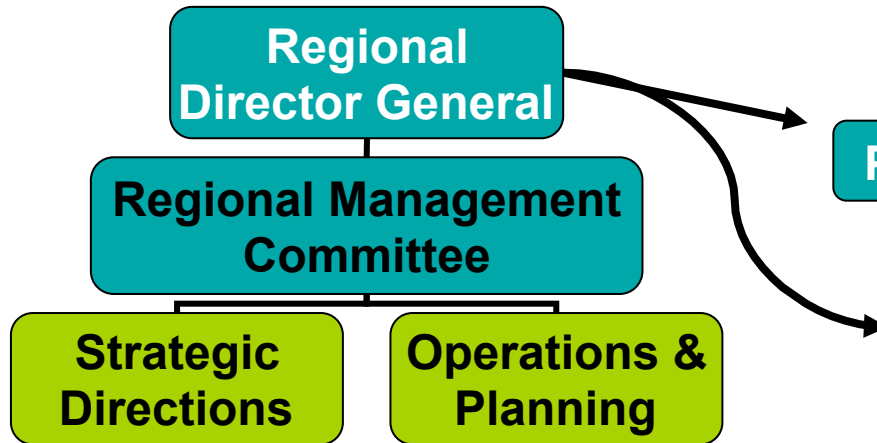
# DFO's Key Legislation & Regulations

- *Constitution Act, 1867*
- *Fisheries Act, 1868 (now R.S.C. 1985, c. F-14)*
  - *Fishery (General) Regulations,*
  - *Pacific Fishery Regulations, 1993*
  - *Pacific Fishery Management Area Regulations, 2007*
  - *Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licences Regulations, 1993*
  - *British Columbia Sport Fishing Regulations, 1996*
  - *Pacific Aquaculture Regulations*
- *Oceans Act*
- *Species at Risk Act*

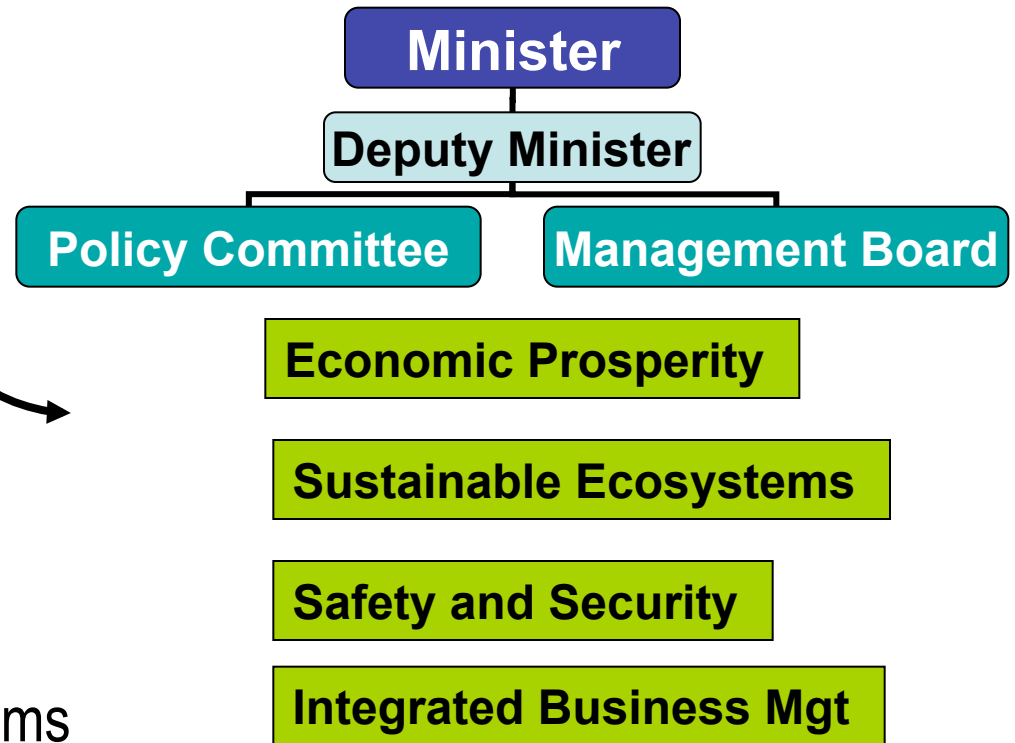


# DFO Governance

## REGIONAL



## NATIONAL



### DFO's Strategic Outcomes:

- Sustainable Aquatic Ecosystems
- Economically Prosperous Maritime Sectors & Fisheries
- Safe and Secure Waters



## DFO's Aboriginal Programs in Pacific Region

- Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (1992)
- Allocation Transfer Program (1994)
- Aboriginal Aquatic Resource & Oceans Management (AAROM) Program (2004)
- Aboriginal Funds for Species at Risk (2004)
- Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (2007-2012)



# Scales of Governance

Scale	DFO	First Nations
National	Departmental Management Board e.g., national policy & program development	Assembly of First Nations
Regional	Regional Management Committee e.g., operational policy & program implementation	B.C. First Nations Fisheries Council / First Nations Leadership Council
Watershed	Area Directors/Managers e.g., operational decisions	AAROM bodies
Local	Managers/Field Staff e.g., program delivery	Communities



# Supporting Governance Processes

- Work with First Nations and stakeholders to identify and advance co-management
- Strengthen bilateral (Tier 2) consultation and engagement with First Nations at local, watershed, as well Province-wide levels
- Continue to work through existing Aboriginal programs to further strengthen First Nations capacity to engage in governance
- Work with First Nations and stakeholders to:
  - strengthen existing advisory processes (focus on IFMPs)
  - improve communication and transparency with respect to existing consultation and advisory processes
  - identify gaps or challenges and (where possible) design and implement improved governance structures and processes



