

## COASTAL CHANNEL BLOCKAGES PROCEDURES



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Any removal of coastal sediment must be clearly linked to the preservation of a fishery resource.

The following procedures should be followed by groups wishing to re-open a blocked channel:

1. Inform DFO and NSEL when a channel has become blocked and it is felt to be adversely effecting fish migrations. The location, size, and time of year should be considered in determining if the blockage represents a direct threat to a fishery resource.
2. AF / DFO shall assess the impact on the fishery resource of the proposed channel opening.
3. If a positive impact on the fishery resource is anticipated, advice on options for removal may be obtained from the Northern Region, Truro Office, NSEL. This discussion should also include DNR Regional Office staff. An approval for dredge spoils for the disposal of coastal sediment may be required from NSEL where large volumes of material are involved.
4. Request permission (include comment from DFO / AF and NSEL) from DNR to remove the blockage.
5. Remove blockage once permission is granted.

\*NOTE\*      DFO - Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
                  NSEL-      Department of Environment and Labour  
                  AF -     Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

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