PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

2026 Atlantic Salmon Symposium

AGENDA • DAY ONE • November 9

8:30	**Coffee – Meet & Greet**
9:00	**Symposium Commences** · ***Indigenous Opening Prayer***
9:30	**Message from Honorable Joanne Thompson**, DFO, Minister of Fisheries
10:00	**Symposium Goals** Charline McCoy, FCAS · West Coast Aquatic (WCA)
10:15	**Opening Comments** · Raymond Lacroix, FCAS President
10:30	**Presentation:** ***Indigenous Led Governance & Collaboration*** Charlie Marshall, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat
11:00	**Presentation:** ***Seasonal Movement Patterns & Overwintering Behaviour of Striped Bass (Morone saxatilis) Tagged in Prince Edward Island Waters*** · Craig Knickle, MCPEI **Presentation:** ***Increasing Knowledge of Salmon on PEI: Data Integration and Education*** • Heather Laiskonis, PEI Watershed Alliance & Junaid Maqsood, Holland College **Presentation:** ***The West River Riverwatcher Project: A New Lens on Population Monitoring for PEI*** · Knowlton Parkman, Central Queens Branch of the PEI Wildlife Federation (CQWF)
12:00	**Lunch**
13:00	**Presentation:** ***Atlantic Salmon in Prince Edward Island: Historical Perspectives & Evolving Management*** • Rosanne MacFarlane, PEI Department of Land & Environment
13:30	**Presentation:** ***National context & Funding Opportunities*** Alexis Knight, DFO
14:45	**Break**
15:00	**Panel Discussion:** ***Connecting PEI Priorities with Provincial & National Action*** • Jordan Condon, CQWF · Mary Finch, Province of PEI · Kelli Miller Kickham, PEI Wildlife Federation · Alexis Knight, DFO · Katelyn Sock, Abegweit First Nation
16:00	**Gallery Walk** · WCA
16:30	**Closing Comments for the Day**
17:00	**In-House Social** · Georgian Terrace

9:00	**Special Remarks** Honorable Darlene Compton, PEI Minister of Land & Environment
9:30	**Goals for Day Two**
9:45	**Review:** ***What we heard yesterday***
10:30	**Breakout session:** ***What Should We Prioritize for PEI Salmon?*** **Scenario A — Limited resources:** If PEI had additional resources to make the greatest difference for wild Atlantic salmon over the next five years, where should they be directed and why? **Scenario B — Knowledge gaps:** What information or monitoring is missing that prevents us from making better salmon conservation decisions in PEI?
11:30	**Presentation:** ***Emergence of Atlantic Salmon Fry in Relation to Redd Sediment Infiltration & Dissolved Oxygen in Small Coastal Streams*** Jordan Condon, ASF **Presentation:** ***Collaborative Salmon Stocking on PEI*** Brezlyn Knockwood, Abegweit Biodiversity Enhancement Hatchery · Tyrone Paul, Abegweit First Nation · Hannah Murnaghan, Morell River Management Cooperative
12:30	Closing Comments • Thank you

In-House Social

Please join us for our In-House Social 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 In-House Social will be held in the Georgian Terrace at the Rodd Charlottetown on Monday, November 9, from 5:00 until 7:00pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, a cash bar will be available and a raffle will be held.