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New short film advocates for sustainable Greenlandic halibut fishery

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Nuuk -- A new short film released by Oceans North on Monday February 1 outlines what can be done to ensure a sustainable halibut fishery in Greenland. The inshore halibut fishery is one of Greenland's most important resources and the primary economic livelihood for many fishermen in northwestern communities. Sustainable management of this valuable resource will benefit Greenlandic society in the long term.

So what is the recipe for long-term success? How do we support the fishers' way of life, help local communities thrive, and nurture healthy fish populations? To bring attention to these important questions, Oceans North has produced a short film in Greenlandic that address these issues. The short film comes in the wake of the process that Greenland has already initiated with the Fisheries Commission to rethink and reform the fishery.

"We hope this evocative short film will foster discussion and constructive dialogue about developing a sustainable halibut fishery," said Parnuna Egede Dahl, a consultant with Oceans North who worked on the manuscript and production of the short film in collaboration with the Canadian *Build Films*.

Previously, Oceans North presented the current Fisheries Commission with a number of concrete recommendations on, among other things, sustainable principles, management plans, scientific advice, gathering of local knowledge, proposals for socio-economic analyses, the licensing and quota system, and the impact of fisheries on the seabed.

Oceans North is ready to engage in dialogue with fisheries partners and share our experience in working on such issues with local communities and government officials in Arctic and Atlantic Canada.

Oceans North is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that promotes ocean protection as well as sustainable use of the marine living resources in partnership with Indigenous Peoples and local coastal communities. Based in Canada, Oceans North also maintains an office and staff in Nuuk and has worked on projects in Greenland since 2010, including the promotion of sustainable fisheries reform, reviews of contingency plans for oil spills, and supporting the

Pikialasorsuaq Commission's work on a Canada-Greenland strategy for the future of the North Water Polynya.

The short film will be shown on KNR under Citizen Information and will also be available on Oceans North's website and on social media.

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