2026 Atlantic Salmon Symposium

AGENDA • DAY ONE • NOVEMBER 2

8:30	**Coffee –** Meet & Greet
9:00	**Symposium Commences:** ***Indigenous Opening Prayer*** Qalipu First Nation
9:15	**Symposium Goals** West Coast Aquatic (WSA)
9:30	**Opening Comments** Raymond LaCroix, FCAS President
9:45	**Presentation:** ***International & Indigenous context*** Charlie Marshall, Fisheries Policy Analyst, APCFNC
10:15	**Presentation:** ***National context and funding opportunities*** Livia Goodbrand , DFO
11:15	**Break**
11:30	**Panel Discussion:** ***Synergy across scales*** **Panelists:** Erin Groulx, DFO · Blair Adams, Province of NL · Kevin Power, SAEN · Kevin Sheppard, ERMA · Carl McLean, North West River, Labrador, Nunatsiavut Inuit
12:30	**Lunch**
13:30	**Gallery Walk** · WSA
14:00	**Break**
14:15	**Panel:** ***EA Process*** **Panelists:** Stephen Hinchey, DEMR · Tina Leonard, Province of NL · TBD, DFO-FFHPP · TBD, Mining Industry
15:15	**Presentation:** ***TBD*** Emma Lunzmann-Cooke, postdoctoral fellow, Memorial University **Presentation:** ***TBD*** **Presentation:** ***Western Brook in Gros Morne*** Craig Purchase, Memorial University
16:30	**Closing Comments for the Day**
18:00	**Optional evening mixer** Gander Airport International Lounge

8:30	**Coffee**
9:00	**Recap of synergy conversation and gallery walk results**
9:30	**Breakout Groups** **Facilitated tables:** · ***Stocking Policy***: viewpoints on stocking policy, pros/cons. · ***Aquaculture***: Impacts to wild salmon. Is it possible for salmon aquaculture to coexist with wild populations, and how? · ***Funding priorities***: Biggest needs, strategy. · ***Open discussion***: Why some rivers are doing well, while some are not? Why are some years better than others?
10:30	**Panel: *The Future of Salmon Conservation in Newfoundland & Labrador*** **Panelists:** Paul White, youth/angling · Eric Bennett, Intervale Associates · Graham Roome, SPAWN, FCAS/NLAC · Denika Kelly, Qalipu First Nation · Hallie Arno, Memorial University
11:30	**Closing Remarks · Thank you**

Please join us for our Reception on Monday after the conclusion of the first day. This will be an excellent opportunity to discuss, network and enjoy each others' company in an informal setting.

The Reception will be held in the Gander Airport International Lounge on November 2, from 6:00 until 7:00pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, drink tickets will be available and a raffle will be held.