2026 Atlantic Salmon Symposium

AGENDA • DAY ONE • NOVEMBER 2

8:30	**Coffee – Meet & Greet**
9:00	**Symposium Commences** · ***Indigenous Opening Prayer***
9:15	**Symposium Goals** Charline McCoy, FCAS · West Coast Aquatics (WCA)
9:30	**Opening Comments** · Raymond LaCroix, FCAS President
9:45	**Presentation:** ***Indigenous Led Governance & Collaboration*** Charlie Marshall, Fisheries Policy Analyst, APCFNC
10:15	**Presentation:** ***National Context & Funding Opportunities*** Erin Groulx, DFO
11:15	**Break**
11:30	**Panel Discussion:** ***Synergy Across Scales*** **Panelists:** Blair Adams, Province of NL · Livia Goodbrand, DFO · Carl McLean, North West River, Labrador, Nunatsiavut Inuit · Kevin Power, SAEN · Kevin Sheppard, ERMA
12:30	**Lunch**
13:30	**Gallery Walk** · WCA
14:00	**Presentation:** ***EA process from Forestry, Agriculture & Lands - Gov NL Perspective*** Tina Leonard, Wildlife Division, Province of Newfoundland **Presentation:** ***Regulatory & Policy Changes to Fish & Fish Habitat Protection*** Kirby Tulk, DFO **Presentation:** ***Ouananiche vs Anadromous Salmon in the Rocky River*** Dr. Ian Fleming, Memorial University of Newfoundland
15:00	**Break**
15:15	**Presentation:** ***Evaluating the Northern Advantage of Atlantic salmon in Nunatsiavut*** Dr. Emma Lunzmann-Cooke, Dalhousie University **Presentation:** ***Atlantic Salmon Smolt Assessment · Terra Nova River*** John Baird & Ashlen Mersereau, Freshwater – Alexander Bays Ecosystem Corporation **Presentation:** ***Salmon movement in Western Brook: Adult Transit through Temperature Extremes Created by the Coastal Plain & Fjord Lake*** Dr. Craig Purchase, Memorial University of Newfoundland
16:30	**Closing Comments for the Day**
18:00	**Evening Mixer** · Gander Airport International Lounge

8:30	**Coffee**
9:00	**Recap of synergy conversation & 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:** Hallie Arno, Memorial University of Newfoundland · Eric Bennett, Intervale Associates · Denika Kelly, Qalipu First Nation · Graham Roome, SPAWN, FCAS/NLAC · Paul White, youth/angling
11:30	**Closing Remarks • Thank You**

Monday Evening Mixer

Please join us for our Evening Mixer 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 Evening Mixer will be held in the Gander Airport International Lounge on November 2, from 6:00 until 8:00pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, drink tickets will be available and a raffle will be held.