CHAPTER 3

INFLUENCE OF THE SEA
For nearly 300 years,
- Fishery was migratory and seasonal
- Conducted by Europeans from late spring to early fall

A settled population began to emerge by early 1600s

Migratory fishery pretty much disappeared by 1800s

WHY???
Why did Resident Fishery Emerge?

- Several factors lead to the growth of the resident fishery

- From 1775 to 1815, Britain fought several wars with America and France
  - Revolutionary War, Napoleonic Wars
  - Wars...
    - disrupted shipping
    - Interfered with transport of workers and supplies

- Wars also lead to more men being needed in the Royal Navy
  - Labour shortage
Why did the Resident Fishery Emerge?

- Costs rose for merchants
  - Pay workers more to travel in dangerous times
    - Many didn’t want to travel
- Merchants began looking to residents to catch the required fish
- This also lead to merchants moving here to do business in person
Why did the Resident Fishery Emerge?

- Other activities becoming popular
  - Fur trapping, sealing, boat building
  - Performed in winter months
    - Provided incentive to stay year round
- Employment opportunities in both Britain and Ireland were dropping

- By 1790s, residents were catching majority of fish in “this place”