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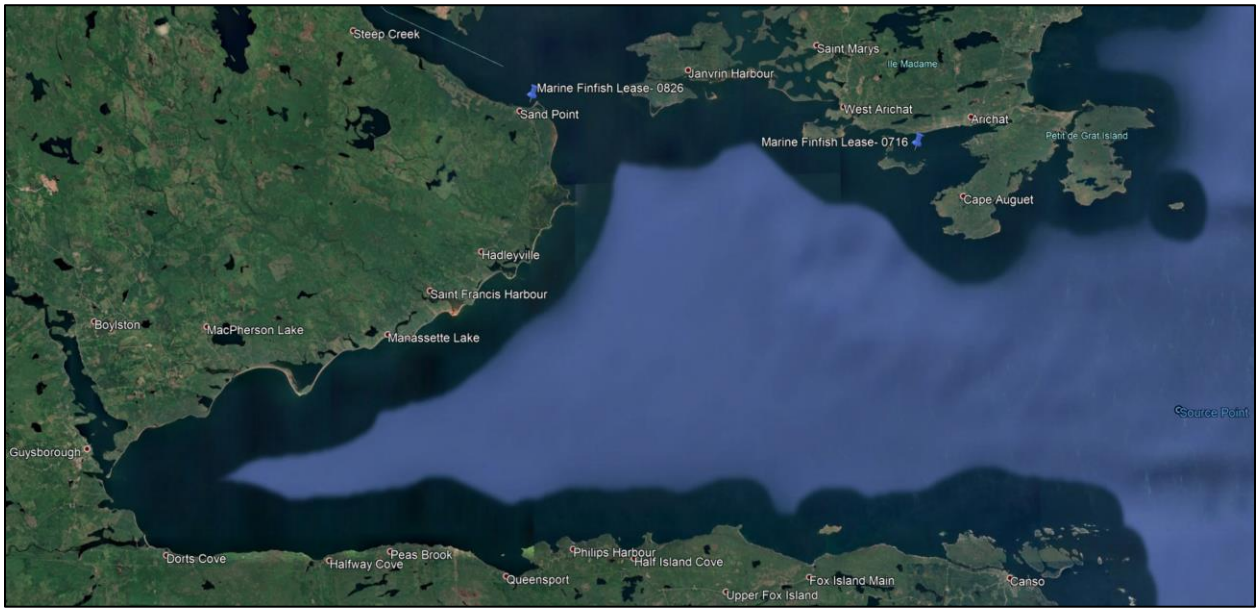
Executive Summary

In support of Centre for Marine Applied Research (CMAR), the following report presents wind and wave conditions at two finfish lease locations in Chedabucto Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada.

In this report, wave and wind conditions are presented for the 2 leases (as indicated in the figure below):

- Marine Finfish Lease- 0716: 45° 30.055'N, 61° 2.590'W.
- Marine Finfish Lease- 0826: 45° 31.289'N, 61° 15.241'W.



To determine the wave field evolution closer to shore at a specific site, and to determine more accurate 10 and 50 year return period wave data, near shore wave modelling can be used. For the Chedabucto Bay area, STWave was used to model the wave conditions inside the bay. The results showed reduced wave heights, in comparison to the hindcast source point which is located at the eastern entrance to the bay, due to depth induced energy dissipation (bottom friction, breaking). The STWave model results are determined using wind and wave boundary condition data from the MSC50 HindCast model of a nearby offshore location. The extreme wave conditions at the lease locations are determined in part by propagating wave from the offshore hindcast model location into the site of interested.

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For the finfish lease locations in Chedabucto Bay shown in Figure 1, wind and wave conditions have been estimated. The following presents data on the predicted 10 and 50 year wind and wave conditions at these locations.

