

MARGAREE SALMON ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE *from the* PRESIDENT

LESTER WOOD

This has been a tough year for the organization. We started with a board of nine members but by spring had been reduced to just four. Individuals who left had their own personal reasons; it was unfortunate that they did so around the same time. Those of us who were left therefore had something of a herculean task to continue with the board responsibilities. Because certain projects and activities that required the legal authority of our by-laws had all ready been approved, we were able to continue to function – and as it turns out, to function well!

You will see from reports below that we have made presentations to two government committees and conducted several hands-on projects on the river in partnership with DFO. I would say that through a spirit of co-operation this summer we will now see a new relationship developing with both the federal and provincial governing bodies. Likewise with our focus clearly on the Margaree River watershed, we strongly feel that participation in broader matters with the Nova Scotia Salmon Association and the Atlantic Salmon Federation is within the Margaree Salmon Association's mandate.

Our major project this year has again been stream and brook renovation with the financial support of the NSLC Adopt A Stream program. Our concentration is on the small waterways of the area as we feel it is important to maintain the spawning areas of salmon and trout alike, and in full realization that such work lies within the capabilities of the organization. I encourage you to come to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 9th where there will be a detailed project report along with pictorial displays.

Our membership remains healthy, and is reported on in detail following. There is certainly room for growth – particularly by recruiting younger members. We must find a way to attract more of the many fishermen who come to enjoy the Margaree to join us in “working” the rivers.

At the beginning of 2015 the Board made a decision to rent a permanent facility to be used for administration and to keeping our records and archives, and we feel we are better organized now than ever.

At the end of last year the Margaree Salmon Association (MSA) received a charitable donation of \$210,000 for specific projects. Some of that money has been put to work. However, a significant portion remains available but requires financial support with funds raised by MSA. We have indeed made slow progress in putting these funds to good use, but that is partially due to the need for more “hands to be put to the pump”. Well, we're seeing that

happening now! We bring to this AGM again a full slate of directors for our Board.

As your organization stretches its new wings we ask for your co-operation, understanding and advice.

We look forward to your presence at the AGM on October 9th, and at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on the 10th.

My best regards ,
LESTER WOOD

annual general MEETING



friday october 9th 2015 - 7p

ST PATRICK's PARISH HALL
NORTHEAST MARGAREE



BROODstock COLLECTION

BILL HALEY

On September 8, 2015, Nova Scotia Fisheries & Aquaculture (NSFA) netted adult Atlantic Salmon in Doyle's Pool for use as brood stock at the Margaree Hatchery. Association members Greg Lovely, Paul MacNeil, Bill Haley, and Jack Aikens volunteered a very full day to assist.

Darryl Murrant, Manager of Fisheries Enhancement,



Al MacNeil, NSFA Biologist, and Bob Ingraham, Acting Manager of the Margaree Hatchery coordinated the seining operation. Several snorkelers, carefully dragging the large cable at the bottom of the net over obstructions, assisted a diver with tanks.

It took several hours to carefully complete one "seining



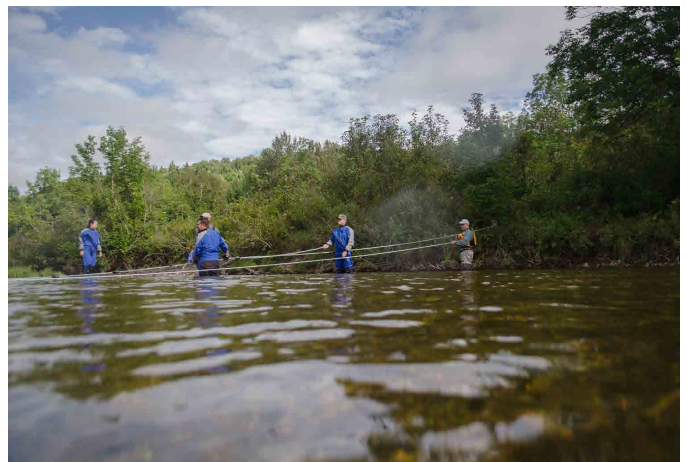
ing procedure" as care must be taken not to stress the fish.