# DFO – Transformation Agenda

- Strategic Review, 2010:
  - as part of a regular 5 year cycle, 12 Departments in 2010
  - reviews of their programs and spending to identify savings from our operational budgets to reallocate to other priorities of Canadians
  - Specifically for DFO nationally:
    - focus on our core mandate responsibilities, take advantage of modern technologies, be better aligned with Government of Canada priorities and remain efficient and relevant
    - forecasted savings will reach \$56.8 million annually by 2013-14
    - measures phased in over 3 years
    - 2.5% of positions – around 280 employees – could be affected (however, less than our annual attrition rate, which is between 2% and 6%)
- Deficit Reduction Action Plan, 2011:
  - eliminate the deficit, keep taxes low and continue creating jobs for Canadians
  - 67 organizations are reviewing their operating expenses and grants and contributions expenditures
  - goal is to find ongoing savings of at least \$4 billion by 2014–15



## DFO Plans and Priorities, 2011-12

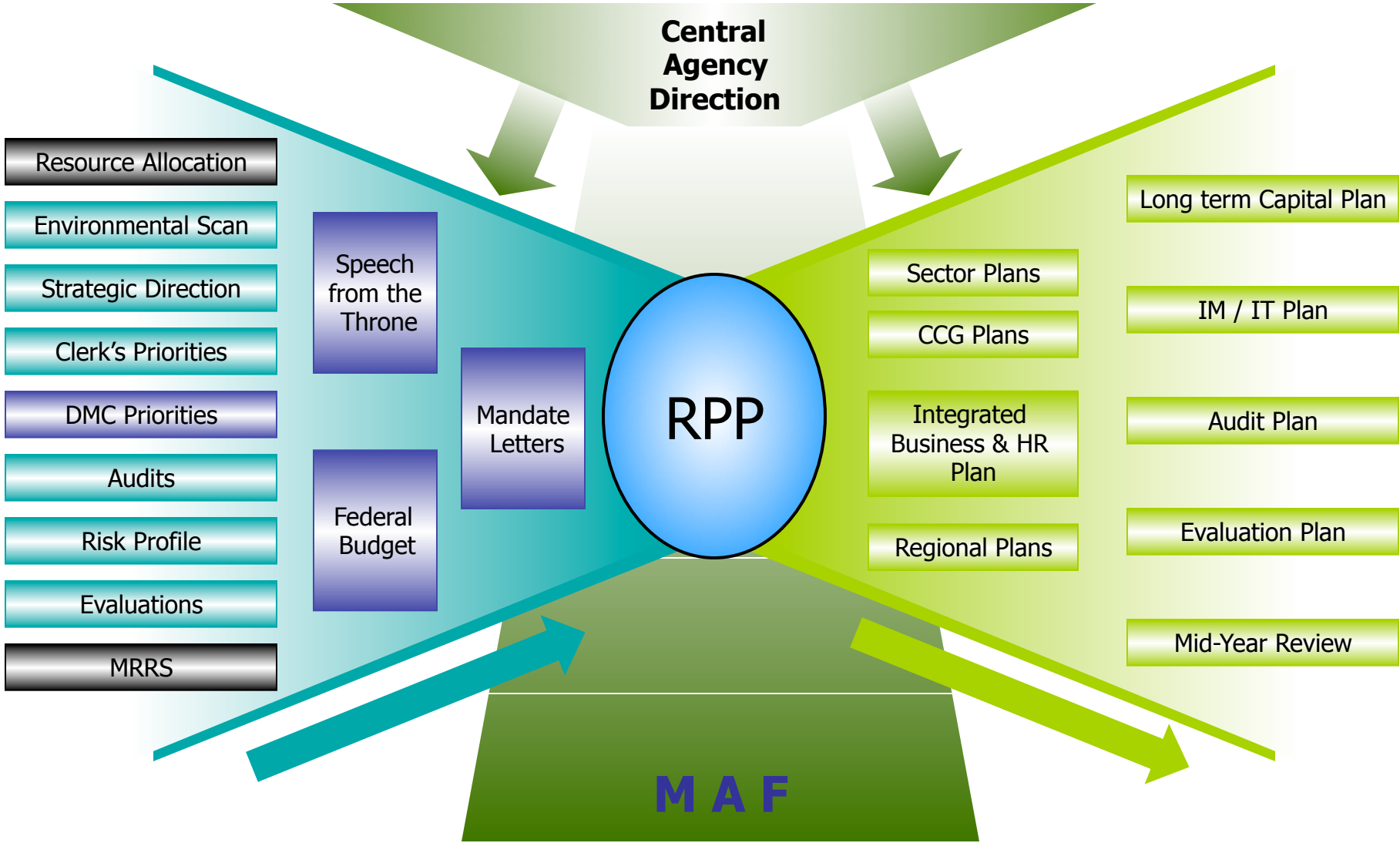
- Modernization of the Fisheries
- Streamlining and Simplifying Policies, Operations, and Procedures
- Deepening Engagement and Key Partnerships
- Northern Agenda
- Ensuring Asset Readiness
- Advancing Operational and Management Excellence
- Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River



# Fisheries Modernization

- Sustainable Fisheries Framework
  - Conservation and Sustainable Use policies
    - E.g., Sensitive Benthic Areas, Forage Species, Precautionary Approach, and Bycatch Catch
    - E.g., Licensing, Allocation Stabilization, Inter-Sector Allocation, & Self-Adjustment
  - Planning and Monitoring Tools
    - Integrated Fisheries Management Plans
    - Fishery Checklists
- Access to international markets
- Fisheries Policy Modernization
- National Fish and Seafood Traceability Strategy

# Appendix: DFO Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework



# APPENDIX: DFO Organisation Structure