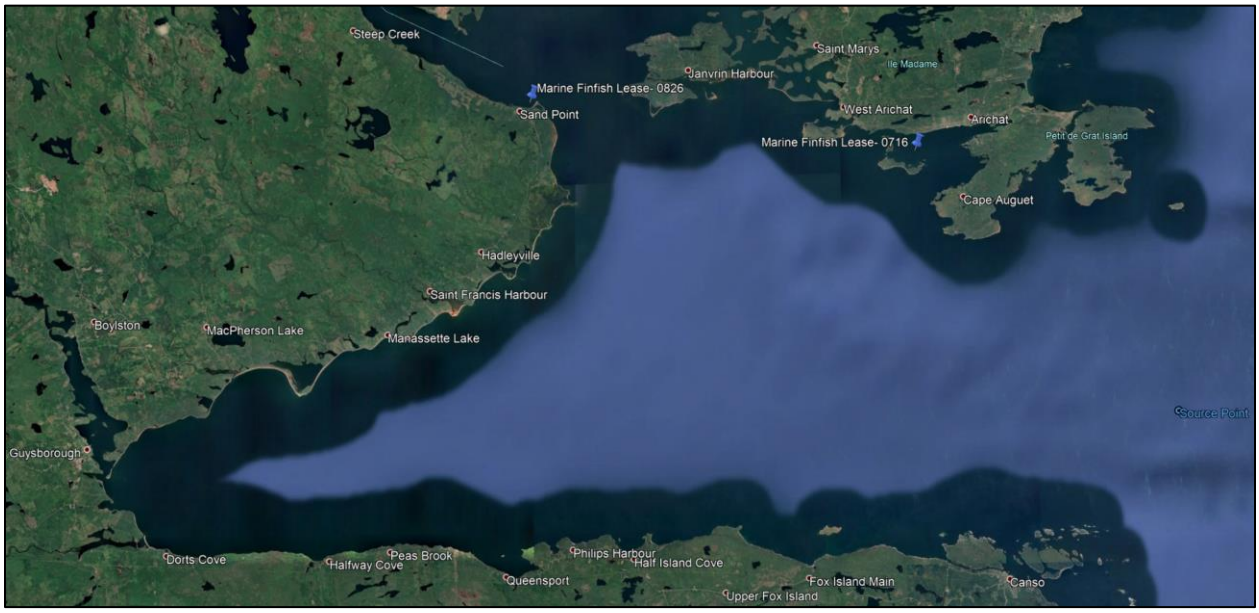


Figure 1 Two (2) finfish lease locations at Chedabucto Bay [4]

Chedabucto Bay is overall protected from offshore waves by surrounding lands, but is vulnerable to waves from east and southeast which will travel directly into the bay, as can be seen in Figure 2. These waves are expected to lose energy by travelling into shallower waters. Detailed wave modelling is required to determine the amount of energy lost and wave height reduction. The lease locations considered here are generally protected from swell so wave effects will be predominantly due to wind-generated waves.

Figure 2 Chedabucto Bay, Nova Scotia, Canada

The context of this project is that extreme wind and wave conditions are needed to select engineering load cases for those wishing to install finfish or shellfish farms in the area. For example, extreme environmental conditions with minimum 10-year and 50-year return periods are required for the design of a marine fish farm site, as per guidance in the Scottish technical standard [2] and NS9415 [3]. While the locations assessed as part of this modeling exercise are actual aquaculture site locations, the data produced for these locations is useful for understanding the approximate wave climate in the region and can be used to evaluate any proposals for sites in the area. Understanding the wind and wave climates at aquaculture sites is important for mitigating risks.

1.2 Objective(s)

- Determine wave/wind conditions at two finfish lease locations in Chedabucto Bay and find the conditions with 10 and 50 year return periods.