The results were quite impressive. 82 fish were safely corralled, including twelve large brown trout.

Once seined and secured, fish are then safely transported by a type of bag to get the fish from the water, into the tanks on a truck, and then on up to the Hatchery. In passing one bagged fish up out of the water, the person reaching for the bag was almost pitched into the river, taken aback by the weight. "How many fish are in there, anyway?" he asked.

"Just one," replied a grinning Greg Lovely.

Thirteen of the salmon were hatchery returns, a very heartening find. Half of the eighteen males were grilse, and the larger browns topped five pounds.



Although a long day, the event was well managed, and a very successful operation. And the volunteers? Well, tired and satisfied with loopy grins might just sum it up best.

PHOTO CREDIT: ANDREW LOWELES



THANKsgiving

DINNER & AUCTION

saturday october 10th

\$30 Each.
Still a bargain at twice the price!

*doors flung open at 6
food plunked down at 7
auctioneer barks at 8*

ST PATRICK'S PARISH HALL NORTHEAST MARGAREE

HABITAT & River RESTORATION

BILL HALEY

During the summer of 2015 the Association once was again busy with fish habitat restoration.

While bank stabilization on the river is important, work on the tributaries of the Margaree is critical to the life cycle of salmon, trout and other native species. These streams are essentially the nurseries for young fish. Unlike the river, they are usually free of free of seals, striped bass, mergansers, cormorants and other predators.

Our work is aimed at keeping streams flowing well to allow maintenance become self-sustaining. Proper water direction can clean and deepen channels, and provide fish a resting place during low water

events. Structures are typically constructed and rock and log, and filled by hand. Among other work, this year we built rock walls, rock and log diverters, and digger logs. In some instances "fish cover" structures were added to the river.



Our 2015 work team was ably led by Edsel Hart and included Derwyn Hart, Peter Poirier, and Doug Phillips. They did an amazing job for us. Planning, guidance and technical support in the field was provided by the NSLC Adopt A Stream program man-

ager Amy Weston. We have participated in the Adopt A Stream program for several years, with costs equally shared between the MSA and Adopt A Stream.





The Nova Scotia Salmon Association (NSSA) managed the Adopt A Stream program on behalf of conservation organizations and the recreational angling community since 1998. In 2005, the Nova Scotia Sportfish Habitat Fund (NSSHF) became the primary source of project funding for Adopt A Stream. Having dedicated revenue available annually, from the habitat fee on recreational fishing licenses and the generous donations of NSLC, anglers have a solid foundation to build upon.



Now known as NSLC Adopt A Stream, we continue to regularly participate in such new fish habitat restoration, and to maintain the structures over the many years they will enhance our rivers.



PHOTO CREDIT: DERWYN HART

THANKyou JOHN&KAREN HART

LESTER WOOD

After many years of service John and Karen Hart have stepped down from the Margaree Salmon Association (MSA) Board of Directors.

