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Information Steering Committee***



2006-2007 ANNUAL REPORT

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To the Members of the ACZISC and the Association:

It is with pleasure that the ACZISC Secretariat presents the **ACZISC 2006-2007 Annual Report**. I would like to highlight a number of items in the Report:

- The **Government of Prince Edward Island** renewed its engagement with the ACZISC and three new members joined the Committee, namely: the **Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency; Health Canada**; and the **Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability**.
- **Information dissemination and networking** remained a focus of the ACZISC, primarily via the **ACZISC meetings and workshops**, the **ACZISC Coastal Update newsletter** and the **website**.
- The ACZISC continued to be actively engaged in **the establishment of COINAtlantic - the Coastal and Ocean Information Network** - as a coordinating body to facilitate information and data transactions in support of the ICOM community of practice in Atlantic Canada.
- In collaboration with the Marine & Environmental Law Institute of Dalhousie Law School, the ACZISC secured a contract to undertake an **Overview of Current Governance in the Bay of Fundy / Gulf of Maine - Transboundary Collaborative Arrangements and Initiatives**.
- The ACZISC renewed the contract to provide staff support for the Operational Centre of the International Ocean Institute in Canada, based at Dalhousie University. The major activity of the NGO is organizing and delivering the 8-week **IOI-Canada Training Programme on Ocean Governance** at Dalhousie University.

Finally, I would like to thank Members for their continued and enthusiastic support of the ACZISC and its activities. **We look forward to 2007-2008 !**

Yours sincerely,

Michael J.A. Butler
Director, ACZISC Secretariat and
President, ACZISC Association

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The **ACZISC celebrated its 15th anniversary** in January 2007. The Committee was established in 1992, following the recommendation of the participants of a Workshop organized by a former agency of the Council of Maritime Premiers and held in Amherst, Nova Scotia.

ACZISC MISSION

The ACZISC works to **foster cooperation in Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management, Coastal Mapping and Geomatics in Atlantic Canada**. The ACZISC Strategic Thrusts are included in Appendix 1 (p.18).

OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

The value of coastal and ocean-related resources and activities to the economies of the Atlantic Provinces is significant. Their contribution to the total GDP of each province varies between 7% and 26%.

However, the 40,064 kilometres of Atlantic Canada's coastline are exposed to a wide variety of stressors that threaten the sustainability of the region's communities, resources and ecosystems. The ACZISC advocates and facilitates cooperation across organizations and governments.... essential for managing the coastal zone.

LENGTH OF COASTLINE

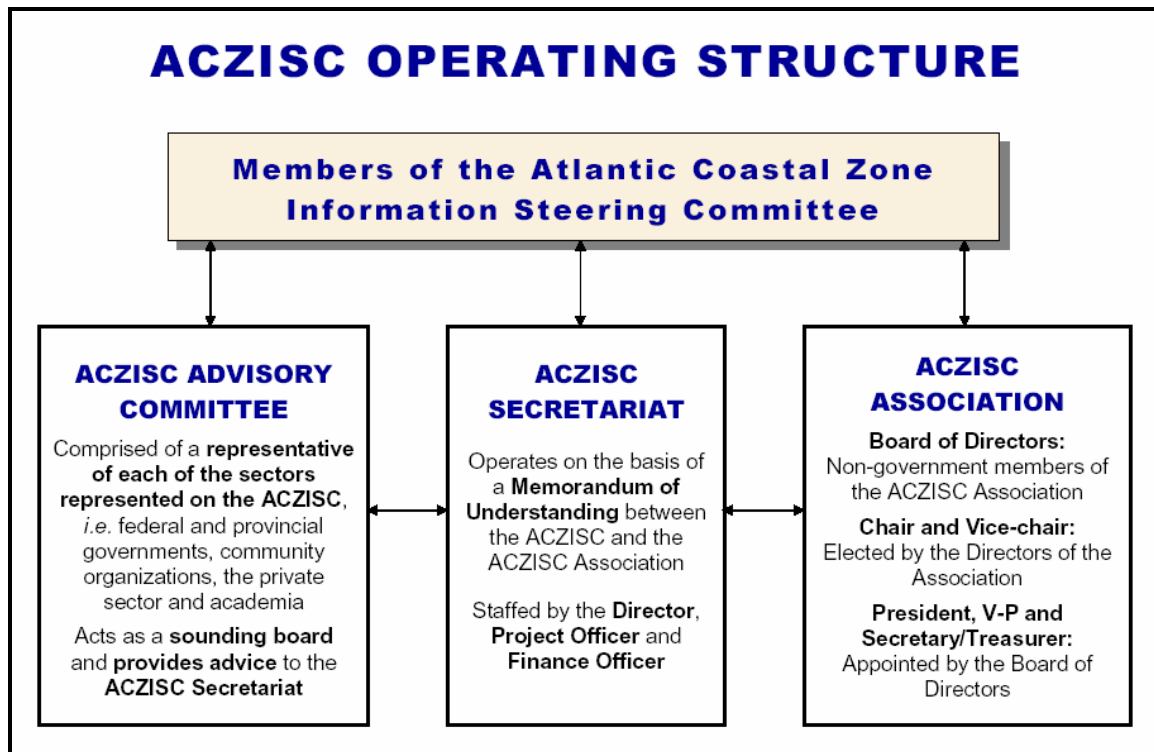
*Newfoundland and
Labrador - 28,956 km
Nova Scotia - 7,579 km
New Brunswick - 2,269 km
Prince Edward Island
1,260 km*

