



Sustainable Industry

To ensure a sustainable and healthy industry, the NB salmon aquaculture industry is an active participant in an integrated environment, fish health, and operational management program. NB salmon farmers maintain world-leading standards of health and welfare of the fish, and environmental standards that meet or exceed other coastal activities in Canada and worldwide. In addition, the industry recognizes the concerns of interactions with wild fish populations and works with government, scientists, and others to pro-actively address them through the following management practices.

Bay Management Areas (BMAs)

Our industry follows a new BMA system which is supported by provincial legislation and has been developed using the most advice from fish health and environmental scientists and professionals. The new BMA system allows for a 3 year grow-out cycle, with crop rotation between BMAs and fallowing between crops.

Sites are organized into geographically-based Bay Management Areas (BMAs) that facilitate communication and coordination within the industry and with other marine resource users.

Environmental Stewardship

The NBSGA has played a leading role in the development and implementation of environmental monitoring and management programs that are regulated by provincial governments. These programs rely on performance based standards that are accepted by federal agencies charged with the protection of the marine environment.

NBSGA continues to represent the salmon farming industry on various committees and workshops that address environmental stewardship. These include the Aquaculture Environmental Coordination Committee, which is co-chaired by the NB Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Inner Bay of Fundy Salmon Recovery Team, and many others.

Conservation Efforts

The NBSGA has been working with various groups to address potential wild/farmed fish interactions. The NBSGA has been working with Fisheries and Oceans Canada on the Canadian Implementation Plan, which details existing and new initiatives relevant to Canada's commitment to NASCO's Williamsburg Resolution.

Salmon farmers continue to work directly with groups such as the Atlantic Salmon Federation to promote the conservation of wild salmon stocks in the Bay of Fundy.

Codes of Practice

The NBSGA have developed a suite of Codes of Practice that address all aspect of salmon farming, and are consistent with federal and provincial regulations.

Containment

The NBSGA is in the final stages of completing *NBSGA Code of Containment for Culture of Atlantic Salmon in Marine Net Pens in New Brunswick*. This Code encompasses all aspects of marine salmon operations in New Brunswick. In addition, the Code provides a framework to facilitate mandatory reporting of escapes to regulators.

This Code of Containment will assist NBSGA members and industry in their ability to meet international commitments to environmental stewardship and provide information to regulators in a concise, timely and meaningful fashion.

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Environmental Management

The NBSGA has completed a final draft of the *Code of Practice to Support Environmental Performance Based Management and Regulation of Marine Salmon Farms in Southwest New Brunswick* which describes the practices to be followed to provide the maximum level of protection to the environment while allowing the salmon growers the flexibility to operate their sites to optimize productivity and cost effectiveness.

Regulations

The New Brunswick salmon farming industry is highly regulated by provincial and federal agencies, and is subjected to the following legislation:

Federal

Fish Health Protection Regulations
Canadian Environmental Protection Act
Canadian Environmental Assessment Act
Fisheries Act
Fish Inspection Act and Regulations

Provincial

NB Clean Environment Act
Aquaculture Act

In addition to the above, NB salmon farmers are subjected to additional Acts and Regulations, depending on the nature of their operation.

Research and Development

The NBSGA continues research and development efforts to support sustainability. This includes development of offshore sites, fish health and environmental management, and diversification to other finfish, shellfish, and seaweed products. In addition, the NBSGA continues to collaborate with conservation groups on mutual research priorities.

About NBSGA

The NBSGA was established in 1987 to promote Atlantic salmon aquaculture and encourage the orderly growth of the industry in the Bay of Fundy through communication with the public, government agencies and the legislators. The NBSGA provides a forum to exchange professional information, encourage good farming practices and enhance the quality of New Brunswick farmed salmon products.

Today, the NBSGA represents over 90% of New Brunswick's salmon production and includes a broad spectrum of support companies.

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