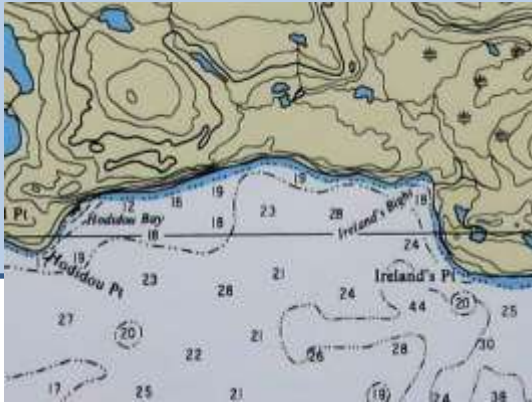
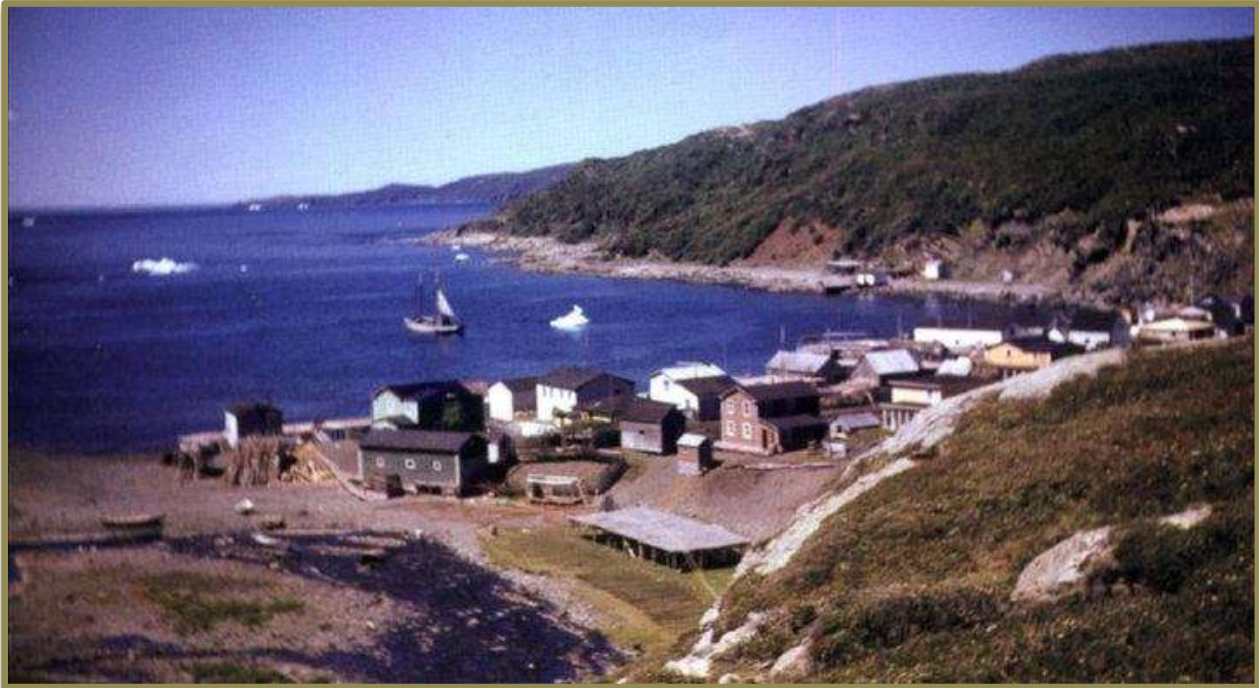


# *Ireland Bight*



## Ireland Bight: a resettled community Dick Reid



Ireland Bight. Photo contributed by Sam Elliott.

When young Dick Reid lived in Ireland Bight there were 13 households, a school and a church. He was a teenager when the community was resettled sometimes around 1963. Most people, like the Reid family, moved to St. Anthony. Dick remembers that a man named George Dawe moved also, but he chose to float his house to St. Anthony rather than to rebuild. A few other residents floated their houses to Goose Cove, and settled there.

Dick remembers that Hare Bay was always good for salmon, and there were quite a few salmon berths at Ireland Bight.



Packing salmon L-R May Reid, Maria Cull, Edward and Harvey Dawe circa 1930s. The men used a large grinder to grind iceberg ice and packed salmon in boxes with ice. Photo contributed by Ruby Johnson.

The Draw System was never in effect because most fishermen were hook & line and there was no competition for berths.

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Fish on the flake, 1929. L-R Levi Reid, Elijah Fennemore, Lydia Reid, her son George, and Levi Reid.



Dipping cod out of a cod bag. The punt is on one side and men on shore support the other side.



Dipping fish from a punt



Men on the beach



L-R Jim Puddicombe, Levi Reid, William Reid, Bill Patey, Garland Reid, Jeremiah Strangemore, Harvey Dawe (plaid shirt) and Richard Ropson



Men sitting in a boat



Scooping fish from a net

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Fish flake at Ireland Bight



Ireland Bight circa 1950s



Ireland Bight in winter. Photo by Ross Adams circa 1950s



Lydia Reid and Bertha Reid making lye soap: boiling it in an iron pot.





Spreading capelin to dry on flakes



Men pronging fish

## Ireland Bight Trap Berths

1. Devil's Cove Upper Berth was fished by Garland Reid (Dick Reid's father). Devil's Cove Lower Berth was fished by the Reids. They were both prime berths, and were used by fishers at Ireland Bight. After resettlement they were allotted to fishers at Goose Cove.
2. Swiler's Cove at Ireland Head. Fished by Elijah Patey. This cove is where seals were brought to shore during the seal hunt.
3. Flourish Cove. Fished by Elijah Patey and the Dawe Family. There were gardens at this location.
4. Little Point Berth. Possibly fished by the Dawe Family.
5. High Point. Fished by Elijah Patey (apparently he fished with small traps).
6. Blow Point. Fished by George Reid (the skipper) and his brother Garland. The winds were always strong there; hence the name.

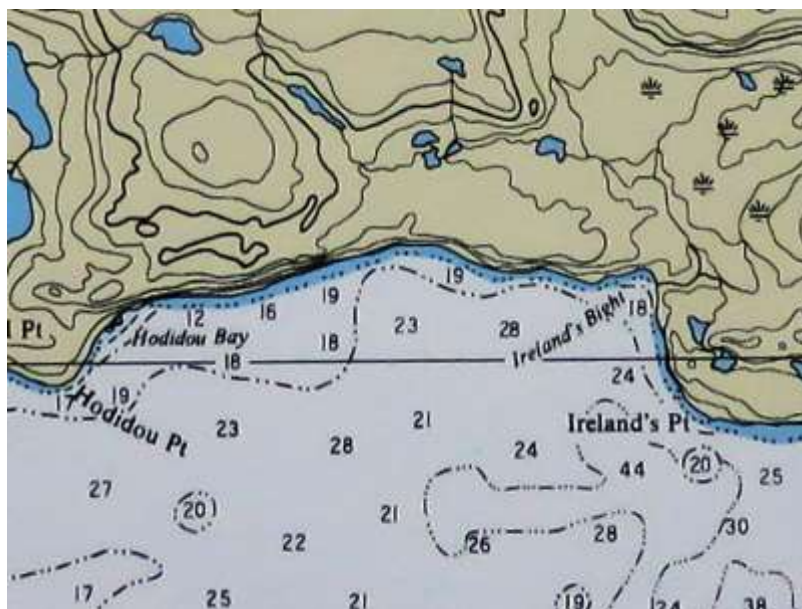


Figure 1 Ireland Bight nautical chart