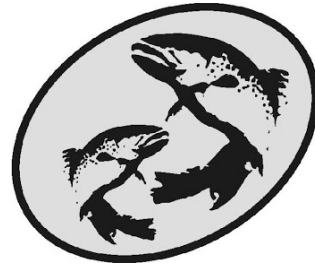


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More than a quarter million dollars going to wild Atlantic salmon conservation projects in New Brunswick

April 12, 2018, Fredericton, NB – The Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation (ASCF) has awarded \$288,258 to 20 conservation projects to be carried out in New Brunswick this summer.

These projects are spread throughout the province and range from improving habitat in many watersheds and rivers, to educational initiatives, to monitoring programs, to scientific research of foraging grounds in the Bay of Fundy.

The grants to New Brunswick applicants are part of more than \$1.1 million in grants ASCF has awarded this year alone, for wild Atlantic Salmon conservation projects in New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Québec.

“This year the ASCF is entering its second decade of providing funding for Atlantic salmon conservation, an effort that is helping tilt the balance in the wild Atlantic salmon’s favour against the considerable challenges it faces, from offshore overfishing to climate change”, says Stephen Chase, executive director of ASCF, as he announced the 2018 grant recipients.

The winning applicants of conservation, environmental, Aboriginal groups, and university researchers from across Atlantic Canada and Québec, successfully passed the screening process first by the advisory committee for each province and then by the Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Committee.

Chase says “We are proud of being able to fund these projects, but we regret not being about to fund more, as these represent only about half of the applications we received, and many of those that didn’t make the cut were also very worthy initiatives. We hope that in the future we will be able to fund even more projects.”

Chase says the Foundation is especially grateful for the support of its funding partners. “In New Brunswick this specifically includes Alcool New Brunswick Liquor and their participating suppliers and customers. It is partly because of this assistance that we are

established as a major funding agency for Atlantic salmon and Atlantic salmon habitat conservation throughout the region”.

In addition to the 20 projects specifically in New Brunswick, the province’s wild salmon will **also benefit from more than \$100,000 in ASCF funding of four scientific studies** including one on the effects of striped bass predation on Atlantic salmon smolts.

In total, ASCF has awarded 66 grants throughout Atlantic Canada and Quebec, totalling more than \$1.1 million.

The Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation, now recognized as an established and reliable source of funds for conservationists and researchers, is a volunteer, non-profit, charitable organization established with the goal of helping to achieve healthy and sustainable wild Atlantic salmon stocks in Atlantic Canada and Québec. Funded with an initial endowment from the Government of Canada, plus the proceeds from partnership arrangements, sponsorships and donations from generous supporters, the Foundation has created a trust fund to promote and strengthen partnerships among groups working to conserve wild Atlantic salmon. Conservation projects and program administration are financed from interest earned by the trust fund.

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NOTE: A complete list of New Brunswick’s funded projects immediately follows.

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Winning New Brunswick Grants for 2018

Association des Bassins Versants de la Grande et Petite Rivière Tracadie: Evaluation and strategic planning in the Grande Rivière Tracadie watershed

Approved amount: **\$10,000** for 2018 (2nd year of 3 year project, total: \$30,000)

Contact: Annie Albert, 506-395-3875, Annie@rivieretracadie.com

Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee: Closing Data and Restoration Gaps in the Kennebecasis

Approved amount: **\$10,000** for 2018 (2nd year of 2 year project, total: \$25,000)

Contact: Ben Whalen, 506-433-4394, ben.whalen@kennebecasisriver.ca

Miramichi River Environmental Assessment Committee:

Bartholomew River Atlantic Salmon Management Plan: Development & Implementation

Approved amount: **\$12,000** for 2018 (2nd year of 2 year project, total: \$24,000)

Contact: Harry Collins, 506-778-8591, mreac@nb.aibn.com

Nashwaak Watershed Association: Assessing and Restoring Aquatic Connectivity in the Lower Nashwaak River

Approved amount: **\$12,175** for 2018 (2nd year of 2 year project, total: \$24,350)

Contact: Marieka Chaplin, 506-261-4664, director@nashwaakwatershed.ca

Conseil de gestion de bassin versant de la rivière Restigouche:

Habitat et recolonisation - Rivière Little Main Restigouche.

Approved amount: **\$11,000**

Contact: David LeBlanc, 506-759-7300, restigouche@globetrotter.net

Eel River Bar First Nation: Eel River Atlantic Salmon Habitat Recovery Project 2018.

Approved amount: **\$18,000**

Contact: Sacha LaBillois Kennedy, 506-684-6286, sacha.labillois@eelriverbar.ca

Fort Folly First Nation: Rebuilding stocks, monitoring and public engagement benefiting endangered iBoF Atlantic salmon restoration to the Petitcodiac River system.

