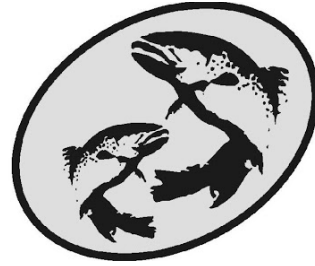


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NEWS RELEASE

More than \$300,000 going to wild Atlantic salmon conservation projects in Newfoundland and Labrador

April 12 , 2018, Fredericton, NB – The Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation (ASCF) has awarded \$310,043 to 13 conservation projects to be carried out in Newfoundland and Labrador this summer.

These projects range from fish habitat restoration and conservation plans to monitoring and education initiatives. A list of the funded projects is included below.

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

“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, and 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 able 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.”

In addition to the 13 projects specifically in Newfoundland and Labrador, 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 the projects funded in Newfoundland and Labrador is attached.

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Winning Newfoundland and Labrador Grants for 2018

Memorial University/Marine Institute (Clément): Salmon in a changing environment: Developing community-driven water temperature monitoring and salmon observatory networks in the northern range of Atlantic salmon.

Approved amount: **\$15,000** for 2018 (3rd year of 3-year project, total: \$50,000)

Contact: Dr. Marie Clément, 709-896-6215, marie.clement@mi.mun.ca

Memorial University (Purchase): Salmon gametes as a source for research, restocking and public engagement.

Approved amount: **\$25,000** for 2018 (3rd year of 3-year project, total: \$110,000)

Contact: Dr. Craig Purchase, 709-864-4452, cfpurchase@mun.ca

Bay St. George South Area Development Association: Evaluate the success of the 2004 Watershed Conservation Strategies for Atlantic Salmon in Bay St. George Rivers, and develop a new Conservation Strategy.

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

Contact: Eric Legge, 709-645-2850, bsgsada@eastlink.ca

Bay St. George South Area Development Association: Develop Habitat Conservation Plans and Restoration for Rivers in Bay St. George.

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

Contact: Eric Legge, 709-645-2850, bsgsada@eastlink.ca

Freshwater-Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation: Evaluation of Success of Habitat Expansion and Enhancement on Upper Terra Nova River Atlantic, Phase 3.

Approved amount: **\$42,677**

Contact: John Baird, 709-533-9656, jdbaird@eastlink.ca

Gander Bay Indian Band Council: Salmon Brook Fishway.

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

Contact: Calvin Francis, 709-676-2188, calfrancis@eastlink.ca

Humber Arm Environmental Association: Salmon Habitat Conservation: A Comprehensive Management Plan for South Brook.

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

Contact: Sheldon Peddle, 709-637-4222, speddle@acaphumberarm.com

Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation: Adult Brook Conservation and Restoration Project.

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

Contact: Brittany Dalton, 709-522-3222, ibec@eastlink.ca

Indian Bay Ecosystem Corporation: Jim's Steady Restoration Project.

Approved amount: **\$5,366**

Contact: Brittany Dalton, 709-522-3222, ibec@eastlink.ca

Intervale: Education and Awareness for the Conservation of Wild Atlantic Salmon and Salmon Habitat in the Bay St. George Area of Newfoundland.

Approved amount: **\$35,000**

Contact: Dr. Kathleen Blanchard, 709-686-5927, kblanchard@intervale.ca

Salmonid Association of Eastern Newfoundland: Educational videos to inform and promote salmon conservation.

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

Contact: James McCarthy, 709-722-9300, saen@nfld.com

Town of Holyrood: Fishway Construction Support, Mahers River.

Approved amount: **\$50,000**

Contact: Marjorie Gibbons, 709-229-7252 ext. 205,
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White Bay Central Development Association: Salmon River Habitat Restoration Project.

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

Contact: Rex Cooper, 709-865-4376, ethel-patey@hotmail.com

Total Approved Grants: \$310,043

Scientific Advisory Committee Grants

While some of this research will be carried out on specific rivers, the knowledge gained will be valuable to other similar Atlantic Salmon habitat.

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,
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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**