

Partnerships Announced for Maintenance of Crown Reserve Infrastructure

On December 10, 2009, Hon. Wally Stiles, Minister of New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources announced that DNR will partner with two non-profit organizations to maintain Crown reserve stretches on the Restigouche, Miramichi and Nepisiguit river systems. The Restigouche River Watershed Management Council Inc. and Miramichi Watershed Management Committee Inc. are umbrella organizations for various stakeholders involved in the conservation and enhancement of the Atlantic salmon and its habitat on those river systems.

"I'm very pleased that we have reached preliminary agreements with these well-respected organizations, which will see the Department of Natural Resources fund maintenance of the Crown reserve stretches while the actual work will be contracted to the watershed management groups," said Stiles. *"These agreements are in keeping with our government's commitment to maintain a high-quality angling experience on these prime fishing waters for residents of New Brunswick, for a reasonable cost."*

About 40 stretches of limited entry waters make up the Crown reserve system. About half of those have camps, while anglers provide their own accommodations on the remaining stretches. Access is open only to New Brunswick residents, and is determined by a random, computerized draw.

"The Miramichi Watershed Management Committee enthusiastically looks forward to working with the Department of Natural Resources to provide a quality experience for residents of New Brunswick who use the Crown reserve waters," said committee president Debbie Norton.

During the past year, the department has been looking for opportunities to partner with one or more non-profit organizations to carry out maintenance of the Crown reserves. This work includes clearing walking trails, maintaining camps or campsites, and installing signage.

"Natural Resources staff should be protecting the wildlife and forests of our province, and not performing or supervising maintenance work on Crown reserve stretches," said Stiles. *"Maintenance work is important and must be done, but it is a better use of resources to have it carried out by a third party under contract to Natural Resources."*

MWMC will contract MSA to carry out this work. The new partnership will be in place in time for the 2010 fishing season. Anglers can expect a level of maintenance similar to 2008 and previous years, and they should not notice any difference as a result of the new partnership.

"The Department of Natural Resources will continue to own these prime fishing waters, and carry out enforcement on these stretches," said Stiles. *"The department will also continue to carry out the computerized draw that we have used in the past for residents."*

Final agreements are being negotiated with the two organizations, and Stiles said that further details should be available when his departmental estimates are tabled in the legislature during the current session.

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Both personally and on behalf of the MSA Board of Directors, I extend sincere best wishes to all MSA members for a Happy New Year and an enjoyable 2010 fishing season.

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DFO/DNR PLAN INADEQUATE TO ERADICATE SMALLMOUTH BASS

by Mark Hambrook, President



Mark Hambrook

The newest plan to eradicate smallmouth bass in Miramichi Lake presented by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and NB Natural Resources (DNR) has a poor chance for success and falls short of the expectations of the Miramichi Salmon Association (MSA).

The newest threat to the Atlantic salmon on the Miramichi is the illegal introduction of a non-native species, smallmouth bass, to Miramichi Lake, a 220 hectare lake that flows into the SW Miramichi via Lake Brook near the community of Juniper. This illegal introduction was discovered in the fall of 2008 and temporary containment measures were implemented in late 2008 and 2009, while an assessment of the smallmouth bass population size and distribution was conducted. This work was undertaken by a multi-party stakeholder group including DFO, DNR, the University of New Brunswick (UNB), the MSA and the Miramichi Watershed Management Committee (MWMC), which also maintained the barriers that were erected to confine the spread of the bass. The MWMC received financial assistance from the NB Wildlife Trust Fund, the Atlantic Salmon Endowment Fund, DFO and DNR and technical assistance from the MSA and JD Irving Ltd to complete this aspect of the problem.