2 Abbreviations and acronyms

DSA	Dynamic Systems Analysis Ltd.
SMS	Surface-water Modeling System
CMAR	Centre for Marine Applied Research
CHS	Canadian Hydrographic Services

3 Reference documents and drawings

[1]	Report-DSA-CMAR-19EXM-Chedabucto Bay Wind and Wave Conditions RevB.0.pdf
[2]	Marine Scotland. (2015). A Technical Standard for Scottish Finfish Aquaculture. Ministerial Group for Sustainable Aquaculture's Scottish Technical Standard Steering Group
[3]	Norge, S. (2009). Norwegian Standard NS 9415. E: 2009. Marine Fish Farms—Requirements for Site Survey, Risk Analyses, Design, Dimensioning, Production, Installation and Operation. *Standard Norge, Lysaker*.
[4]	CMAR Approved sites -RevB.kmz

4 Wave conditions

4.1 Overview

SMS version 12.2.13 was used to setup the bathymetric and computational grid. This section provides a description of the grid size, mesh size and offshore environmental conditions. Site bathymetry is provided in Figure 3. Note that a CHS hydrographic chart is used to generate the bathymetric data for wave modeling. More details regarding the wave modeling description, boundary conditions, and the source point are available in Chedabucto Bay wind and wave modeling report [1].

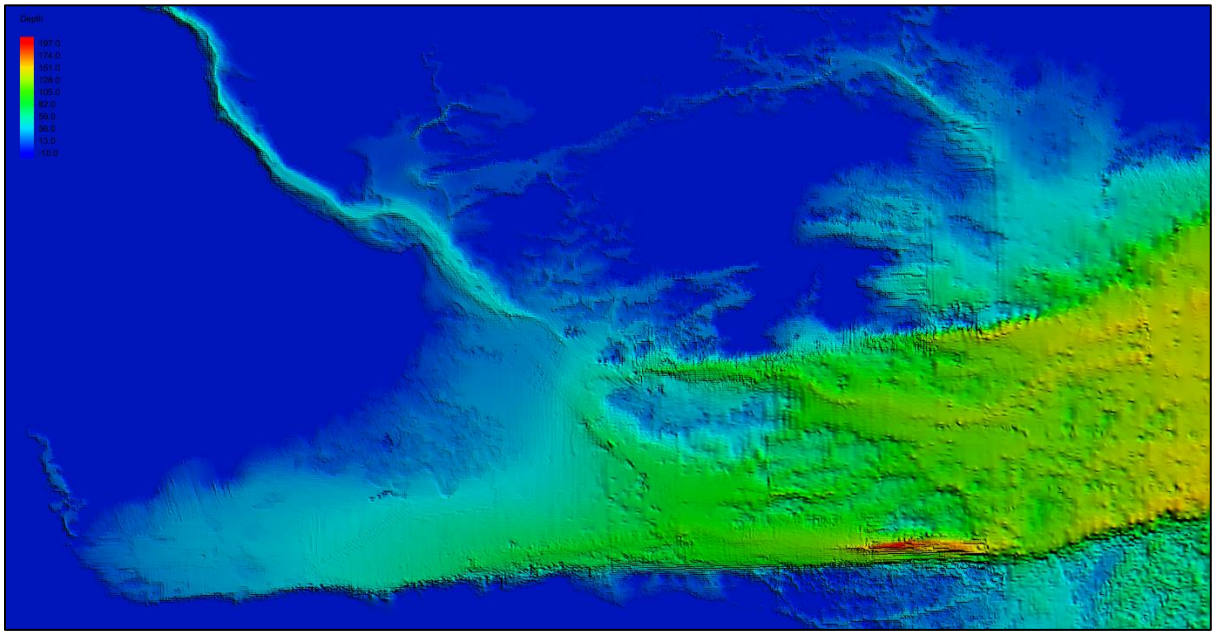


Figure 3 Bathymetry at site on hydrographic charts- Depth reported in meters

4.2 Wave/wind conditions for Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0716

The wave and wind results from the STWave model, for the Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0716, are summarized in Table 1. Note that the results in Table 1 indicate significant wave height (Hs) and peak period (T_P) for the selected site. These represent the extreme wave conditions at this coordinate: 45° 30.055'N, 61° 2.590'W.