ACZISC BENEFITS

The **value-added benefits** of the ACZISC and its activities, as identified by Members, include: 'one-stop shopping' for information; ready and inexpensive access to agencies and a network of expertise in information management and ICOM; improved collaboration on national, regional and provincial programs; improved delivery of Members' policies and programs through exposure to other ideas; and minimized duplication of effort and, hence, reduced costs.

OPERATING STRUCTURE

The ACZISC Operating Structure consists of four major components: the Atlantic Coastal Zone Information Steering Committee, the ACZISC Advisory Committee, the ACZISC Association and the ACZISC Secretariat. The following schematic describes the Operating Structure.



THE COMMITTEE

The **ACZISC Committee** functions as a '**horizontal mechanism**' to implement its mandate. It was used as a case study in two reports published by the Government of Canada to document the challenges of operating successful horizontal and collaborative initiatives and key lessons learned:

- ***Using Horizontal Tools to Work Across Boundaries: Lesson Learned and Signposts of Success***, published by the Canadian Centre for Management Development in 2002
- ***Managing Collaborative Arrangements: A Guide for Regional Managers***, published by the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat in 2003.

Membership in the ACZISC is **multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral**. It includes representatives from the four Atlantic Provinces, ten Canadian federal departments and agencies, community organizations, NGOs, the private sector and academia. See Appendix 2 (p.19) for a detailed list of ACZISC members.

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

Mother Teresa 1910 - 1997

This year the **Government of Prince Edward Island** renewed its engagement with the ACZISC and three new members joined the Committee: the **Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency**; **Health Canada**; and the **Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability**.

Representation on the ACZISC is as follows:

● **Atlantic Provinces**

New Brunswick, represented by the Department of Agriculture and Aquaculture, and the Department of Environment

Newfoundland and Labrador, represented by the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and the Department of Natural Resources

Nova Scotia, represented by Fisheries and Aquaculture, and Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

Prince Edward Island, represented by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs

● **Federal Departments and Agencies**

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, represented by Policy and Coordination

Environment Canada, represented by the Environmental Stewardship Branch, the Meteorological Service of Canada, the Sustainable Communities and Ecosystems Division and the Strategic Integration Office

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, represented by the Canadian Hydrographic Service - Atlantic, and the Oceans and Habitat Branch of the Gulf, Maritimes, and Newfoundland and Labrador Regions

Health Canada, represented by Healthy Environments

Industry Canada, represented by the Energy and Environment Industries Branch, and Sustainable Technologies

National Defence, represented by Defence Research and Development Canada - Atlantic, Marland Formation Environment and the Trinity Route Survey Office

Natural Resources Canada, represented by GeoConnections, the Geological Survey of Canada - Atlantic and Geomatics Canada

Parks Canada Agency, represented by the Atlantic Services Centre

Public Works and Government Services Canada, represented by Real Property Geomatics and Spatial Technology Resources

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, represented by Coastal Watch

- **Private Sector**

Represented by **CEF Consultants** and the **EIT Group**

- **Community Organizations**

Represented by the **Atlantic Coastal Action Program** and the **Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability**

- **Academia**

Represented by the **Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences**

- **Agencies and Associations**

CCMC, the **Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board**, the **Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association** and the **Ocean Science and Technology Partnership**

ACZISC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee was established in 1995 **to provide advice on issues** related to: the effective administration and operation of the Secretariat and ACZISC; the identification and securement of funding for the Secretariat and ACZISC programs; and the comprehensiveness of ACZISC membership.