The results of the 2009 assessment show that the smallmouth bass have become firmly established in Miramichi Lake with 5 year classes present, including young-of-the-year. The bass seem to be confined to the lake and the upper several hundred meters of Lake Brook as none were located further downstream. Although the total smallmouth bass population is not high yet, the number of maturing females captured in 2009 indicates that the population is ready to explode, which will force some smallmouth bass to migrate downstream to the SW Miramichi and establish there. A recent Fisheries and Oceans sponsored workshop to determine the threats of smallmouth bass introductions in the Miramichi and other

Gulf rivers identified the risk as high to very high for the fishes and the river ecosystems. We know from other regions and the smallmouth bass's invasions and introductions here in the east, that this top predator can significantly and quickly alter entire aquatic ecosystems. There appears to be no species that can compete with or evade predation by smallmouth bass. Their preferred diet is fish when it is available. They consume all small-bodied fish including their own species. In the Miramichi system, the most abundant small bodied fish include juvenile Atlantic salmon and brook trout.

This threat to the juvenile stocks of Atlantic salmon and brook trout must be stopped. This illegal introduction was probably done out of ignorance for the value of the Atlantic salmon fishery to the economic well being on the Miramichi and the cultural and historic significance this species has had on its people. An eradication plan must be developed immediately that will be effective in removing this species from our waters. A review of control options that was presented at the recent DFO workshop to determine the threats of smallmouth bass indicated that eradication before the population of smallmouth bass can grow or spread is the only viable option and most agree that the only way to do this is by using a compound called rotenone to kill the fish in the lake. Although this method sounds harsh, rotenone only affects fish and insects with no affect on humans and mammals in the concentrations that are commonly used. This option, although initially expensive, will prove to be the most cost effective control mechanism available with the highest probability that the species can be eradicated. This action is supported by most of the organizations involved with the conservation and enhancement of the Atlantic salmon because of the negative consequences of having this invasive species taking over value habitat of the juvenile Atlantic salmon.

The new plan presented by DFO/DNR to the Miramichi Watershed Management Committee on December 1 for Miramichi Lake discounts the use of rotenone. DFO claims that is illegal to use rotenone in New Brunswick, since New Brunswick is not on the list of provinces that DFO has an agreement with for its use. Rotenone has been used in New Brunswick before, under

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authority of the Government of Canada, and although New Brunswick should move immediately to have rotenone approved for use here, we believe that the appropriate Ministers of Fisheries and Oceans and Environment Canada can approve this emergency use. The MWMC has consulted extensively with the North American expert from California in the use of rotenone, and after reviewing all the data that has been gathered on Miramichi Lake, believes that there is a good chance for total eradication of smallmouth bass from the lake. DFO advised us that after some internal consultations, they believed there was a low probability of eradication using rotenone, yet refused to consult with an expert. The plan they presented consisted of using a containment structure, gill nets, angling and electrofishing - all things that were done in 2009 by MSA and MWMC that can temporarily suppress the bass populations, but not eradicate them.

The Miramichi River is one of the most productive Atlantic salmon Rivers in North America and its production can account for 30% to 40% of the total salmon off West Greenland in most years. To lose a substantial part of the salmon's juvenile habitat to an invasive species can't be allowed. Governments again must take strong action and implement this eradication plan. If the salmon numbers drop any lower in the ocean, they may reach a point where their survival as a species is in jeopardy. The salmon conservation groups want government to confront this issue and realize that the only way to stop this invasive species is to rotenone the lake. DFO commissioned the scientific literature review that states this fact from decades of fighting invasive species across North America. If the federal and provincial governments fail to follow the only proven technique to eradicate smallmouth bass, then we shall hold them accountable. ***We cannot afford to lose any more salmon!***

If I Can Send Just Three Messages of Importance ...



Doug MacDonald

Now that we are settled into the New Year and look forward to all that it will bring us, there are three messages I want to convey; first is to reiterate that the top priority of the MSA is to focus our conservation effort to the total Miramichi watershed. In coming months, there are important issues to be addressed, and as part of this process, we want to ensure the South Esk hatchery continues to operate effectively so that river enhancement projects will remain alive and well. Working together with all our partners in the Miramichi Watershed Management Committee (MWMC), the federal and provincial governments, First Nations, Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) and all other interest groups, we will continue to strive to work together for the benefit of the Miramichi River and its precious resources. We believe that co-management will work!

