



## Ministers sign agreement on fisheries and sealing development

**Happy Valley-Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (June 23, 2008)** – Nunavut’s Environment Minister Olayuk Akesuk and Nunatsiavut’s Minister of Lands and Resources William Barbour today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to cooperate on fisheries and sealing development.

“Both sides recognize the importance of the development of commercial fisheries and sealing to the economies of Nunavut and Nunatsiavut. We have a mutual interest in promoting these industries and, in many cases, we have similar issues so it only makes sense to coordinate our resources.” said Minister Akesuk.

The three year MOU was signed during Expo Labrador 2008 trade exhibition and conference. Both parties will work with harvesters, processors, markets and communities to explore fisheries and sealing development and diversification opportunities. The governments of Nunavut and Nunatsiavut will also work together on sharing essential information on fisheries and sealing such as quotas, fisheries training and responses to animal rights groups.

“Both Nunatsiavut and Nunavut are rich in culture and resources,” said Minister Barbour. “We look forward to working with each other under this MOU to promote all aspects of fisheries and sealing developments.”

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