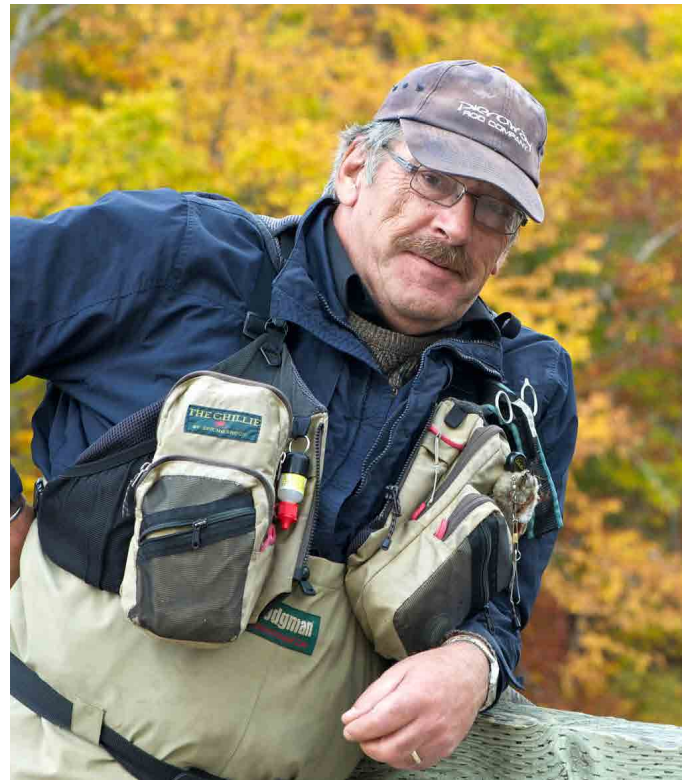


PHOTO CREDIT: ALFRED LeBLANC

John and Karen are well known in the valley and have provided incredible service for some 20 years or more. John has served on the board of the Nova Scotia Salmon Association and along with Karen has been the stalwart behind such projects as Go with the Flow for women and the highly successful annual dinner and auction.

In 2013 both John and Karen were honoured as Life Members of the Association. The current board would like to thank them both for their years of service and wish them well in future endeavours.



STRIPED BASS *diet* STUDY

BILL HALEY

On Jan 6, 2015 Margaree Salmon Association (MSA) attended a Recreational Fisheries (Striped Bass & Salmon) Advisory Meeting for the Southern Gulf of Nova Scotia. The meeting was organized by the Department Of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and was held in Margaree Forks. At that meeting MSA volunteered to participate in upcoming research activities concerning a diet study of Striped Bass in our region.



We were pleased when DFO decided to proceed with the diet study and that we would have had the opportunity to participate. The goal of this project is to angle and retain 30 or more striped bass per month from the Margaree area. Our participation in this project differs from the DFO Kelt project in that we cannot recruit and licence a large number of anglers to fish throughout the area. This is because DFO staff must be present on site to kill and store any bass as it is caught. We had a team of 25 anglers fishing for Kelt salmon; we typically have six or less to fish stripers.

On June 5, 2015, we had five anglers and DFO Technician Renelle Doucette fish the tidal waters of the Margaree River. We used fly-fishing equipment as well as spinning gear. We did not catch or see any stripers,

nor were we aware of any stripers being caught in commercial nets or traps in the area.



We renewed our efforts June 18th and the morning of June 19th, and bolstered our numbers to seven anglers. Renelle was again on hand to coordinate our efforts. We fished the Lower Tompkins and Seal Pools on the Thursday evening for approximately two hours, retaining 36 striped bass. The stripers were relatively small, measuring 30 cm to 40 cm. There was also one salmon released in the Tompkins by another angler.



As we retained more than 30 stripers, fishing Friday was not necessary.



The evening of July 28th and morning of July 29th we fished stripers at Margaree Harbour using spinning gear. This time we had Dr. Cindy Breau and Technician Gilles Paulin from DFO on site. As there had not been many stripers reported by anglers, we kept our group relatively small— just three anglers and the two DFO staff. We caught and retained 13 stripers, and again these were in the 30 cm – 40 cm range.

On August 24th and 25th we fished again. Greg Lovely, Leonard Forsyth and Bill Haley joined up with Gilles Paulin from DFO, to fish both Grand d'Etang and Margaree Harbours. Thirty stripers were retained by fly-fishing.



September fishing is planned but not yet completed. Preliminary observations suggest small trout, silversides, mummichogs, green crab were found, but scientific results will have to wait. Dr. Breau sent up this note:

Hi Bill,

The biologist in charge of the data analysis and write-up of the report for the diet study will start the work this winter. Field work is taking a lot of time (e-fishing and trapnets on Miramichi). So far, the stomach contents have all being processed (except for the samples collected in Margaree in August). Sorry for not having results available.

*Cheers,
Cindy*

Spring KELT RESEARCH

BILL HALEY

The Margaree Salmon Association is working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) on several projects that will continue through 2015 and 2016. One project is angling to capture and tag salmon that overwinter in the river, also known as Kelt salmon.

