Observers of the NL fishery are perplexed by the provincial govt's <u>apparent reaction</u> to the recent study headed by MUN business professor Clift. The Clift report called for massive cuts in harvesting and processing sectors that would affect all those directly involved in the fishery. The harvesters and the processors agreed with the report. First, the provincial govt sat on the report and then after repeated demands they made it public. The Minister, Clyde Jackman, made it clear that the NL govt did not accept the report's recommendations. He subsequently met with union and processor reps and tossed the hot potato back into their laps, which is where the the thing started a couple of years ago. If the govt does not accept the package of recommendations, then it is incumbent upon the Minister and the Premier to bring forth an alternative restructuring plan.

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