This year Grant Gardner was welcomed as the academic representative on the Advisory Committee. The other members are: Justin Huston, Chair (provincial representative); Brent Rowley (private sector representative); Carol Ann Rose (federal representative); and Michael Butler (ACZISC Secretariat).

ACZISC ASSOCIATION

In November 2003, the ACZISC **established the ACZISC Association, to act as the legal entity for the ACZISC**. The Association is registered as a not-for-profit organization under the Nova Scotia Societies Act. The objects of the Society are listed in Appendix 3 (p.21). The **2nd Annual General Meeting of the Association** was held on 31 May 2006 in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The **ACZISC Association Board of Directors** is composed of non-government members of the ACZISC Committee. It is chaired by Brent Rowley, EIT Group. The other members of the Board are: Norval Collins, CEF Consultants; Brad Fay, Brad Fay and Associates; Grant Gardner, Memorial University; and Randy Gillespie, CCMC.

ACZISC SECRETARIAT

The primary **function, roles and responsibilities** of the Secretariat are:

- to function as the executing agency for all the decisions of the ACZISC and its bodies and the Association and its Board of Directors
- to convene the meetings of the ACZISC and its bodies
- to convene the meetings of the Association.

The ACZISC Secretariat office is located in Ocean House on the campus of Dalhousie University at **1226 LeMarchant Street, Halifax**, Nova Scotia B3H 3P7. The Secretariat is staffed by the Director, a Project Officer and a part-time Finance Officer.

The Secretariat operates on the basis of a **Memorandum of Understanding** between the ACZISC Committee and the ACZISC Association.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2006-2007 operating budget for the ACZISC Association was approximately \$154K. The major budget items were staffing, travel, and fees for administrative services. Receivables as at 31 March 2007 were \$7K. The **2006-2007 ACZISC Association Financial Report**, prepared by Jennifer Barr, Treasurer, ACZISC Association is as follows:

REVENUE

Balance carried forward from 2005-2006	-22,463
Interest	54
Dues:	
Newfoundland and Labrador	10,000
Nova Scotia	14,000
Federal Departments	73,000
Contract Revenues	66,950

TOTAL REVENUE **\$ 141,541**

EXPENSES

Staffing	125,740
Travel	11,112
Administrative Services	8,744
Telephone / Fax / Email	1,973
Photocopying	530
Courier and Postage	333
Office Supplies	692
Equipment	715
Interest	191
ACZISC Association	3,705

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$153,735**

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD **\$ -12,194**

In-kind Contributions from Dalhousie University \$12,000

ACTIVITIES IN 2006-2007

The 2006-2007 Workplan was implemented by the Secretariat with the assistance of ACZISC members and associates.

This year the ACZISC continued to focus on **information dissemination and networking**, primarily via **the ACZISC meetings and workshops**, the **ACZISC Coastal Update newsletter** and the **website**. The ACZISC also continued to engage the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management community of practice in Atlantic Canada and to pursue the establishment of COINAtlantic – the **Coastal and Ocean Information Network** – in support of ICOM.

“Communication is the real work of leadership.”

Nitin Nohria 1962 -

The ACZISC Secretariat participated in two **revenue generating projects** (see pages 14-15) to supplement membership dues. A major criterion for participation in a project is that it contributes to the implementation of the ACZISC mandate.

INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND NETWORKING

• ACZISC Meetings

The meetings are held **three times per year in the Atlantic provincial capitals by rotation**. They are attended by ACZISC members and by observers from all sectors, including First Nations, community groups, the private sector and university students. In 2006-2007, meetings were held in Dartmouth, NS on 31 May - 1 June 2006; in Charlottetown, PEI on 27-28 September 2006; and in St. John's, NL on 24-25 January 2007.

“The more elaborate our means of communication, the less we communicate.”