The purpose of the study is to collect data (hours of fishing effort, number of Kelts angled, number of



Kelts with tags) so as to further determine the number and health of salmon in the Margaree.

The fieldwork portion of this project started with a meeting with Dr. Cindy Breau, DFO Moncton,



on May 12, 2015 at the fire hall in Margaree Forks. Fishing permits and logbooks were distributed to the



participants during the meeting. We had 25 experienced anglers and 4 high school students available to fish for Kelts the week of May 12, 2015. During this time the water was very high and only two Kelts were caught. We had hoped to recapture a number of the 48 salmon that were tagged in the fall of 2014 but did not. In response to flood conditions the DFO special licences were cancelled on May 13th and fishing was re-scheduled for the following week.

The week of May 19 saw ten experienced anglers meet and fish the river. One student also participated. The water level was still high; water conditions were cold and dirty.

While only three or four Kelts were caught, some large brook trout were taken, some in the 16 – 19 inch size.



By week's end, as water levels settled, 7 more Kelts were caught in the estuary by both participants and non-participants (as by-catch under their General angling licence).

Our success goes beyond these catch levels. The Margaree Salmon Association feels that the commitment of twenty-nine anglers to work with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in this type of research project is a strong indication of the commitment of recreational fishers to be involved in research and conservation projects.

This fall we plan to assist DFO in the capture and tagging of salmon for next year's continuation of Kelt research project.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTES

"IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 25 OF THE BYLAWS, PROXY VOTING IS ALLOWED AT ANY ANNUAL, SPECIAL MEETING OR BOARD MEETING".

SHOULD YOU WISH TO CAST A PROXY VOTE INCLUDING FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR VOTE TO: NOMINATION CHAIRPERSON ROB KANCHUK (RKANCHUK@GMAIL.COM), OR TO PRESIDENT LESTER WOOD (EL.BOIS@NS.SYMPATICO.CA), OR NAMED MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IN ATTENDANCE, OF YOUR CHOICE (NAME) AND RETURN TO THE NOMINATION CHAIR ROB KANCHUK.

BYLAWS WILL BE REVIEWED BY BILL HALEY. ANY OTHER DISCUSSIONS TO FOLLOW.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – LESTER WOOD (1YR REMAINING)

VICE PRESIDENT (FIRST) BILL HALEY (2YRS REMAINING)

VICE PRESIDENT (SECOND) LEONARD FORSYTH

SECRETARY – JOHN STINSON (1YR REMAINING)

NOMINATED FOR UP TO THREE YEAR TERMS:

TREASURER

DIRECTORS AT LARGE:

PAUL MACNEIL

JACK AIKENS

ROB KANCHUK

EUGENE LEBLANC

BERT HART

MIKE ALLEN

DEL MUISE

GREG LOVELY



WRECK Cove WATERflow

BILL HALEY

On August 5, 2015 the Margaree Salmon Association (MSA) participated at a meeting at Cheticamp Lake in the Cape Breton Highlands. The meeting was initiated by the Cheticamp River Salmon Association (CRSA) and arranged by N S Power. René Aucoin, Gilles Hache represented CRSA, while John Stinson and Bill Haley represented MSA.

At issue was the lowering of water levels at the lake by 10 feet to allow for maintenance and heavy construction.

Water flows to the Wreck Cove Hydro Facility, which produces about half of Nova Scotia's hydropower. Water levels will be lowered from June until November.

Such work became required under new regulations. The D1 Dam (holding Cheticamp Lake), will be made 3 feet higher and engineered slightly differently. Although water volume held will not increase, the dam will be safer, and the risk of failing lower. Other work will clear up several canals and spillways.

It is of interest to note that before the dam was built, what is now Cheticamp Lake was more of a bog area – a bog that formed the headwaters for the Cheticamp River, flowing west into the Gulf of St Lawrence.

