



VIBRANT AND DIVERSIFIED COMMUNITIES

PARTNERS IN A WORKING WATERFRONT

Coastal communities benefit from a diversified economic base that includes salmon farming, traditional fisheries, recreational fishery and tourism. Salmon farming has successfully co-existed with a thriving wild fishery and a vibrant tourism industry for over 30 years in Atlantic Canada and elsewhere.

Our region's salmon farmers are passionate and hardworking people who are committed to building a locally based, globally competitive and environmentally sustainable industry that will continue to bring prosperity to our coastal communities. They are committed to making sure that traditional fisheries and aquaculture continue to thrive as partners in our region's working waterfronts.

NOT TO BLAME FOR WILD SALMON DECLINE

Salmon farming began because the commercial fishery for Atlantic salmon was in decline. Studies and monitoring data show wild salmon populations fluctuate in areas with and without salmon farms.

Wild salmon in the Bay of Fundy are impacted by a variety of issues such as acid rain, seal predation, unhealthy watersheds, hydro dams, habitat loss, invasive species and over-fishing. Environmental assessments show that salmon farms do not pose a significant or permanent risk to wild salmon or habitat.

LOBSTER LANDINGS GROW

Lobster landings have increased since the 1990s according to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. A study conducted by the School of Fisheries, Marine Institute of Memorial University in 2005 showed that after 25 years of commercial fish farming, lobster landings are at historic high levels particularly in areas with active fish and shellfish farm sites.

TOURISM ENHANCED

In most coastal communities, salmon farmers work alongside tourism operators. Many visitors to our shores and communities are interested in learning more about salmon farming. Tourism industries will flourish when visitors can be drawn to a community because there is a variety of experiences available to them.

SAFE FOR OUR OCEAN

Lobster landings have increased in many areas where salmon farming also thrives.

There is no credible evidence that farmed salmon transfer disease to wild salmon.

Wild salmon runs fluctuate from year to year whether salmon farms are in the area or not.



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