# **DFO Science Vessel Charters**

Great Lakes Laboratory for Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences

#### Projects

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- <u>No existing</u> supported DFO Great Lakes projects
  - No mandated stock assessments
  - Ad hoc projects occur under Great Lake Water Quality Agreement or independently funded collaborative work
- Research
  - On station chemistry/plankton/benthos sampling
  - Fish tagging/measurement
  - Mooring deployment for temperature/oxygen measurements
  - Acoustic receiver deployment/retrieval

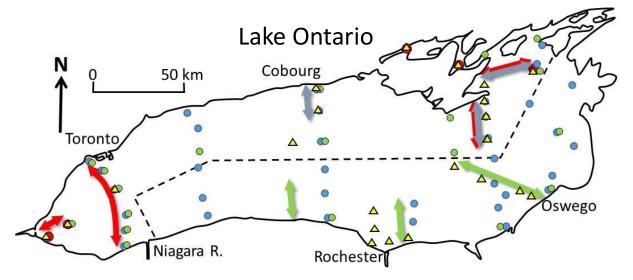
#### Vessels Used

- Science platform ships
  - On-station sampling of water and organisms (winches/davits)
  - Towing of science instruments
- Commercial fishing vessels for forage fishes
  - Midwater trawling
  - Benthic trawling

## Area of Operation

- Research Projects (day trips or overnight)
  - Generally on a single Great Lake
    - Primarily Lake Ontario
  - Some projects use 24 hr operations





### Personnel Onboard

- Research Projects (day trips or overnight)
  - 1-3 DFO science staff

Timing

- Research Projects
  - Generally days 1 week
  - Sampling may take place several times per year (up to 3)