

Eastern Scotian Shelf Integrated Management (ESSIM) Initiative

4th ESSIM Forum Workshop

**Pier 21
Halifax, N.S.
November 25th and 26th, 2008**

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The 4th Eastern Scotian Shelf Integrated Management (ESSIM) Forum Workshop will be held at Pier 21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia on **November 25th and 26th, 2008**. The ESSIM Initiative is a collaborative planning process led and facilitated by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) under Canada's *Oceans Act*. The Eastern Scotian Shelf Integrated Ocean Management Plan (the ESSIM plan), a key milestone for the process, was released in June 2008. (Access online: <http://www.mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/oceans/e/essim/plan/essim-plansum-e.html>) The ESSIM plan has been developed and endorsed by the Stakeholder Advisory Council (SAC) and by the senior intergovernmental Maritime Provinces Regional Committee on Ocean Management. It contains 30 strategic objectives under the goals of collaborative governance and integrated management, sustainable human use, and healthy ecosystems. Implementation of this strategic level plan will occur primarily through sector led and multi-sector action plans.

As the steward of the ESSIM plan, the SAC will host the 4th ESSIM Forum Workshop. The workshop will be designed to both seek input and provide learning opportunities about integrated ocean and coastal management in our region. One of the main aims of the workshop is to identify the way forward and to focus on implementation of the ESSIM plan. A key component of implementation is marine spatial planning, an important and growing approach for integrated ocean and coastal management around the world. A focus session on marine spatial planning will feature presentations by Fanny Douvere and Charles Ehler who have been working with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to develop guidelines and best practices for marine spatial planning based on their examination of experiences around the world.

The workshop will also feature sessions on the following topics:

- Perspectives on integrated coastal management in Nova Scotia
- A focus on Sable Island
- Linkages between integrated ocean and coastal management and environmental assessment
- Case studies and experiences from other integrated management efforts
- Marine Protected Area network planning
- Information and mapping in support of integrated ocean and coastal management
- Priorities and opportunities for implementation of the ESSIM Plan

As part of the 4th ESSIM Forum Workshop, the ESSIM Planning Office is inviting individuals and/or organizations to provide poster displays on topics related to integrated ocean and coastal management.

Please note that participation at the workshop is open, but registration using the attached registration form is required. For more information on the 4th ESSIM Forum Workshop or if you are interested in poster display space, please contact Melanie MacLean – Tel: (902) 426-1446; E-mail: essim@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca – at the ESSIM Planning Office to make further arrangements. Deadline for registration and posters is **November 3rd, 2008**.



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FAX / MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

(Please note that participation is open with registration required by November 3, 2008)

Name: _____

Affiliation/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Tel #: _____

Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate your language requirements: _____

Please submit registration form by November 3, 2008 to:

E-mail: essim@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Fax: (902) 426-3855

Or mail to:

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