



**ISSUE:** Atlantic salmon harvest regulations in New Brunswick 2018

**BACKGROUND:**

- The NBSC is comprised of 30 affiliated salmon angling and conservation organizations throughout New Brunswick.
- The NBSC supports the position that the conservation of wild Atlantic salmon populations and their genetic diversity be given the highest priority in management decisions.
- The NBSC also supports the position that fisheries management decisions respect the right of indigenous people, reflect best available science, and consider local and indigenous traditional knowledge as well as the biological, social and economic consequences.
- To garner trust and public support, management decisions will
  - Seek to accommodate a wide range of interests in the resource, and
  - Be based on meaningful input
- General elements of NBSC's approved **Harvest by Abundance Policy** include:
  - The Board does **not** support a broad-brush approach to setting harvest regulations and
  - The Board **does support** the position that Atlantic salmon harvest regulations be established on the principles of "harvest by abundance" and on a river-by-river basis

**PROPOSED BOARD POSITION:**

- The NBSC's Board of Directors, on December 3, 2017 approved the following position regarding the harvest of Atlantic salmon in New Brunswick in 2018 and that it be presented on behalf of the NBSC to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on December 14, 2017 at the meeting of the Eastern New Brunswick Coastal and Inland Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee

**POSITION:**

*To request a grilse harvest in 2018 based on the principles of "**harvest by abundance**" and a "**river-by-river approach**" unless DFO can provide the scientific evidence that the request is not reasonable.*

**Submitted** to the Chair of the Eastern New Brunswick Coastal and Inland Recreational Fisheries Advisory Committee on December 14, 2017

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