Approved amount: **\$25,000**

Contact: Tim Robinson or Wendy Epworth, 506-379-3400, timrffhr@nb.aibn.com or wendy.epworth@rogers.com

Friends of the Kouchibouguacis: Atlantic Salmon-Kouchibouguacis watershed (education, egg incubation, restoration and monitoring) 2018

Approved amount: **\$15,000**

Contact: Anita Doucet, 506-876-3474, kouchib6@nb.aibn.com

Miramichi Salmon Association: Enhancing critically important cold-water Atlantic salmon habitat in the Miramichi River watershed 2018

Approved amount: **\$18,000**

Contact: Mark Hambrook, 506-622-4000, mark@miramichisalmon.ca

Nashwaak Watershed Association: Restoring access to, and improving habitat of, Campbell Creek for wild Atlantic salmon

Approved amount: **\$9,645**

Contact: Marieka Chaplin, 506-261-4664,
director@nashwaakwatershed.ca

Nepisiguit Salmon Association: Nepisiguit Salmon Assessment and Enhancement 2018

Approved amount: **\$12,000**

Contact: Wayne Clowater, 506-547-1884, wayne.clowater@gmail.com

Pabineau First Nation: Little River smolt survey – 2018

Approved amount: **\$9,982**

Contact: Susan Motty, 506-548-9211, Susan_motty@hotmail.com

Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance: Broken Brooks: Increasing Access to Salmon Habitat through Diverse Partnerships

Approved amount: **\$18,000**

Contact: Lindsay Gauvin, 506-384-3369,
executivedirector@petitcodiacwatershed.org

Shediac Bay Watershed Association: Salmonid Habitat Evaluation, Restoration and Education for the Shediac Bay Watersheds

Approved amount: **\$9,000**

Contact: Rémi Donelle, 506-533-8880, sbwa@nbnet.nb.ca

Southeastern Anglers Association: Conservation and Restoration of Wild Atlantic Salmon Population in the Bouctouche Watershed with the Use of River Incubators.

Approved amount: **\$12,000**

Contact: Darlene Elward, 506-576-2118, aprse@nb.aibn.com

University of New Brunswick (Hayden et al.): Lost at Sea: Identifying the marine foraging grounds and resources of Inner Bay of Fundy salmon populations

Approved amount: **\$24,000**

Contact: Dr. Brian Hayden, 506-440-8339, brian.hayden@unb.ca

University of New Brunswick (Linnansaari): Monitoring returning Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) population size in the Miramichi River using imaging sonar

Approved amount: **\$25,000**

Contact: Dr. Tommi Linnansaari, 506-458-7569,
tommi.linnansaari@unb.ca

University of New Brunswick (Linnansaari): Identifying critical thermal refugia and response timing to high water temperature events for adult Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)

Approved amount: **\$11,456**

Contact: Dr. Tommi Linnansaari, 506-458-7569,
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University of New Brunswick (Samways): Back from the brink: An ecosystem approach to restoring native adult Atlantic salmon through marine conservation rearing

Approved amount: **\$20,000**

Contact: Dr. Kurt Samways, 506-451-6892, kurt.samways@unb.ca

Tabusintac Watershed Association: Improving wild Atlantic Salmon stocks within the Tabusintac and Esgenoôpetitj watersheds

Approved grant: **\$6,000**

Contact: Billie Joe Fowler, 506-779-1185,
tabusintacwatershed@hotmail.com

Total Approved Grants: \$288,258

Scientific Advisory Committee Grants

Restigouche River Watershed Management Council: Watershed-scale connectivity analysis: An applied GIS model towards the strategic management of barriers to Atlantic salmon migration.

Approved amount: **\$13,000** for 2018 (2nd year of 2 year project, total: \$26,000).

Contact: Carole-Anne Gillis, 506-759-7300, gilliscaroleann@hotmail.com

Memorial University (van Zyll de Jong) Assessing the impact of instream barriers and climate change on wild Atlantic salmon population persistence and production in forested boreal watersheds.

Approved amount: **\$23,300** for 2018 (2nd year of 3 year project, total: \$63,300)

Contact: Dr. Michael van Zyll de Jong, 506-648-5630,
michaelv@grenfell.mun.ca

Dalhousie University (Hutchings): Life history modelling project for wild Atlantic salmon.

Approved amount: **\$37,500** for 2018 (2nd year of 2 year project, total: \$75,000)

Contact: Dr. Jeff Hutchings, 902-494-2687, Jeff.Hutchings@Dal.ca

University of New Brunswick (Linnansaari & Curry): Effects of striped bass predation on Atlantic salmon smolts in the Miramichi River, NB.

Approved amount: **\$32,803** for 2018 (1st year of 2-year project, total: \$59,003)

Contact: Dr. Tommi Linnansaari, 506-458-7569,

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Total Grants: **\$106,603**