Table 1 Estimated wave and wind design conditions for Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0716

Wave/Wind conditions	Direction [from] [°]		Wind (m/s)	Hs (m)	Tp (s)
10yr wave/wind	*0*	N	23.52	0.42	1.83
	23	NNE	23.8	0.33	1.85
	45	NE	22.32	0.46	2.7
	68	ENE	23.2	0.63	2.5
	90	E	22.37	0.67	2.42
	113	ESE	23.34	0.53	2.48
	135	SE	22.92	0.46	1.97
	158	SSE	22.62	0.38	1.85
	180	S	22.26	0.36	1.8
	203	SSW	21.2	0.23	2.32
	225	SW	21.92	0.29	2.79
	248	WSW	22.56	0.39	2.65
	270	W	23.39	0.47	2.2
	293	WNW	24.37	0.48	2.19
	315	NW	23.61	0.48	1.95
	338	NNW	22.14	0.39	1.83
50yr wave/wind	*0*	N	27.3	0.5	1.92
	23	NNE	28.22	0.42	1.95
	45	NE	26.1	0.55	2.89
	68	ENE	27	0.76	2.67
	90	E	26.22	0.8	2.6
	113	ESE	26.62	0.62	2.63
	135	SE	26.34	0.53	2.05
	158	SSE	25.57	0.44	1.9
	180	S	25.32	0.42	1.86
	203	SSW	25.1	0.3	2.42
	225	SW	25	0.33	2.81
	248	WSW	25.67	0.43	2.62

	270	W	26.28	0.52	2.2
	293	WNW	27.62	0.55	2.32
	315	NW	26.38	0.54	2.04
	338	NNW	24.8	0.45	1.89

It should be noted that the return periods indicated for each wave parameter in Table 1 are representative of the boundary condition used to derive that value, not the value itself. Polar plots for maximum wave heights are presented in Figure 4 and Figure 5.

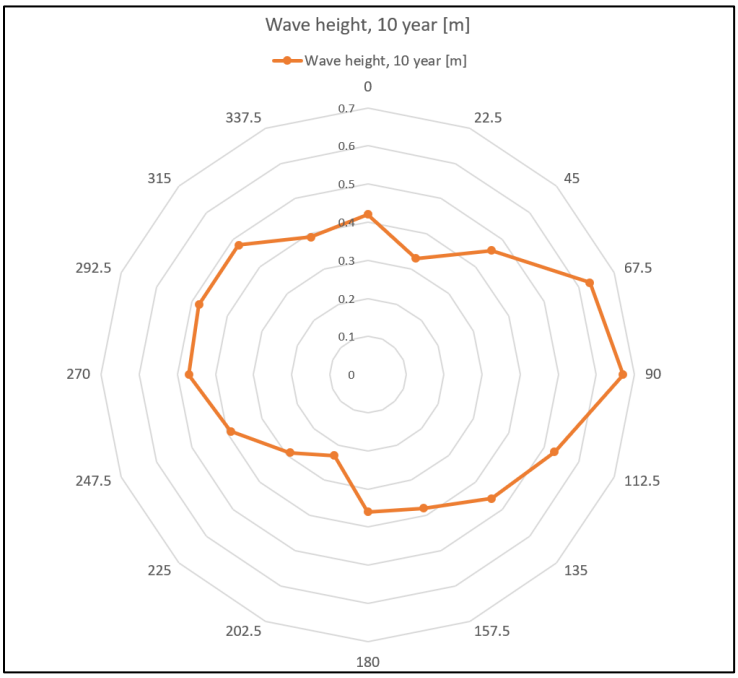


Figure 4 Maximum wave height at 10 year return period and direction [from]- Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0716

