

ARCTIC COAST - CHESTERFIELD INLET

COMMUNITY-BASED SUMMER FIELDWORK

JULY—OCT
2025
RESULTS



Project Highlights

- Technicians completed days of field work at 3 sites that were chosen by the AHTO and sampled in previous years
- Fish, invertebrates and environmental data were collected at all 3 sites
- 19 Arctic Char, 17 Greenland Cod, and 17 Shorthorn Sculpin were captured these will be processed for samples (tissues, stomach, and otoliths for ageing)
- Water profiler collected ocean chemistry data at all sites
- Timelapse camera set up to take pictures of the ice formation and breakup over time (1 photo ever 12 hours)
- 45 bottom grab samples will be used to study the seafloor habitat as a part of a collaboration with the University of Manitoba
- Results meeting with the HTO and community and winter fieldwork planned for February 2026!

- The summer fieldwork was conducted near Chesterfield Inlet, NU between July 23rd — October 16th, 2025

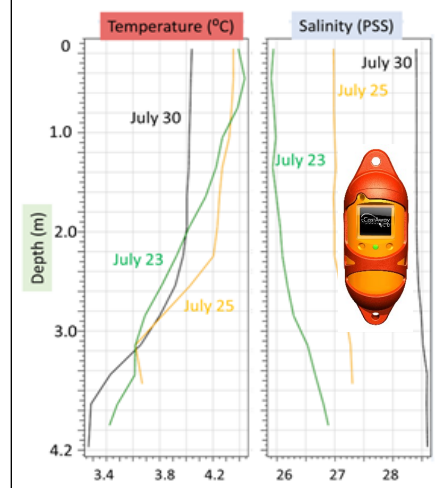
The objectives this year were to:

- Expand on baseline work started in 2023, review protocols and provide training to technicians
- Complete a survey using standardized methods at sites chosen by the AHTO
- Collect environmental data for water (temperature/salinity) at individual sites
- Collect fishes to investigate biodiversity, diet, and habitat use
- Collect invertebrates from the sea floor and sediment samples to study their habitat

DFO staff & Field Crew: D. McNicholl, S. Aggark, A. Alogut, J. Andrews



Fishes collected by gillnet near town, to be dissected and studied to better understand the food web



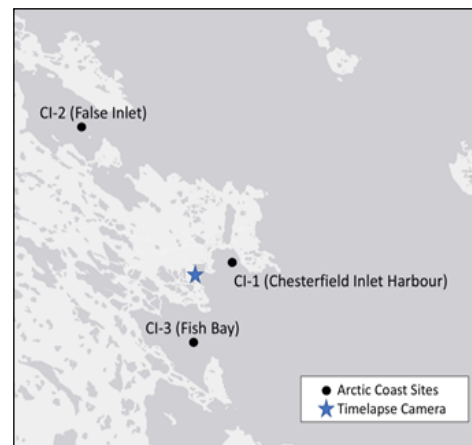
CTD Castaway temperature and salinity data at every 1m depth taken on 3 dates at site CI1

The Arctic Coast team thanks the Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization for their support this summer and the hard work of technicians Simon Aggark, Aaron Alogut, and Mike Simik this season

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Bottom grabs of mud and invertebrates will be used to create baseline data of biodiversity and habitats



Sites selected by the Aqigiq HTO