**Joseph Priestley
1733-1804**

• Coastal Activities in Atlantic Canada

The **Coastal Activities** reports, based on the roundtable components of ACZISC meetings, are a **valuable information resource for ICOM and geomatics personnel**. In addition to being made available to meeting participants, the minutes and coastal activities reports are distributed widely via the ACZISC website at <http://aczisc.dal.ca/docs.htm#ACZISC>.

● ***Presentations and Discussions***

In addition to the business section and the Roundtable Review of Coastal Activities, ACZISC meetings include focused **presentations** with discussions on topics relevant to ICOM, geomatics and coastal mapping. The presentations are made available in PDF format at <http://aczisc.dal.ca/docs.htm#ACZISC>.

The presentations in 2006-2007 were:

- **ICOM Policy Developments in Newfoundland and Labrador** by Patrick Shea, NL Fisheries and Aquaculture
- **Update on SmartBay** by Don Hogan, ACOA and Neil Cater, CCMC (cancelled due to a storm – copy of presentation provided)
- **GeoNames - Marine Features** by Neil MacNaughton and Randy Hawkins, NL Surveys and Mapping and Gary Smith, CHS Atlantic (cancelled due to a storm - copy of presentation provided)
- **The GeoBase Initiative and the National Hydro Network Project** by Eric Loubier, NRCan
- **Progress on Large Ocean Management Areas (LOMAs) in Newfoundland and Labrador** by Jason Simms, DFO NL
- **Update on the MPA Program in Newfoundland and Labrador** by Annette Power, DFO NL
- **One Ocean** by Maureen Murphy, One Ocean
- **A Marine Cadastre for Canada** by Jean Gagnon, NRCan
- **Impacts of Sea-Level Rise and Climate Change on the Coastal Zone of Southeastern New Brunswick** by Réal Daigle, EC
- **Ecosystem Overview and Assessment Report for the Northumberland Strait** by John Legault, DFO Gulf
- **Producing an Ocean Use Atlas for the Scotian Shelf** by Heather Breeze / Tracy Horsman, DFO Maritimes
- **Toward a Dynamic Ocean Use Atlas** by Norval Collins, CEF Consultants
- **Gulf of St Lawrence Integrated Management – GoSLIM** by John Legault / Brad Firth, DFO Gulf
- **Gulf of Maine EcoSystem Indicator Partnership** by Maxine Westhead / Jennifer Hackett, DFO Maritimes
- **The Ocean Technology Sector in Atlantic Canada** by Don Hogan, ACOA.

● **ACZISC Coastal Update Newsletter**

The Coastal Update Newsletter contains brief **items related to ICOM, geomatics and coastal mapping**, with links and/or contacts for further information. These items include programs and activities; announcements; documents, manuals, reports, proceedings; and conferences, workshops and other events. The Coastal Updates are posted at <http://aczisc.dal.ca/update.htm>. This year a **feedback section** for the Update was introduced at <http://aczisc.dal.ca/update-feedback.htm>.

"I consider the Coastal Update to be the best newsletter.... a balanced, straight forward summary of the information, broad coverage of the topic, authoritative."

**Wayne Barchard,
Environment Canada**

The Coastal Update newsletter was prepared and emailed monthly by the Secretariat **to members and to over 5,000 ACZISC associates**, an increase of 714 from the previous year. Approximately 80% of the recipients are from Canada and the remainder from other countries worldwide. The distribution list is composed of personnel from all sectors, including: governments at the federal, provincial/territorial/state and local levels; First Nations; academics; the private sector; students and teachers; NGOs; foundations; associations; media; and international organizations.

● **ACZISC Brochure**

This year the ACZISC Secretariat, with the assistance of the Communications Working Group (co-chaired by Marianne Janowicz and Geoff Lewis), designed and produced an ACZISC brochure for distribution at meetings, conferences and other events.



The brochure cover features the ACZISC logo at the top, which consists of a stylized globe icon and the text "ACZISC Atlantic Coastal Zone Information Steering Committee". Below the logo is a collage of four images: a person in a red life vest, a modern building, a boat, and an offshore oil rig. At the bottom, there is a line of text and the website address.

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Atlantic Coastal Zone
Information Steering Committee

Working to foster cooperation in Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management, Coastal Mapping and Geomatics in Atlantic Canada

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Atlantic Canada's Coastal Zone

Coastal and ocean resources are vital to the region's economy and well-being of its inhabitants!