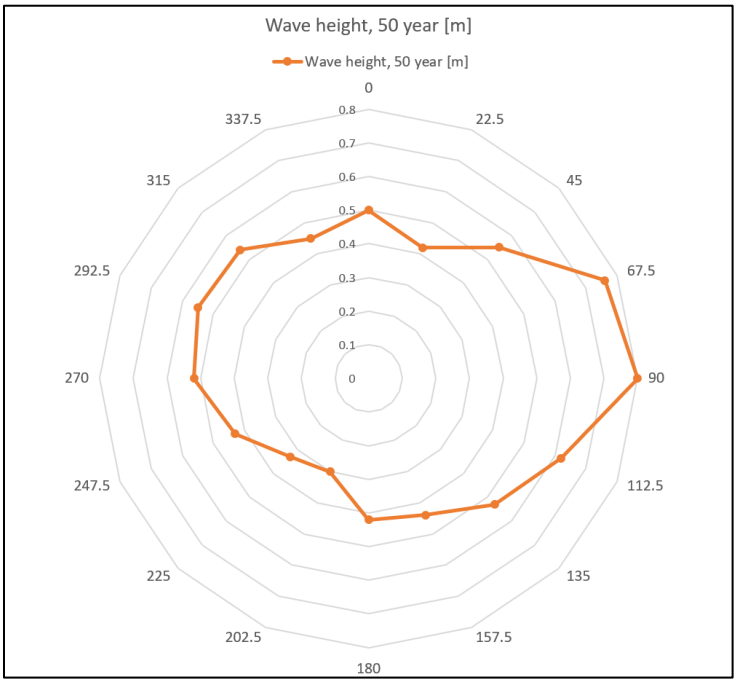


Figure 5 Maximum wave height at 50 year return period and direction [from]- Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0716

4.3 Wave/wind conditions for Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0826

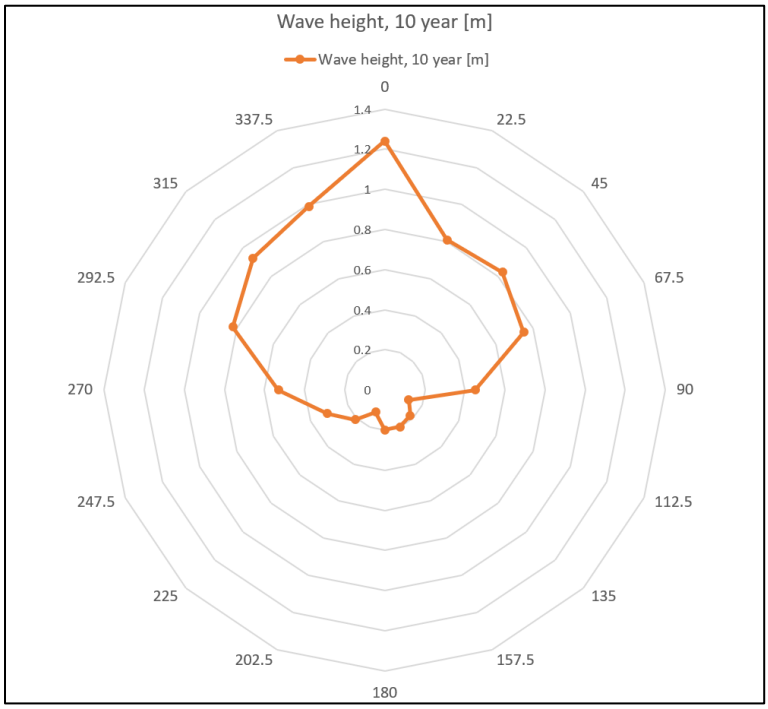
The wave and wind results from the STWave model, for the Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0826, are summarized in Table 2. Note that the results in Table 2 indicate significant wave height (Hs) and peak period (T_P) for the selected site. These represent the extreme wave conditions at this coordinate: 45° 31.289'N, 61° 15.241'W.

