

N.B. Fisheries minister slams crab quota cuts

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New Brunswick Fisheries Minister Rick Doucet slammed the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in a presentation to a parliamentary standing committee in Moncton , blaming DFO's mismanagement of the crab industry as the sole reason for its current woes. DFO cut the snow crab quota by 63 per cent this year, causing extensive upheaval among fishing groups and fish plant workers.

N.B. Minister Rick Doucet said DFO Minister Gail Shea ignored the advice of her scientists in previous years. They had recommended cutting the quota progressively to take into account declining stocks.

Doucet stated that the federal minister has too much discretion when it comes to setting quotas for snow crab and other species. He called for the federal minister to be stripped of the power to set quotas.

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