The second message (and one that was strongly delivered at last Fall's Fredericton Conservation Dinner by guest of honour and MSA Director Dr. Jack MacKay) *"everyone who fishes the Miramichi, should be an MSA member!"* Our membership in the MSA has great potential to grow! One of the main strengths of any organization is the size and spirit of its volunteer force, and so we must constantly build to make our voice as strong as possible. Please join us. The Miramichi Salmon Association is more than just a conservation

organization; it is literally a movement of environmental forces, by people of all walks of life, that has focused on one of nature's great species, the Atlantic Salmon, and one of the world's great rivers, the Miramichi - to make a real contribution to sustainable development within our time. There is a long and rich legacy to that movement in the MSA, and by membership, each of us accepts the responsibility to help sustain that heritage. Thus, our goal in the months and years ahead is to work towards the preservation and enhancement of the wild Atlantic salmon, and for the protection of its habitat in the Miramichi watershed to reach that high goal we have set as standards.

The third message - as we already begin to contemplate this year's fishing season, is to encourage all anglers to practice catch-and-release fishing with barbless hooks. The release of all fish is a great act of conservation in which we can all set an important example in principle. It is an act that we hope will have the rippling effect among all anglers to participate in this type of conservation leadership. We commend ASF for embarking on a new program inviting both private and outfitting camps to strictly promote and practice live release as detailed in the following article.

Both my wife Gloria and I extend our sincere best wishes to you and yours for 2010. We look forward to sharing another fishing season on the Miramichi with you!

Sincerely,

Doug MacDonald,
MSA Chairman

The Boston Dinner is Set MSA President Mark Hambrook To Be Recognized at Annual Boston Dinner

The Boston Dinner Committee hopes you will join us at the Miramichi Salmon Association's Annual Dinner and Symposium on Saturday, February 6, 2010. The event, as in the past, is at the Burlington Marriott in Burlington, Massachusetts (near Boston).

This year, the Boston Dinner Committee is pleased to honor MSA President, Mark Hambrook. After DFO decided to divest its hatcheries to the non-profit public sector, Mark left DFO, and with Bud Bird, then President of the MSA, worked out an arrangement to keep the hatchery operating. In 2000, the MSA restructured and hired Mark as President and Hatchery Manager. Under Mark's leadership, MSA has taken on much of the responsibility for the science associated with stock assessment for salmon. The hatchery has been transformed to a Salmon Conservation Centre and continues to provide salmon to the Miramichi and other rivers. The MSA plays a strong role in the Miramichi Watershed Management Committee. Mark has assembled a great staff that now includes a full time biologist as well as seasonal technicians.

Come gather with angling companions and supporters of the Miramichi River and the Miramichi Salmon Association. Organize your family, friends and angling companions to make an exciting weekend of this unique occasion to honor Mark's accomplishments at the MSA. We are fortunate to have him as our President.

The Boston Dinner is essential to MSA fund raising goals. Goods and services raffled and auctioned off at this dinner typically exceed \$80,000. Original paintings and etchings, signed limited edition prints, prime Miramichi angling trips, guided saltwater excursions, fly fishing gear, custom tied flies, outdoor clothing, as well as many other items will be featured. We promise good food, good drink and good fun, you won't be disappointed!

In addition to trips offered by some of the best camps and clubs on the river, MSA has offered a Salmon Research trip for two people to join Mark Hambrook and the ASF research team as they fish and tag adult salmon with sonic tracking pingers. Check the MSA website for details on trips to allow ample time to set your bidding strategy for all the Miramichi angling opportunities at this year's dinner. Additions and updates of premier trips, at some of the best pools on the river, will be posted.

Our Saturday afternoon Symposium, hosted by Acha Lord at 3:00 PM, will provide you with the latest updates pertaining to the Miramichi River and other important angling topics. Her panel will include MSA staff and scientists with reports on research and projects, as well as Chief Noah Augustine of Metepenagiag First Nation in Red Bank, NB. Chief Augustine was recently elected President of the Union of New Brunswick Indians. Red Bank is located only a few miles upriver from the Miramichi Salmon Conservation Centre, and has been in quite close cooperation with the MSA over many years. It is anticipated that Chief Augustine will address the continuing conservation relationship, and will be available to take questions broadly about this subject matter.

