



2026

Atlantic Salmon Symposium NOVA SCOTIA
Symposium sur le saumon atlantique de la NOUVELLE-ÉCOSSE

AGENDA • DAY ONE • March 10

OPENING

- 8:00** Coffee – Meet & Greet
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- 8:30** Symposium Commences — Indigenous Opening Prayer
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- 8:45** Welcoming Remarks
Raymond Lacroix, President, FCAS
Corey Mosher, President, NSSA
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- 9:00** Background and Event Objectives

INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL CONTEXT

- 9:15** Presentations:
• North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization’s strategy
• Canada’s National Strategy
• Q&A
Erin Groulx, DFO Director, Species at Risk Operations
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10:00 Break

SHARING & FOCUSING OUR WORK

- 10:30** • Indigenous Led Governance & Collaboration: Atlantic First Nation Salmon Governance Forum, Charlie Marshall, Fisheries Policy Analyst, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat
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- 11:00** • Regional Example of a Watershed Strategy that Links Back to Canada’s National Strategy, Amy Weston & Nick MacInnis, Nova Scotia Salmon Association
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12:00 Break

LINKING PRIORITIES TO REGIONAL ACTION

13:00 Interactive Exercise: (Gallery Walk)

14:30 Break

RESEARCH, NEW TECHNOLOGIES & INNOVATION

- 15:00** • Mapping Riparian Morphology Change for Critical Habitat Conservation & Watershed Management Planning,
Dr. Corey Dawson, Dalhousie University
• Advancing ASF’s Strategic Priorities/Wild Salmon Watersheds & Freshwater Programs, Deidre Green, Atlantic Salmon Federation
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16:00 Closing Comments for the Day



OPENING

8:00 Coffee

8:30 Day 1 Recap, Debrief of Interactive Exercise • Day 2 Outline

RESEARCH, NEW TECHNOLOGIES & INNOVATION

- 9:00**
- **Restoration Decision Tree Web Tool**, Nick McInnis and Luke Burton, Nova Scotia Salmon Association
 - **Leave it to Beaver**, Thomas Sweeney, Nova Scotia Salmon Association and Mike Lancaster, St. Margaret's Bay Stewardship Association
 - **Integrated Watershed Stewardship in Action**, Michael Fabiano, Margaree Salmon Association

ADVANCING OUR WORK

9:40 Thematic Discussions • Breakout group sessions

10:45 Break

11:00 Debrief Thematic Breakouts

WRAP UP

11:40 Closing Comments • Thank you