



**Effective:
June 1, 2024
until further
notice**

SALMON FISHING RIVERS

**For the communities of:
Annapolis Valley, Bear River, Eskasoni,
Glooscap, Potlotek, Wagmatcook,
Wasoqopa'q and We'koqma'q**

Netukulimkewe'l - Taking Responsibility

The low number of salmon returning to rivers in Nova Scotia is concerning. On the Gulf of St. Lawrence side of Nova Scotia, salmon populations are doing better. Currently, the Mi'kmaq are the only individuals retaining salmon for Food, Social and Ceremonial needs. As Mi'kmaq, we have an important role & responsibility in managing the salmon population for the next seven generations. This includes only taking salmon from rivers that meet and exceed conservation requirements and reporting your catch. Please provide details regarding your catch to your community fishery office, UINR or MCG and include river, capture date, size & sex of salmon.

Treat the salmon with respect and return what you are not using to the earth.

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Status Card must be carried as proof of identity when fishing



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Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative



Salmon can be harvested from the Margaree River. Only grilse can be harvested from the Mabou River.

Area 18 - Gulf Shore Nova Scotia (Cape Breton)

Margaree River & tributaries (smaller rivers off the main river) consistently exceed conservation requirements. Harvest of large (>63cm; >24.4 inches) & small/grilse (35.5 to 63cm; 14 to 24.4 inches) is acceptable. In the Mabou River, the status of Atlantic Salmon is unknown therefore the harvest of small/grilse (35.5 to 63cm; 14 to 24.4 inches) is necessary to allow the larger, egg-bearing female salmon to reproduce.

Spearing, snaring, dip netting, angling and fly fishing during the day and night with a light source is allowed. Community harvesting efforts using a seine, weir, or trap (maximum 1 trap per river) are also acceptable methods. Gill nets are not allowed for conservation reasons and injures fish.

Area 18 - Gulf Shore Nova Scotia (Mainland)

Access to salmon in this area is reserved for the communities of Paqtnkek, Sipekne'katik, Pictou Landing and Millbrook. Fishers who wish to fish mainland rivers for salmon should contact those communities and/or the Mi'kmaw Conservation Group.

Areas 19 - 22

The salmon populations in these areas **DO NOT MEET CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS**. This includes the Grand River, Middle River, Baddeck River, Skye River, the North River. Snorkel surveys are completed in the North River in the summer and fall to determine if there are enough salmon to harvest. Updates will be provided by UINR.

