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Bio:

Dr. Katherine Morton Richards (she/her) is a settler researcher and assistant professor in the department of sociology. Raised on the Pacific Ocean on unceded Nuu Chah Nulth and Coast Salish territory, and now working on unceded Mi'kmaq territory, her work centers on settler colonialism, identity, and the Canadian State. Recently, Katherine has been investigating Indigenous species management knowledges and practices, with an emphasis on Indigenous rights to fishing. With a recent archival project on the newspaper coverage of the cod moratorium in Newfoundland and Labrador, Katherine investigates the places where Indigenous species management was ignored, criticized, or largely excluded from the settler discourse.

Title:

Indigenous Species Management, Stewardship, and Reconciliation: Lessons from East Coast Fisheries

Short Abstract:

Both historically and in the present day, Indigenous fisheries management is often ignored or misunderstood by settler colonial Canada. Greater awareness and collaboration will not only reduce the anti-Indigenous discrimination faced by many within fisheries, but also will help to build collaboration between Indigenous knowledge keepers and those working in conservation and species management. Reconciliation is not only a process much needed within land based industries, institutions, and networks. It is also necessary to consider how reconciliation can be undertaken in terms of ocean species management and sustainability. By examining traditional Indigenous fisheries in Newfoundland and Labrador and in Nova Scotia, this research unpacks the points of intersection between Indigenous species management, contemporary challenges in sustainability, and the role of colonialism.