

PRESS RELEASE

Ocean Choice International welcomes today's announcement that Fisheries and Oceans Canada will be expanding the offshore clam fishery on Banquereau and Grand Banks.

Martin Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer of Ocean Choice International, commends the Government's decision to expand this important fishery.

"The decision to expand the Offshore Clam fishery will have very positive impact on rural communities in Newfoundland & Labrador and Nova Scotia. We would like to thank the Government for listening to stakeholders by growing this fishery while maintaining a strong commitment to sustainability of the resource."

Ocean Choice International exports a wide variety of fish & seafood products to countries around the world, and recognizes the strong economic potential for offshore clam products, particularly in Asia. Canada's strong free trade record allows companies like Ocean Choice to compete in markets around the world, a position that will only be strengthened by Canada's participation in the TPP.

"We are very excited to see that Canada is working to finalize the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The work done by this government, under Prime Minister Harper and Minister Fast, will ensure that even more people around the world will have access to high-quality Canadian seafood. The TPP will add to the benefits Atlantic Canada will see from both CETA and the CKFTA. Canada's leadership in the fish & seafood sector will continue to support jobs in rural coastal communities for generations to come."

About OCI

Ocean Choice International is one of Canada's leading vertically integrated seafood harvesting, processing and marketing companies with operations throughout Atlantic Canada and Sales & Marketing offices around the world. As one of Canada's largest wild fish quota holders OCI is a leader in fishing and processing technology and market development.

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