The 40,064 kilometres of Atlantic Canada's coastline are exposed to a wide variety of stressors that threaten the sustainability of the region's communities, resources and ecosystems.

The ACZISC advocates and facilitates cooperation across organizations and governments.... essential for managing the coastal zone.

About the ACZISC

The ACZISC has members from the four Atlantic Provinces, eight federal departments and agencies, community organizations, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and academia.

The ACZISC actively:

- Networks and disseminates information by organizing meetings and thematic workshops, publishing the *Coastal Update* e-newsletter and maintaining a website - aczisc.dal.ca.
- Engages stakeholders in the establishment of COINAtlantic - the Coastal and Ocean Information Network, in support of Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in Atlantic Canada.
- Participates in studies and projects to advance our understanding of the coastal zone.

For further information, contact us at:
Email aczisc@dal.ca - Tel 902-494-1977

● **ACZISC Website**

The ACZISC website - <http://aczisc.dal.ca> – is updated at a minimum of twice weekly. It includes: information about the ACZISC; the Coastal Update newsletter; the Atlantic Coastal Information Portal; the Inventory of Atlantic Coastal Mapping Projects; the Atlantic Coastal Community Profile; and links to ICOM-related websites, conferences, documents, maps and imagery, resources for students and teachers, and related programs.

● **ACZISC Pamphlets**

The 2-page information sheet is **customized for and made available at various events and conferences**. It features a brief description of ACZISC activities and a listing of members. In 2006-2007, the pamphlets were distributed at the following events: Ocean Connections Conference, 5 April 2006 in Port Hawkesbury, NS; the Workshop on Sustainable and Renewable Energy in Atlantic Canada, 11-13 May 2006 in Miramichi, NB; Oceans Day Celebrations, 8 June 2006 in Halifax; and at meetings of the IOI Directors, November 2006 in Alexandria, Egypt. The pamphlet will be replaced by the brochure.

● **Coastal Management Journal**

A special issue of Coastal Management (volume 35, issue 1), the Journal of The Coastal Society, addresses the level of progress being made with regards to ICOM in Canada. The ACZISC Secretariat, in collaboration with Rosaline Canessa, Christian Stewart and Don Howes, contributed one of the chapters entitled **Spatial Information Infrastructure for Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in Canada**.

The other chapters featured are:

- **Coastal and Ocean Management in Canada: Moving into the 21st Century** by Peter Ricketts and Peter Harrison
- **Development of a Human Use Objectives Framework for Integrated Management of the Eastern Scotian Shelf** by Jay Walmsley, Scott Coffen-Smout, Tim Hall and Glen Herbert
- **Lessons from Marine Protected Areas and Integrated Ocean Management Initiatives in Canada** by Sylvie Guénette and Jackie Alder
- **The Role of Participatory Governance and Community-Based Management in Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management in Canada** by John Kearney, Fikret Berkes, Tony Charles, Evelyn Pinkerton and Melanie Wiber
- **Collaborative Integrated Management in Canada's North: The Role of Local and Traditional Knowledge and Community-Based Monitoring** by Fikret Berkes, Mina Kislalioglu Berkes and Helen Fast.

COINATLANTIC AND GEOMATICS

COINAtlantic – the **Coastal and Ocean Information Network** - will be a coordinating body to facilitate information and data transactions in Atlantic Canada **in support of the ICOM community of practice**. The COINAtlantic Task Group is chaired by Andy Sherin. The Task Group works in collaboration with the Geomatics Working Group, co-chaired by David Boyce and John Legault. COINAtlantic activities included:

- **Meetings of GeoConnections personnel and the COINAtlantic Task Group** held on 31 May 2006 in Dartmouth, NS and 27 September 2006 in Charlottetown, PEI
- **COINAtlantic workshop sessions** held on 31 May 2006, 27 September 2006 and 24 January 2007 to engage stakeholders and identify partners and applications
- a **PPT on COINAtlantic** prepared and presented at the **Workshop on Using Metadata Standards to Achieve Data Interoperability**, 13-14 June 2006 at BIO, Dartmouth
- a **draft COINAtlantic proposal** prepared for submission in June 2007.

