

Our vision to recover the river

Human activity throughout history has had a negative impact. It is time to give back. Together we can work to save one of Nova Scotia's last salmon rivers.

The river is relying on us to survive and we have a lot of work ahead to bring back the salmon. Meeting this challenge head on will take time, resources and your generous support. But we think the alternative - a river without Atlantic salmon - is unthinkable.



RIVER IN PERIL

Help save the Salmon



Help us preserve the Atlantic salmon

We urgently need your support to maintain this beautiful, iconic watershed as a rich resource, so there are always healthy salmon runs for future generations.

Contact us to learn how.

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One of Nova Scotia's last salmon rivers is in trouble

This once wild and untouched place needs our help. After a hundred years of human exploitation, the river's health is eroding. And with the loss of the landscape comes the loss of the fish. In the river's heyday, salmon were plentiful, but today they're a fraction of what they were. If we can't rescue this beautiful Nova Scotia ecosystem, the wild Atlantic salmon may disappear forever.



Why save the salmon?

- Saving the Atlantic Salmon's natural habitat will reduce their chance of extinction.
- Wild Atlantic salmon return to the river each year in numbers that are only a fraction of what they need to be to survive – a mere 10% - and still declining.
- Healthy salmon rivers are coveted destinations for tourists who contribute millions to local economies.
- Restoring the river's salmon stocks and eco systems will ensure we can experience this wild and beautiful place exactly as it's been for a thousand years.

Our Efforts to Date

- We're committed to the effort, and we've restored almost 8 kilometres of the river so far. Salmon activity has already shown signs of improvement in these areas with 5-6 times more spawning activity in restored habitats compared to unrestored sections.
- While we're incredibly thankful for financial contributions to date and proud of the work completed, most of the river and feeder streams still need our attention. We have miles to go, and we need your help.

The Importance of Action

Atlantic salmon are the heart of the St. Mary's River and an important indicator of its health. Over time, logging, fishing, global warming, ice and floods have all taken a devastating toll.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has concluded if action is not taken, there's a 73% chance Atlantic salmon will disappear from the St. Mary's River. We have a chance to stop this from happening.

The St. Mary's River Association is a community driven organization for river-specific conservation and restoration

We're a charitable, non-profit organization made up of concerned members who are already taking steps to protect the St. Mary's River. We hope to restore it as a rich habitat for wild Atlantic salmon and other native plants and animals.