You can make dinner reservations or get additional information by calling the Fredericton Office at 506-457-2220, or Shelly Mendes at the US Office, 617-224-1916. Hotel reservations at the Boston Marriott Burlington may be made at 781-229-6565. To obtain the MSA reduced group rate, make your reservations by January 14, 2010 and be sure to tell them you are attending the MSA function.

By Jim Blackwell
Boston Dinner Chair

Tagged Kelts Return to Miramichi River!

By Jenny Reid, MSA Biologist

The year 2009 was the second consecutive season for the kelt tracking program, a joint venture between the Miramichi Salmon Association and the Atlantic Salmon Federation. In both years of the program, survival was high as kelts left the river and estuary; however, 2009 was the first year we would know what the survival rate was for all the kelts tagged in 2008. In 2008 and 2009, kelts were tagged at the head of tide during the first week of May; they swam downstream to the mouth of the river and swam through the estuary by the end of May. Salmon kelts migrated through the Strait of Belle Isle during the first two weeks of July as they traveled towards Greenland. A few kelts returned to spawn during the same year and typically returned after spending less than two months in the ocean!

In 2008, 50 kelts were tagged, 48 successfully made it through the river and estuary, and 22 successfully made it through the Strait of Belle Isle. Of the 48, three returned in 2008 after spending a few months at sea, successfully spawned and over-wintered and went out as kelts in 2009. Two of these kelts returned to the river again in 2009 after a few months at sea. In 2009, four

additional kelts returned to the river after spending over a year in the ocean reconditioning. Three of the kelts that returned had successfully passed through the Strait of Belle Isle receivers, however one did not. It is not known whether this fish traveled through Cabot Strait, remained in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence or was not picked up on the receivers at the Strait of Belle Isle.

In 2009, 50 kelts were tagged, 46 kelts made it through the estuary and eight passed through the Strait of Belle Isle on their way to Greenland. It is not known why so few kelts passed through the Strait of Belle Isle in 2009 compared to 2008. Four of the kelts tagged in the spring of 2009 returned back to the Miramichi River in July to spawn in the fall of 2009.

The kelt tracking program has provided valuable information on the movements of kelts from the Miramichi River as they move through the river, estuary and into the ocean. In 2010, there will be 50 kelts available to sponsor, so if you are interested please contact msajenny@nb.aibn.com or msanola@nb.aibn.com, or call 506-622-4000.

Results of the 2008 and 2009 kelt tracking can be found on the MSA website www.miramichisalmon.ca.

Bill Introduced To Improve Access to Prime Fishing Waters For Youth

On December 18, 2009, a Bill was passed in the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly by the Honourable Wally Stiles, Minister of Natural Resources for the Province of New Brunswick with respect to amendments to the *Fish and Wildlife Act* for youth angling. As MSA is always trying to encourage more youth to become involved in angling, this comes as a welcome change! This new law improves access for youth under 16 to prime fishing waters. The following is the text of a communication from DNR with respect to this matter.

“New Brunswick youth under the age of 16 will have easier access to some of the province's best salmon and trout fishing waters as a result of amendments introduced to the *Fish and Wildlife Act*.

“This is a new initiative to provide additional opportunities for young anglers to join family or friends to fish on the province's Crown reserve waters,” said Natural Resources Minister Wally Stiles. “The changes to the Act will allow youths under age 16 to accompany a parent, relative or friend without being a member of the official party and without having to purchase a Crown reserve license.”

Crown reserves are a limited entry fishery available only to residents of New Brunswick. Depending on the stretch, parties of two or four persons apply to a computerized draw for the right to fish a stretch on specific dates.

Successful applicants must purchase a Crown reserve license in addition to a provincial angling license.

Stiles said the amendments would allow someone under 16 to accompany a licensed member of a successful party. The adult and youth would be required to take turns fishing the Crown reserve stretch.

Another amendment will make it possible for youths under age 16 who are not residents of New Brunswick to angle for any species of fish, including Atlantic salmon, without having to purchase a fishing license.

With the amendment, non-resident youths would be treated the same as New Brunswickers under the age of 16.