INTEGRATED COASTAL AND OCEAN MANAGEMENT

An ICOM Working Group meeting was organized and held on 24 January 2007 in St. John's, NL. Working Group members also participated in COINAtlantic sessions held throughout the year. Recently the Working Group initiated the preparation of a **document on the role of the ACZISC in facilitating information sharing** with and among other relevant groups in the region, particularly with reference to policy issues. The ICOM Working Group was co-chaired by Darren Hicks and Carol Ann Rose.

REVENUE GENERATING PROJECTS

To supplement membership dues, the ACZISC Secretariat participated in the following contracts:

• International Ocean Institute - Canada

The ACZISC renewed a contract with IOI-Canada for the ACZISC Association President to also serve as Director of the IOI-Canada Operational Centre, based at Dalhousie University. The Centre's primary responsibility is the organization and delivery of the annual **Training Programme on Ocean Governance: Policy, Law and Management** at the University. The Programme is specifically

designed to benefit developing country mid-career professionals who are responsible for some aspect of marine management/ocean governance.

The 2006 Training Programme was held from 25 May to 22 July. A wide range of academics, government personnel and practitioners, **including several ACZISC members and associates**, were invited to speak to the participants about their own area of expertise. Information on the Training Programme is available at <http://internationaloceaninstitute.dal.ca>.

- **Overview of Current Governance in the Bay of Fundy / Gulf of Maine**

The study entitled **Overview of Current Governance in the Bay of Fundy / Gulf of Maine - Transboundary Collaborative Arrangements and Initiatives** was carried out for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, in collaboration with the Marine & Environmental Law Institute (MELI), Dalhousie Law School. The study team reviewed current collaborative transboundary governance structures, mechanisms and initiatives in the region. The report reviews the following topics: Marine Environmental Protection and Conservation; Regional Cooperation on Acid Rain, Mercury Pollution, Climate Change and Ocean Initiatives; Fisheries and Shellfish Sanitation; Science Programs; Informatics and Geomatics; Non-Governmental Organizations; and Shipping and Security. The report is available on the ACZISC website at <http://aczisc.dal.ca/docs.htm#ICOM>.

COLLABORATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

The participation of the ACZISC Secretariat and Members in the following programs, in executive and other roles, has significantly increased inter-program cooperation and coordination in Atlantic Canada:

- **Bay of Fundy Ecosystem Partnership**

BoFEP is a "Virtual Institute" of individuals and groups that seek the well-being of the Bay of Fundy by **promoting the integrity, vitality, biodiversity and productivity of the Bay of Fundy Ecosystem**, and the **social well-being and economic sustainability of its coastal communities**. BoFEP also facilitates communication and cooperation among interested individuals and organizations.

The Bay of Fundy Science workshops, organized every two years, are a major BoFEP activity. The **7th Bay of Fundy Science Workshop**, hosted by the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, was held on 25-27 October 2006 in St. Andrews, NB. The theme was *Challenges in Environmental Management in the Bay of Fundy-Gulf of Maine* - <http://www.bofep.org>.

● **GeoConnections and the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure**

GeoConnections is a national partnership program established to evolve and expand the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure (CGDI). The **CGDI provides Canadians with on-demand access to geographic information** (e.g., maps, satellite images) and **related services and applications** in support of sound decision making. The 1st phase of GeoConnections (1999-2005) focused on developing policies, standards, technologies and partnerships.

In June 2005, the Government of Canada announced \$60 million in funding for the 2nd phase of the GeoConnections program (2005-2010). The 2nd phase is intended to ensure that Canadians will be further able to **actively adopt, use and benefit from the CGDI**. It will focus on user needs in four areas: sustainable development and the environment, Aboriginal issues, public health, and public safety - <http://www.cgdi.gc.ca>.

● **Coastal Zone Canada Association**

The Coastal Zone Canada Association is a **non-profit society of coastal zone management professionals and others interested in and supportive of ICM goals**. The CZCA was formed in 1993 by members of the ACZISC and other individuals to organize and deliver the inaugural CZC 94 Conference in Halifax and its successor biennial conferences - <http://www.czca-azcc.org>.

The **CZC 2006 Conference and Youth Forum** was held from 14 to 18 August 2006 in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. The intent of the Conference was to raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by residents of the Arctic coastal zone in the face of rapid changes occurring in Arctic marine ecosystems.

This year the ACZISC Secretariat participated in meetings with senior PEI Government personnel in Charlottetown to gauge the Government's interest in holding the **CZC 2010 Conference in Charlottetown**. The PEI Government subsequently announced its interest in organizing the event.