After the dam was placed however, water was directed east through Wreck Cove, the power facility, and into the Atlantic.

It was both a pleasure to receive invitation from and work with the CSRA.

Nova Scotia Power representatives provided a slide presentation outlining the workings of their facility, their construction plans, and provided answers to our questions.

Water flow released to the Cheticamp River was set in 1979 and remains at a steady rate of 41 cubic feet per second. There is no plan to reduce this volume.

Both groups questioned water temperature of the lake. Temperatures are not monitored, but the water is released from the bottom of the lake, and may be cooler than prior to the dam's construction.

Nova Scotia Power representatives were open to looking into monitoring water temperatures. This would provide data for comparison to temperatures in the lower river.

There was also discussion and agreement that previous Department of Environment monitoring stations should be re-opened on the Cheticamp River and its tributaries.

So far in 2015, the lowering of the water levels have created maximum water levels for the Cheticamp River, and it appears that Nova Scotia Power has met or surpassed its commitments to the province.

The CSRA will maintain contact with Nova Scotia Power and other interest groups. We plan to assist and support them.



REPORT *on the* MEMBERSHIP

JOHN STINSON

As of Sept. 6, 2015 your organization had approximately 194 members. (Approximately because there are a few family memberships, and all names are not listed.)

Of these 204 members, 103 pay a yearly membership fee. Of these, 49 have NS addresses, 16 are from the rest of Canada and 38 are from the United States. We also have 101 Life Members made up of 36 NS residents, 19 from other Canadian provinces, 40 from the United States and 6 “other” (including 2 UK, 1 China).

As a point of interest, Life Memberships sell for \$300. As one American fisherman recently commented, “with the value of our dollar, it’s the best deal in town”, (\$300 CDN, today being US\$225.95). Certainly obtaining a Life Membership is something to consider.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR

Over the past several years, memberships have been sold on an annual ‘subscription’ basis...in other words, if you purchased your membership on August 8, 2014, your membership renewal was due on August 8 of the following year.

However, in our Bylaws, it clearly states:

Membership 3. Any person subscribing to an amount to be decided upon annually by the Association shall be a member thereof for the year in which subscription is made. The membership year shall be from the first day of April to the 31st day of March next following.

It is possible that a bylaw was brought forward at a previous AGM to amend this particular bylaw and make this ‘anniversary date’ method ‘legal’. However if such a motion was made and passed, it was not ratified by Joint Stocks and is not ‘in our Bylaws’ and, hence, not really allowed. This is an item the new

Board will have to address i.e. whether to revert to an annual membership, ending in March, or propose a new bylaw using the ‘current’ subscription model, (being renewable on the anniversary date). Members may be asked to comment.

COMMUNICATION

Rising mail costs are impacting your association. Shipping saleable items of any size by mail (hats, DVD’s), has reached the point where it is almost impossible to breakeven, let alone realize any profit from such sales. Again, this is an item the Board will need to address.

Along with this is communicating with members. Posting a simple letter to a Canadian address is close to a dollar; to the US it is \$1.20 CDN! Newsletters now run over \$5 and we have 70 odd members we do not have e-addresses for.

We are trying to improve our on-line presence. VP Bill Haley has been working with our Webmaster to put more news and events items on our webpage; www.margareesalmon.ca and we hope to reintroduce a Facebook page in the fall.

In the future, just for economic reasons, MSA will have to be doing more and more of its communications by e-mail, by posting on our website or by uploading news on a Facebook page or other social media platforms (being developed, I am sure, as I write).

You may have received e-mails recently. We are attempting to update and repopulate our contact list, partially lost with the transfer from the ns.sympatico.ca account to our new margareesalmon@gmail.com. If you haven’t already done so, please add this Gmail address to your contact list as your ‘default’ address for the Margaree Salmon Association.

If you receive this newsletter by surface mail but you



have an e-address and would accept receiving newsletters by e-post or would read or print from our website, please send us a note advising us of your e-mail address. We will certainly continue to mail hard copy to those with no electronic access or those requesting one be mailed, but we do have to watch our printing and mailing costs.