Youths will not need a salmon fishing license as long as they are accompanied by a holder of a salmon license and any salmon caught are included in the license holder's bag limit. There is an option for youth under age 16 to purchase a salmon license if they wish to use their own tag to retain a fish.

“Sport fishing is an important part of the culture of this province as well as an important contributor to the provincial economy”, said Stiles. “Making it easier for children to take up this activity and promoting angling as a family activity will help ensure it remains an important part of our culture as we move towards a self-sufficient New Brunswick.”

Get Recognized and Rewarded: Become a Member Camp of ASF's Live Release Program

The Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) invites both private and outfitting Atlantic salmon camps to apply for membership to our Live Release Rewards and Recognition Program. It is open to all outfitting camps that promote and practice live release of both salmon and grilse and teach the techniques to their guests, and to all private camps that practice total live release.

Live release allows salmon and grilse to continue their spawning migrations and helps ensure the futures of both the wild Atlantic salmon and the sport of salmon angling. Live release programs are important considering that in 2008 anglers killed about 41,000 grilse and 3,000 Atlantic salmon in eastern Canada.

With ASF's recent recognition of Larry's Gulch, the NB government's fishing lodge on the Restigouche River, the number of camps participating in the recognition program rose to 55.

Currently, New Brunswick has the highest number of recognized camps in ASF's Live Release program. Of the 55 recognized camps in the Atlantic provinces and Quebec, 19 are located in NB. We invite you to consider having your private or outfitting camp join us in protecting the future of wild Atlantic salmon by fulfilling our program's criteria.

To qualify for recognition, PRIVATE CAMPS are required to:

- Practice TOTAL live release of both salmon and grilse
- Participate in ASF's guide education programs where available
- Teach anglers how to safely catch and release salmon and grilse

To qualify for recognition, OUTFITTER CAMPS are required to:

- Encourage guests to release both salmon and grilse
- Promote live release angling in their brochures
- Show only live salmon on their websites, and in promotional material
- Participate in ASF's guide education programs where available
- Promote the sale of live release licenses where available
- Teach anglers how to safely catch and release salmon and grilse

The rewards of joining our program for both PRIVATE camps and OUTFITTERS include:

- ASF Live Release flags and acknowledgement plaques
- Free ASF memberships for guides
- Recognition in the Atlantic Salmon Journal and on ASF's web site

Outfitting camps also receive an additional benefit of qualifying for a draw, one for new camps joining in the current year and one for all camps who have previously joined and have maintained their live release commitment. Each winner receives a full page of advertising in the Atlantic Salmon Journal, ASF's award-winning, full-colour magazine.

To learn more about the ASF Live Release Rewards and Recognition Program or to apply for recognition, please visit the ASF web site at www.asf.ca or call 506-529-4581.

The following camps have been recognized by ASF for their promotion of and commitment to live release as of November 30, 2009

NEW BRUNSWICK OUTFITTERS (8)

Larry's Gulch
Ledges Inn
Miramichi Black Rapids Lodge
Miramichi Inn
Pond's Resort
Restigouche River Lodge
Upper Oxbow Outdoor Adventures
Wilson's Sporting Club

NEW BRUNSWICK PRIVATE (11)

Black Brook Salmon Club
Boland Brook Camp
Fishbone Camp
Grilse & Grouse Inc.
Kedgwick Salmon Club Inc.
Messler Salmon Camp
Miramichi Rod & Gun Club Inc.
Ristigouche Salmon Club
Runnymede Lodge
Sutter Salmon Club
Two Brooks

Please note that this list represents only those outfitters and private camps that have registered with this ASF program; however, there are many other outfitters and camps that do practice live release.



Appreciation is extended to Sue Scott, VP Communications for ASF for submitting this article and photo.

The MSA Board Expands: Meet Some New Directors

The MSA Board of Directors meets three times each year; at the time of the Boston Dinner in Burlington, MA in February; at the Ice-Breaker in Boiestown in May; and Freeport, ME in November. The final Directors Meeting for 2009 was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Saturday and Sunday, November 7th and 8th allowing for a good dialogue of MSA business. A wide range of discussion was conducted all in the atmosphere of a common cause. The dedication of a full weekend to MSA affairs speaks very strongly for the commitment which these people hold for Atlantic salmon conservation and for the Miramichi River.

