



## Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (**AAROM**) departments in Canada:

# An Overview

**AAROM departments are:** Indigenous led organizations experienced in the fields of technical and scientific capacity related to the management of fisheries, aquatic resources and oceans.

AAROM departments are Indigenous-led organizations providing Western and Indigenous scientific and technical services in areas such as: fisheries, aquatic resources, ocean science, aquaculture, habitat monitoring and restoration, geo-mapping, forestry, climate change monitoring and adaptation, and land management.

AAROM departments are typically organized around a watershed, and staffed by biologists, field technicians and other experts who conduct research, assessments and field work to provide information, and technical advice for member communities and partners.

AAROM departments exchange fisheries and resource management information through Indigenous-led or collaborative management forums. They also support Indigenous youth and community education and outreach programming to grow Indigenous knowledge and create the opportunity for careers in environmental science and management.

AAROM departments are independent Indigenous organizations who receive program support through the Fisheries and Oceans Canada AAROM program.

The work is performed to represent the needs and interests of member nations.



## Where are AAROMs located?

There are 33 AAROMS working in watershed areas across the country.

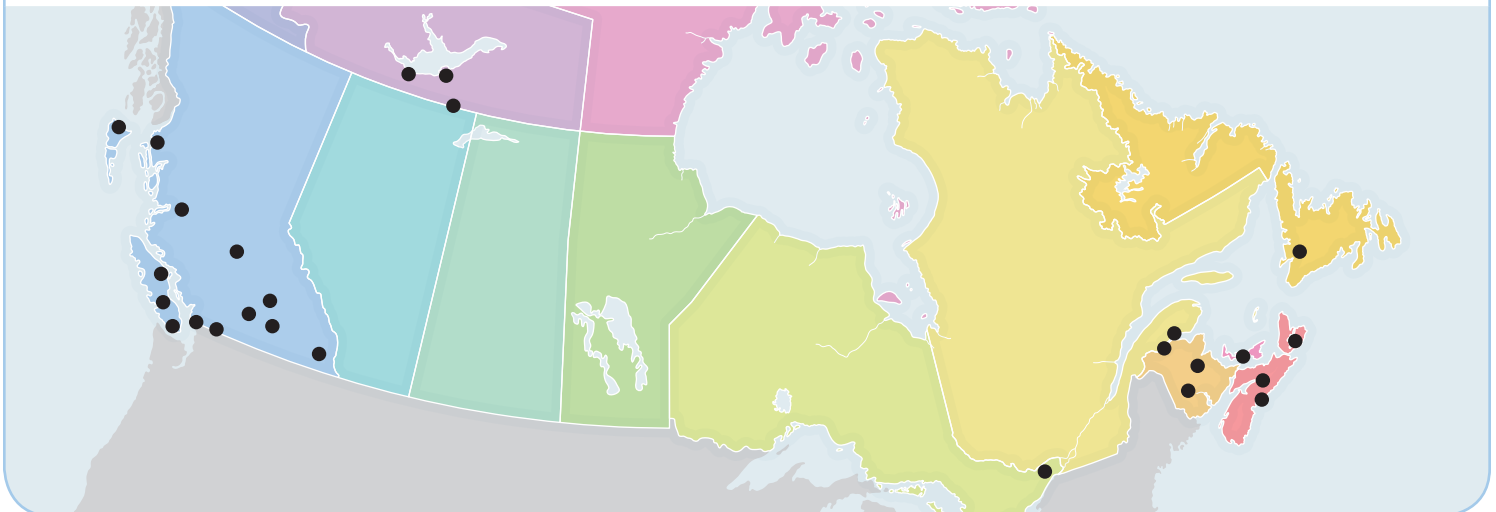
**15** in British Columbia

**1** in the Yukon

**3** in the Northwest Territories

**2** national organizations

**12** in Atlantic Canada/southern Quebec



# Why partner with an AAROM department?

The AAROM program is a valuable and largely ‘untapped’ resource for Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Its network of groups has the expertise and capacity to deliver ‘in the field’ science and technical services across Canada’s marine and fish-bearing waterways that will inform better decision making and forge closer relationships between the Department and Indigenous peoples and communities.

National Indigenous Fisheries Institute (NIFI)  
Indigenous Program Review: Phase 1 Final Report

**You can work with AAROM departments as partners or through contractual agreements on watershed, regional, and provincial level projects such as:**

- Bridging Indigenous and Western knowledge and ways of knowing
- Project management and planning
- Habitat assessment, monitoring and restoration
- Conducting research
- Providing scientific and technical advice
- Leading education and outreach initiatives
- Creating and implementing youth engagement and youth programs

**AAROM departments have collaboration experience with a range of sectors including:**

- Indigenous organizations, such as Tribal Councils
- Governments:
  - Federal departments such as Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Coast Guard Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, Indigenous Services Canada, and Parks Canada
  - Provincial, territorial and municipal governments
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Academic institutions
- Industry

## Want to know more?

[www.aarom.ca](http://www.aarom.ca)

This website is a platform to promote and showcase the skills and expertise of AAROM departments across Canada.

Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management  
– Discussion paper,  
*by the National Indigenous Fisheries Institute*

Indigenous Program Review,  
Phase One Final Report,  
*by the National Indigenous Fisheries Institute*

Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and  
Oceans Management (AAROM) program,  
*Fisheries and Oceans Canada*

## Get in touch!

Learn more about the skills and expertise of AAROM departments through their website profiles listed here:

<https://aarom.ca/aarom-department-profiles>

Contact information is provided on the website for each independent AAROM department.