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Chiefs boycotting DFO policy review

An organization representing First Nations chiefs in Atlantic Canada says it is concerned about the proposed Atlantic Fisheries Policy Review of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the implications of participating in the consultation process, which begins in Dartmouth, N.S. today.

The Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat says the discussion paper does not go far enough to ensure Mi'kmaq, Maliseet and Passamaquoddy people have a key role in the joint management of the Atlantic fishery.

The Atlantic chiefs have asked their members not to participate in the consultation process. "There is serious concern that, as in past dealings with DFO, our input will be distorted in a way that fits their agenda," the chiefs group said in a release

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