Best of the fall season to everyone!

FINANCIAL NOTES

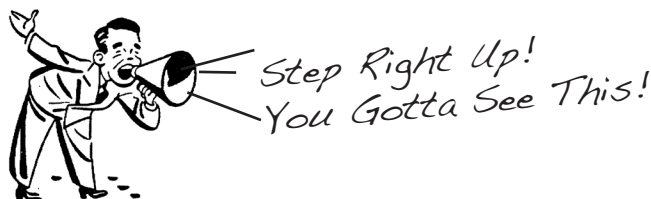
The Margaree Salmon Association's financial statement for the year ended March 31, 2015 shows an improvement on the bottom line, but still has a small net loss for the year.

A full report will be available at the AGM on October 9, 2015. It also shows in \$Cdn:

- Total Receipts up from a year previously, 94,629 vs. 40,190
- Expenses up from year previously, 97,364 vs. 43,252
- The largest single item for both revenues and expense was Habitat and Restoration Work (54,551 additional revenue used for Restoration)
- A charitable foundation provided an additional 110,000 bringing their total contribution to 210,000. For this, the Association expresses their deep and heartfelt gratitude.

Summary of Expenses


Detail	2015	2014
Habitat Restoration	81,379	36,552
Benches for the river	750	0
Printing	709	590
Travel	1,593	1,243
Office	3,231	784
Insurance (River Work)	4,735	1,269
Computer	723	1,083
Meetings	823	55





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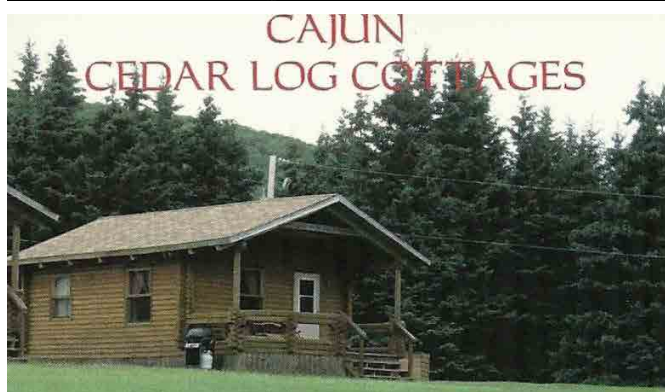
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PJ WALL

LETTER *from* THE WSU

First, on behalf of Wild Salmon Unlimited, I'll take this opportunity to thank your president, Lester Wood, for his kind invitation that allows us to briefly tell you, in your own newsletter, about who we are and what we do.

Wild Salmon Unlimited, (aka WSU), is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to fund the restoration of wild Atlantic salmon to their native rivers. We do this in partnership with river associations, governments, First Nations and other like-minded non-government organizations (NGOs). Basically, we want to see salmon put back in rivers, contribute to their conservation and protection plus increase their potential to, once again, be a major influence on the economic landscape of our rural communities.

Although a relatively new organization we've received considerable support for our mission from: First Nations, all levels of government, corporations and NGOs. It is perhaps important to be very specific here, and clearly indicate, that we are a "fund raising organization". Our funds come from private and public donors, government agencies and from our own efforts through ticket sales and raffles. Over the past year we developed plans to help restore Atlantic salmon to two river systems in Nova Scotia. These plans were developed in partnership with local river associations and First Nations people but, in the end, they did not meet Fisheries and Oceans approval and, as a consequence, our funding requests were declined. Although, as mentioned earlier, we are a fundraising group we were directly involved in the planning of this initiative in order to familiarize ourselves with the intricacies of the process. This, of course, will enable us to be better prepared to help organizations that we



will fund in future.

We are currently in the initial stages of planning an enhancement program for the Grand River in Cape Breton. Our partners in this endeavour are Potlotek First Nations, UINR, the Richmond County Wildlife Association, Université Sainte-Anne and Dalhousie University's Aquaculture Department. Also, some members of our executive will soon embark on an "information journey" throughout Nova Scotia. We plan to visit with river associations, First Nations groups, government agencies and conservation organizations to explain our goals and garner support for future endeavours.

