

Subject: Loyola Hearn Minister of Fisheries & Oceans

Loyola Hearn was appointed Minister of Fisheries & Oceans to-day. Mr. Hearn has been a federal MP since 2000. He represents the riding of St. John's South – Mount Pearl, NL. Prior to becoming a federal MP, Mr. Hearn was a NL provincial MP from 1982-1993. He served as NL's Education Minister from 1985-1989.

Mr. Hearn studied at Memorial University of Newfoundland and the University of New Brunswick. After graduating from Memorial he returned to teach in the fishing village where he was born, Renewals,

Here's the new Fisheries Minister's Web site. See esp. the sections titled "Hearn in Parliament," "Committee", and "News Releases" for more on his track record and fisheries-related concerns. <http://www.loyolahearn.nf.net/>

Mr. Harper's government will be guided by 6 Cabinet Committees - Priorities & Planning; Operations; Treasury Board; Social Affairs; Economic Affairs; and Foreign Affairs & National Security

Fisheries and Oceans Minister Hearn will sit on three of the Committees:

Operations – provides day-to-day coordination of the gov't's agenda, including issues management, legislation and house planning, and communications.

Economic Affairs – considers economic growth, international trade, sustainable development, natural resources, fisheries, agriculture, energy, transport, infrastructure and communities, and regional development policy issues.

Foreign Affairs & National Security – considers foreign affairs, international development, security, and defense policy issues.

Keep our fingers crossed there is a more progressive approach to fisheries and economics!

Mike