

Women for Environmental Sustainability – “Role of women in fisheries management related social economy processes”

The purpose of this proposal is to request funds to fully develop and undertake a research project on the role women play in the PEI fishery and its management. There is an identified need to understand the role of women in the fishing enterprise as an important aspect of policy development. The research will look at these questions: what is the role of women in fishing enterprises and the social economy organisations linked to the fishery (including “fishermen’s associations) on PEI? What are the opportunities and hurdles for the inclusion of women in fisheries management decision making processes and structures?

This research project will provide a greater awareness of women’s contribution to the fishery. It will identify the barriers women face in becoming involved in fisheries management through their participation in social economy organisations, and will provide recommendations for changes in fisheries management processes so they are more gender inclusive. The research project will strengthen the social capital of women in fishing communities and will strengthen the social economy organizations working in the fisheries economic sector by encouraging them to be more inclusive.