

North Atlantic Fisheries Ministers PEI Meeting a Waste of Money

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Fisheries Minister Gail Shea hosted her counterparts from the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway and the Russian Federation as well as a representative of the European Union at a meeting in PEI this past week. While not equivalent to the billion-dollar boondoggle in Toronto, the Ministers could have served their constituents better by staying home. Why did I reach this conclusion? Simple. The Conference results were summarized as follows: "Countries from around the North Atlantic pledged Thursday to work together to record and report accurately how many fish each country is actually catching." This was summarized in a [Press Release](#)

entitled: Accurate Catch Reporting is a Foundation for Sustainable and Responsible Management. Is there anyone in the world familiar with fisheries who didn't know this decades ago? The Ministers would better channel their energies by actually managing their fisheries sustainably instead of repeating platitudes.

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