● **Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment**

The Council is mandated to **protect and conserve coastal and marine habitats** within this bi-national ecosystem, which includes the Bay of Fundy and its watersheds. Membership on the Council includes New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

The **Gulf of Maine Council on the Marine Environment Action Plan 2007-2012** was released earlier this year. The Plan is based on three overarching,

long-range goals: Coastal and marine habitats are in a healthy, productive, and resilient condition; Environmental conditions support ecosystem and human health; and Coastal communities are vibrant and have marine-dependent industries that are healthy and globally competitive - <http://gulfofmaine.org>.

● **Ocean Management Research Network**

The aim of the Ocean Management Research Network (OMRN) is to **create and share knowledge for the application of critical thinking and best practices to oceans management in Canada**. The OMRN is interdisciplinary, providing a forum for researchers, managers, and policymakers to evaluate timely and innovative linkages, integrate lessons learned, transfer and share knowledge, and help create an expert core of ocean researchers.

This year the OMRN Secretariat was relocated from Saint Mary's University in Halifax to the University of Ottawa - <http://www.omrn-rrgo.ca>.

● **Ocean Science and Technology Partnership**

The OSTP is an independent, federally incorporated, non-profit corporation developed with the support of Canada's Oceans Action Plan. The mission of the OSTP is: to capture the links between ocean science researchers and technology innovators; to encourage linkages between regional and national networks, information sharing and awareness building; to encourage and support collaboration to build and commercialize technology; and to present a national voice for the ocean technology community. The OSTP is **developing a national vision, and presents a national voice for the ocean technology community** - <http://www.ostp-psto.ca>.

● **Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence Coalition on Sustainability**

The Coalition is a multi-stakeholder regional body representing the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Québec portions of the Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence. The Coalition is working towards an **environmentally, economically and socially sustainable Southern Gulf of St. Lawrence** through a mutually beneficial inter-dependence of these factors.

The **AGM and Coalition Workshop on Sustainable and Renewable Energy in Atlantic Canada** was held on 11-13 May 2006 in Miramichi, New Brunswick. The theme was *Finding the Power to Prosper* - <http://www.coalition-sgsl.ca>.

ACZISC STRATEGIC THRUSTS

The ACZISC terms of reference, identified in the ACZISC 2002-2012 Strategic Plan, are as follows:

ACZISC Mission

To promote, facilitate and influence information management, policies and programs that enhance integrated coastal and ocean management in Atlantic Canada.

ACZISC Strategic Thrusts

To achieve its mission, the ACZISC will:

Advocate the implementation of integrated coastal and ocean management in Atlantic Canada by:

- Networking, communication and outreach
- Providing a forum to share best practices and standards
- Raising awareness of initiatives and research related to ICM

Provide a conduit to access, exchange and disseminate geospatial and other data / information by:

- Identifying ICOM-related data and information
- Facilitating its availability to the public
- Raising awareness of initiatives and research related to information management
- Encouraging the implementation of appropriate information management mechanisms

Capitalize on collaborative opportunities related to ICOM and geomatics by:

- Identifying projects and activities related to ICOM and geomatics
- Identifying potential collaborative projects
- Initiating, coordinating and managing projects and activities supporting ICOM and geomatics
- Establishing and maintaining linkages and partnerships among members and with other committees and organizations.

Maximize the viability and relevance of the ACZISC by:

- Ensuring effective administration and operation
- Identifying and securing funding for the Secretariat and programs
- Ensuring comprehensive membership
- Publicizing the ACZISC and its activities.

ACZISC MEMBERSHIP – MARCH 2007

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- i To encourage and support the sustainable use of coastal and marine resources in Atlantic Canada through integrated coastal zone management;
- ii To promote, facilitate and influence information management, policies and programs for the purpose of enhancing integrated coastal zone management in Atlantic Canada;
- iii To develop, provide and support public education programs concerning the ocean and coastal environment and its importance as a critical component of global environmental systems;
- iv To strengthen the expertise and capacity in the oceans and coastal zone sectors of government, and parastatal and non-governmental organizations in Atlantic Canada;
- v To develop, provide and support technical assistance projects, training programs, policy advice and consulting resources for professionals engaged in the oceans and coastal zone sectors.
- vi All other activities which are ancillary to the objects of the Society.