The first of those sessions will be at MSA as your president, Lester, has also offered us an opportunity to give a briefing about our group at your next AGM. We look forward to that and to hearing about the good work MSA has been doing here on the Margaree.

As we all know Atlantic salmon need all the help they can get. Together we can make a difference. US President Harry Truman once said: *It's amazing what can get done if nobody cares who gets the credit.*

Thank you.
P.J.Wall





LEWIS HINKS

LETTER *from* THE ASF

It's hard to believe but one year has already passed since ASF and the Miramichi Salmon Association called on the Canadian government to immediately address the crisis facing the survival of wild Atlantic salmon. The numbers of salmon returning to many Canadian rivers, including the Miramichi, were among the lowest on record in 2014. Last fall, ASF wrote letters to and met with federal Members of Parliament and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) officials. Our efforts were rewarded by DFO Minister Gail Shea, when she created a Ministerial Advisory Committee and charged it with consulting throughout eastern Canada and recommending action to reverse the decline. ASF President Bill Taylor served as Vice Chair of the Committee.

After consultation with stakeholders, First Nations, scientists and managers in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the Committee recommended and the Minister announced mandatory live release and barbless hooks in the Maritimes for the 2015 season. The Committee continued to consult in Newfoundland and Labrador and then Quebec, presented 61 key recommendations to the Minister at the end of July and then a federal election was called. We are working with all federal parties to ensure that they are aware of this important report and have invited their feedback via a survey to all party leaders. This will hopefully give us a running start in getting Atlantic salmon on the agenda of a new government

following the election on October 19.

Here in Nova Scotia, we are still waiting on the government's new regulations as a result of the Doelle-Lahey Independent Aquaculture Regulatory Review Report. We are hopeful that the new regulations will provide much needed protection to wild Atlantic salmon populations in Nova Scotia and also to coastal communities.



ASF is thrilled to see that the first crop of fish from Sustainable Blue is finally coming to market. This land based, closed containment salmon farm uses state-of-the-art technology and will provide a source of Atlantic salmon for consumers in Nova Scotia and beyond grown in an environmentally sustainable way. Land based companies such as Sustainable Blue and Canaqua are proof that Nova Scotia can be a leader in the industry.

Meanwhile, The Conservation Fund Freshwater Institute in West Virginia and ASF are continuing research on land based salmon aquaculture. The next goal is to formulate a locally sourced, fishmeal free and sustainable feed, which will augment the benefits of growing Atlantic salmon on land in closed-containment facilities.

We are pleased to see an increase in salmon returns in 2015 to many rivers throughout eastern Canada. The Margaree seems to be having a very good season, at



least compared to last year and that gives us hope, but the fact remains that wild Atlantic salmon populations across North America are in a downward trend, and we must redouble our efforts. We remain cautiously optimistic and cannot stress enough the need for continued vigilance to ensure the future of wild Atlantic salmon.

ASF researchers have been working diligently this season to understand the challenges confronting Atlantic salmon during their migration. They have now retrieved and downloaded tracking data from receivers along the seaward migratory routes of salmon from the Cascapedia, Restigouche, and Miramichi rivers. We are researching the impact of striped bass and cormorant predation on Atlantic salmon in estuaries, where our data is indicating high mortality.

At the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) earlier this year, ASF, along with other accredited non-government organizations, raised concern over the increased harvest of migrating wild Atlantic salmon at sea. At the June meeting, Greenland unilaterally limited its quota to 45 tonnes for both its factory and subsistence fisheries and agreed on measures to improve monitoring and control of its fisheries. This amount of harvest is still well above the zero harvest advised by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea. However, for the first time in four years we have an actual cap on harvest and, if the monitoring and control measures work out, the overall harvest in 2015 should be about half last year's harvest, which is progress.

Should you have any questions about ASF research or conservation projects, or wish to inquire about becoming an ASF member, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at any time.