The MSA Board presently has 54 Directors, divided among representatives from Canada, the USA and abroad. MSA benefits greatly from the wide base of knowledge and experience that each brings to the table. We welcome three new Directors and take this opportunity to introduce them.



Paul Baker of Rothesay, has worked for 20 years at JD Irving, Limited in Saint John and currently manages the sales of its pulp and paper business. No stranger to the Miramichi River, Paul started fly fishing in Boiestown with his grandfather where he caught his first 6-inch parr and later, at the age of 12, caught a 10 pound salmon in the Lodge Pool of the Big Salmon River. He has been heard to say that he feels blessed to have had the opportunity to fly fish many of the salmon rivers of New Brunswick and Quebec as well as other waters across the United States. Paul definitely has great respect for these rivers' valued salmon resource.



Janus Angus (Jim) Hughson was born in Moncton on December 7, 1933 (the date later became a day of Infamy). Jim attended a number of schools in New Brunswick and PEI, graduating from Fredericton High School, and going on to UNB, before entering the heavy construction world as an equipment operator. In 1968, he incorporated Valley Oxygen Ltd. which marketed compressed gasses and welding supplies throughout central New Brunswick, selling the company 28 years later. Jim hooked his first salmon under the Doaktown Bridge with Bob Weaver as his guide in 1961, and he has been a friend of the Miramichi ever since, sharing a deep commitment for salmon conservation. A key member of the Fredericton Dinner Committee, Jim has been invaluable in his support of this fundraising event for the 14 years of its existence.



Kenneth Kyle, a Chartered Accountant by profession is the Senior Manager of Teed Saunders Doyle & Co. in Fredericton, joining the firm in May 2002 upon graduation from the University of New Brunswick. He enjoys working closely with clients, colleagues and the community providing them with financial, business advisory and taxation advice. Several years ago Kenny was introduced to the art of salmon fishing by MSA legends Manley Price and Vince Swazey. As an avid hunter and outdoorsmen, Kenny was amazed at the rush from hooking his first Atlantic Salmon in June of 2005 at Rocky Brook Camp. He states, "What's more impressive is the fact that no matter how many Salmon you hook, you still get that same rush every time." Kenny is grateful for the opportunity to enjoy Salmon fishing and looks forward to sharing the opportunity with his son Luke and others in the future.

MEET SOME LONG-STANDING DIRECTORS



Some Directors and wives enjoying dinner in Freeport. L to r. George and Nancy Mumford, Louis and Emmie Newell, Ralph and Marilyn Archibald.

FOR SALE: Items for the Angler at Heart and Anyone Who Loves the Miramichi

Memories of the Miramichi - This 35 minute film has been designed by Theodore Rogowski as he voyaged 65 miles of the Miramichi River from Boiestown to tidewater by canoe, pool by pool, catching salmon as they went, with boatmen Dewey Gillespie and Vince Swazey. This wonderful DVD allows the viewer to visit with anglers, see riverside highlights and fly at 500 feet to explore this majestic river and its setting in New Brunswick. Myths, legends and even some true stories will have you heading to the Miramichi River to experience it yourself! On sale now, price \$25, plus shipping and handling.

Reflections of the Miramichi - The 2010/2011 Miramichi Salmon Association Heritage Calendar is now available. This third issue of the Heritage Calendar is a beautiful illustration of Miramichi photos featuring life along the watershed, now and then - a real collector's item. Note that this calendar is based on the fishing season, starting in April 2010 to March 2011. It will make a great gift for the avid fisherman or historical enthusiast. On sale now price \$10 (plus postage).



Congratulations!

The winner of the rod, reel, fly box with flies raffle is MSA member Dr. John Price of Fredericton. We wish him tight lines!

"Fishing is a great way to establish relationships, not only with family but also with friends, many of whom you meet while salmon fishing. A bit of advice - be a conservationist, protect the salmon and as often as possible, hang that sign on your door that reads 'Gone Fishing!'"

Quote from the late Will Webb, MSA Director