

Are NL fisheries doomed?

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In St. John's this week at the AGM mtg of the Canadian Fisheries Research Network, I have heard disturbing rumours that Ocean Choice International has made a special arrangement with the Spanish to harvest OCI flatfish quotas on the Grand Banks. This rumour is circulating in the context of OCI's decision to close fish processing plants at Marystown and Port Union. If true, this will be the death knell for a large portion of the fishery in NL. It will also violate every tenet of Canadian fisheries policy and the province's fish processing policies. Who is allowing a Canadian company to take a resource that belongs to the people of Canada and turn it over to Spanish pirates who have raped and pillaged the straddling fish stocks for decades? This is an abuse of everything Canadians fought for when we extended fisheries jurisdiction. Who will stand up and put an end to this outrage????

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