Table 2 Estimated wave and wind design conditions for Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0826

Wave/Wind conditions	Direction [from] [°]		Wind (m/s)	Hs (m)	Tp (s)
10yr wave/wind	*0*	N	23.52	1.24	3.33
	23	NNE	23.8	0.81	2.87
	45	NE	22.32	0.83	3.02
	68	ENE	23.2	0.75	2.8
	90	E	22.37	0.45	2.45
	113	ESE	23.34	0.13	1.97
	135	SE	22.92	0.18	1.47
	158	SSE	22.62	0.2	1.42
	180	S	22.26	0.2	1.38

	203	SSW	21.2	0.12	1.18
	225	SW	21.92	0.21	2.34
	248	WSW	22.56	0.31	2.22
	270	W	23.39	0.53	2.77
	293	WNW	24.37	0.82	3.3
	315	NW	23.61	0.93	3.51
	338	NNW	22.14	0.99	3.25
50yr wave/wind	*0*	N	27.3	1.47	3.55
	23	NNE	28.22	0.98	3.1
	45	NE	26.1	0.98	3.18
	68	ENE	27	0.88	2.93
	90	E	26.22	0.52	2.54
	113	ESE	26.62	0.18	1.31
	135	SE	26.34	0.22	1.6
	158	SSE	25.57	0.24	1.5
	180	S	25.32	0.24	1.46
	203	SSW	25.1	0.16	1.29
	225	SW	25	0.25	2.5
	248	WSW	25.67	0.36	2.34
	270	W	26.28	0.6	3.31
	293	WNW	27.62	0.94	3.48
	315	NW	26.38	1.05	3.68
	338	NNW	24.8	1.12	3.41

It should be noted that the return periods indicated for each wave parameter in Table 2 are representative of the boundary condition used to derive that value, not the value itself. Polar plots for maximum wave heights are presented in Figure 6 and Figure 7.



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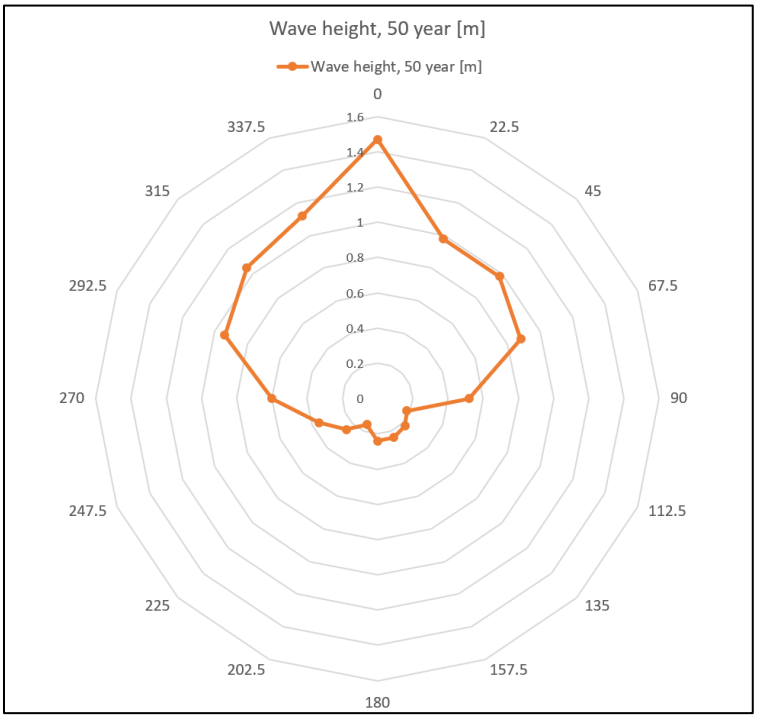

Figure 7 Maximum wave height at 50 year return period and direction [from]- Chedabucto Bay– Marine Finfish Lease 0826