

Environmental Governance in the Gulf of St Lawrence

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Academia
Practitioners
Deliverable outcomes: Book, working papers
Workshops, website



Our previous research work

PETER

- Aboriginal hunting in northern Canada
- Forest management
- Inter-industry political advocacy
- Scotian Shelf petroleum
- Freshwater politics

MARIO

- Groundwater politics & management
- Water permitting
- Fisheries networks
- Tire recycling
- Waste diversion
- Disabilities policy

An interdisciplinary project, anchored in Political Science

- environmental governance as an emerging priority
- the value of the 'regional scale'
- a need to embrace structures, ideas and networks
- environmental governance is currently practiced in a variety of policy contexts
- the logic of each sector is distinct
- managing boundaries and overlaps is key

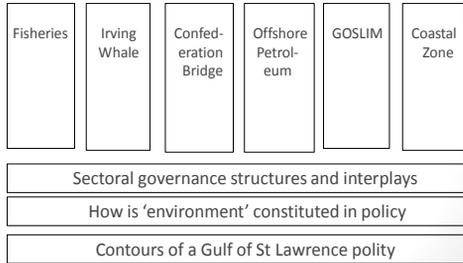
Why the Gulf of St Lawrence

- an inland sea
- a multi-jurisdictional setting
- a coastal polity (emerging pol. community)
- an ocean ecology
- relatively autonomous policy sectors
- segmented & disjointed environmental structures

Environmental Governance

- governance: an articulation of state and societal interests
- how is Gulf environmental governance constituted?
- the Gulf as a governance laboratory: what mechanisms?
- controlled comparison by subsector
- 6 deep case studies
- a search for non-traditional governance mechanisms

Vertical and horizontal intersections



New Gulf Governance Entities?

SOME POSSIBILITIES

- Intergovernmental
 - dedicated ministerial or official collaboration
- Macro-societal representation
 - a Peoples or Civic forum
- Deeper intra-sectoral policy linkages
 - enhanced network relations; co-management
- Deeper inter-sectoral policy linkages
 - accommodating overlaps; cumulative impacts
- New governing instruments
 - third-party certification, social partnerships

...need more information?

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