In friendship and conservation,

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RENE AUCOIN

NOTES FROM THE NSSA *Summer 2015 Update*

We have great news regarding this year's salmon runs. It was a banner year on the Cheticamp River during the month of June and I'm also hearing good things about the Margaree and North Rivers. Even the St. Mary's, Sackville, and LaHave Rivers are said to be seeing more fish than last year. Hopefully the fall rivers will follow the trend.

About the West River Counting Fence, he writes:

I hope to bring to this project, the experience that I gained, as President of the Cheticamp River Salmon Association, in the operation of two counting fences on the Cheticamp River. The first traditional fence, a traditional vertical

V-shaped conduit type, similar but larger than the one on the Killag tributary, ran from 1983-1989; and the second, a net weir type, ran from 2004-2008.

...I would note that in the case of the Cheticamp River, the hard data, a physical count of the adult returns, has probably been the single most important piece of information that we provided to Parks Canada in their decision to allow angling and to allow our local salmon association to take on major restoration work on the Cheticamp River.



MARGAREE *Salmon* MUSEUM

Turns 50

MIKE ALLEN

The Margaree Salmon Museum celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary this summer, and was featured in the summer edition of the Atlantic Salmon Journal.

The article read, in part:

The museum's [membership] card has a picture of a leaping salmon, a space for your name, and is duly signed by the Association President and Secretary. The ink is a rich printer's blue and the typeface is very 1965. I hope they never, ever, change it.



And I hope Frances Hart never changes. She carries herself with every bit of demeanor, grace, and gravitas that flows from a lifelong attractiveness, a beauty that comes from deep within. She is the person you would pick in a moment as your friend, the person

you could always turn to for help. It is no understatement to say that the gift of the Margaree Salmon Museum consistent attraction is also the gift that is



Frances Hart. You will never get anything but a smile from her and you will never leave the museum without a smile of your own.

Frances and Bernadine will be packing up the museum for the winter over the Thanksgiving weekend – don't miss your chance to stop in and say, "Hi."



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TYING SCOTSMAN to be *declared* an ESSENTIAL SERVICE

MIKE ALLEN

Application has been made to declare the Tying Scotsman, Margaree's newest fly shop, an essential service. This would effectively ban the plucky start up from going on strike between April 15th and October 31st.

"In the winter we don't care," said a local politician. "If the entire staff and their dog want to hang out in the house tying flies, that'd be fine with us."

To date there has been no labour unrest in the shop, although once or twice Buster the lab dampened productivity by chasing his tail.



Tying has continued apace through the season. Tying Scot Alex Breckenridge has produced a steady stream of winners along with custom orders. The store is well stocked with rods, reels, leaders, tippets, waders, and tying materials. A slick iPad app makes paying by cash or credit quick and easy.



Alex also uses the iPad to post river updates on Facebook – enjoying support across the province and earning a generous dose of "Likes".

Located at 19 Mill Road, just past Margaree Forks. Daily, 8:30am-5:00pm. Except Wednesdays, closed for real-time fly testing on the river. (902) 248-2392 or email to: thetyingscotsman@gmail.com



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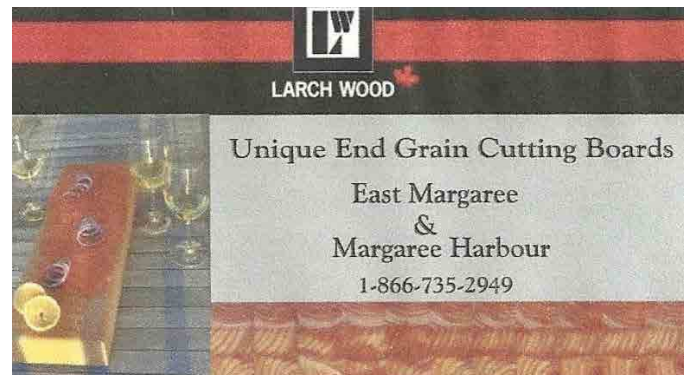
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