

1949: Newfoundland Co-operative Union (NCU)

1967: Newfoundland Co-operative Services (NCS)

1981: Newfoundland & Labrador Federation of Co-operatives (NLFC)

In November 1949, the Dept. of Fisheries and Co-operatives in Newfoundland & Labrador (NL) sponsored a meeting for co-operative leaders. The meeting was opened by Premier J. R. Smallwood, who promised the support of his government to NL co-op sectors. W. J. Keough then became the Cabinet Minister responsible for the administration of Co-ops in NL.

During 1964-65, the Government and NCU decided that Co-operatives in NL should set up their own central organization to serve their various resourcing needs and to supplement, strengthen, and further their local activities. The new name of 'Newfoundland Co-operative Services (NCS)' was proposed, which would better describe the purpose of this organization.

At the 1979 AGM held in Corner Brook, a resolution was approved suggesting to investigate the possibility of changing the name to better represent the area that the NCS serves. Directors George Lawrence and Nathan Penney were in charge of this name changing committee. At the 1980 AGM, a special resolution was presented by the Board of Directors to change the name to the Newfoundland & Labrador Federation of Co-operatives (NLFC). This name change came into effect on January 1st, 1981.

New name: NLFC

- more accurately depicts the area that we serve and represent
- clearly articulates what we are and what we are trying to do

A Union of Co-operatives in NL