

Greenland's fisheries

*The past, present, and future of
development politics and policies*

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Danish *welfare* vs. Greenlandic *wellbeing*

- Centralization initiatives of 1950s-70s (G50 & G60)
 - Aim of building fishing industry in 'open-water towns'
 - Closure of small settlements → 'forced' resettlement of >1000 individuals
 - Disinvestment in small settlements



- *Danish conceptualization of 'welfare,' intentions, and assumptions of policies*
- *'Welfare' vs. 'wellbeing' (both definition in literature & by Greenlanders)*
- *Whether intended policy outcomes were ever realized*
 - *Did policies increase welfare/wellbeing among relocated families or, as most scholars propose, did they contribute to emergence and persistence of societal problems?*

ITQs and sustainability

- ITQs to be introduced into coastal halibut fishery in 2023
- Step towards sustainable management to increase long-run profitability
 - MSC eco-certification for 'sustainability'
 - Less focus on sustainability and wellbeing of *fishery*
 - Unclear how managers plan to balance protecting communities with conserving stock
- *Anticipated effects of ITQs on coastal livelihoods in Western Greenland*
- *How policy-makers plan to manage the inevitable exit of fishers*
- *Fishers' level of awareness of likely ITQ consequences, how they feel about decision, and whether (how) they are preparing*