

Newfoundland

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Jun 2: Landmark new legislation took effect that lays the legal groundwork for the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland to work together to foster the development of offshore renewable energy in the province.

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May 30: To make life more affordable for residents, Newfoundland announced that it will officially eliminate its consumer tax on sugar sweetened beverage tax, effective July 1, 2025.

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Jun 18: The federal Ministry of Fisheries announced that it's increasing Newfoundland and Labrador's total allowable catch (TAC) for Northern cod in 2025 from 18,000 to 38,000 tonnes and keeping the TAC for Capelin at 14,533 tonnes. The total landed value of Northern cod in 2024 was approximately \$37.5 million.

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Jun 18: The federal government is launching a new voluntary pilot program giving tour boat operations certified by Transport Canada the flexibility to retain fish 7 days a week while eliminating the catch-and-release rules. Under the new tagging system, passengers can now keep 2 groundfish per day.

Training

Jun 11: Newfoundland will provide \$208,380 to fund the development of open access training "to equip restaurant staff with the tools to provide exemplary hospitality and service." The new program's name is the Customer Journey – Training Program for Newfoundland and Labrador Food and Beverage Sector.

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Jun 11: Newfoundland announced that it will invest nearly \$200,000 to develop a labour market strategy addressing HR challenges in the residential construction sector. The Canadian Home Builders Association of Newfoundland and Labrador will conduct research and public engagement to support the project.

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Jun 9: Newfoundland will provide over \$135,000 to TradesNL to carry out a comprehensive assessment of workforce availability across all construction sectors in the province, including industrial, commercial, and institutional construction, residential homebuilding, road construction, and non-union contractors. The first initiative will be a targeted industry survey to understand the current membership, workforce availability, and barriers to entry in the construction sectors.