

**Southwestern New Brunswick Marine Resources Planning
Initiative
Technical Working Group
Terms of Reference
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Purpose: To support the development of a Marine Resources Plan (PLAN) for the Southwest New Brunswick Bay of Fundy.

Roles and Responsibilities: The Technical Working Group (TWG), under the leadership of the Chair, will:

- provide advise, data, information and expertise relevant to the development of a Background Document and subsequent Marine Resources Plan (PLAN) for the Southwest New Brunswick Bay of Fundy.
- provide technical expertise in the form of mapping, data sharing, and reporting
- provide advice in regards to legislations, regulations and acts relevant to the planning process and PLAN development

Participants: The committee shall be comprised of individuals with expertise in cultural, ecological, socio-economic, science and regulatory/legislative aspects of marine resources and space use in Southwest New Brunswick Bay of Fundy. Members may be drawn from all levels of government, community, institutions, academia, and non-profit sectors.

It is recommended that the committee have a minimum of 6 participants at any given time, recognizing that technical and information requirements will vary depending on the development stage of the Background Document and PLAN.

Appointment of Participants: Participants will be suggested by the Marine Resources Planning Initiative Steering Committee (SC), government, participating TWG members, and selected by the Steering Committee Chair.

Participants will:

- work under the leadership of the Steering Committee and Chair to develop a Background Document for Public Consultation and subsequent PLAN
- report to respective agency managers and the Steering Committee as required
- effectively share respective data and work collaboratively with all SWNB MRP members for the greater good and best interest of Southwest New Brunswick Bay of Fundy
- meet as required to share and integrate information and data
- devote the time, energy, and resources required to the TWG