

# MEDWAY RIVER SALMON ASSOCIATION

Queens County  
Nova Scotia

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The association President keeps the membership up to date through the Medway River Blues publication, also [archived here](#) on this web site. Between times, though, things can happen quickly. This page is a good place to keep up with the very latest developments, be they with the Medway River Salmon Association activities or with other events that affect our interests. Here then is the latest.

**Posted June 21, 2012**

MRSA President Horace MacPherson has today issued his first quarterly report reviewing a busy first few months in office. [Read his report here](#), also posted in our [Archives](#) page.

**Posted June 20, 2012**

1. Tom Sherman has published video he has been gathering in the recent weeks respecting the "installment" of the fish pens close to Spectacle Island within Port Mouton Bay. See it at <https://vimeo.com/44314308>
2. Yet another suspected salmon infection is being probed at Cooke Aquaculture. For a limited time, the story can be read at the Chronicle Herald site: <http://thechronicleherald.ca/business/108828-another-suspected-salmon-infection-probed-at-cooke-aquaculture>
3. The following was recently received from Greg Stevens of DFO and is posted here for the information of our members and others.

*June 14, 2012*

*Hi Horace*

*At the Salmon Zone Management Advisory Committee held in Bridgewater on Tuesday, June 12, members of your Association requested that DFO look at a number individual pool closures on the Medway River in 2012 as opposed to closing the section of the Medway River from the Highway 210 bridge at Greenfield downstream to the Highway 103 bridge.*

*I have discussed that proposal with both our Regulations Unit and enforcement personnel.*

*And while we very much appreciate the offer of the Medway River Salmon Association to provide DFO with pool coordinates and to post closures, we will not be able to proceed as requested.*

- *It is administratively burdensome to implement closures for such a large number of pools.*
- *The onus is on DFO to bring Notice of variation orders to the attention of those likely to be affected by changes... so having someone else do that for us jeopardizes the legality of the process.*
- *It will be very confusing for the public, i.e., I can fish here...no I can't. ..yes I can... no I can't ...every hundred metres or so and;*
- *Undoubtedly, such an approach would still leave smaller pools open to abuse.*

*However, for the Medway River, the angling closure can be lifted by August 16 as salmon have generally moved past that section of the river. Given that water levels are decreasing, temperatures are increasing and we have received several complaints already of anglers now targeting salmon, our intent is to implement this closure tomorrow, June 15, consistent with the other angling closures on the Medway, i.e., Lake Pool and Harmony.*

*Regards...and wish there were more practical options.*

*Greg*

**Posted June 11, 2012**

In the [linked video](#), the Port Mouton, Queens County and Nova Scotia community responds to news that Ocean Trout will put 300,000 trout in a open net fish farm in Port Mouton Bay the week of June 11, 2012. The Bay has been recovering from 15 years of fish farm pollution (fallowing since August 2009) and putting farmed fish back in the Bay is an environmental, social and political atrocity.

Just a reminder, also, that [our membership general meeting](#) is this Thursday, June 14, at 7.00pm at the Charleston Fire Hall.

**Posted June 4, 2012**

An earlier ban on salmon fishing in Nova Scotia has now been rescinded, effective June 4, 2012.

**Posted June 4, 2012**

The Government of Nova Scotia has now released its [Aquaculture Strategy](#) and is inviting comment.

**Posted May 30, 2012**

The Medway River Salmon Assoc. is planning to hold a BBQ on June 9th Saturday from 11am to 2.00 pm at Macphersons . We are in need of some helpers . Please call Ron Zwicker 356-2408

**Posted May 24, 2012**

The following message was circulated by renowned west coast activist Alexandra Morton.

*In two weeks the Province of BC wants to make it illegal to talk about reportable diseases in animals destined for human consumption  
<http://www.theprovince.com/news/information+farm+outbreaks/6657194/story.html> They also seek to amend the Offence Act so that the punishment can be maximum for talking about reportable diseases in animals/fish people are going to eat. I am in shock.*

*Last night Anissa and I went to observe the offloading of the OCEAN KING mort packer for Mainstream. They are moving the viral infected fish through the most productive wild salmon waters of the west coast of Vancouver Island - Alberni Inlet, avoiding every fish farm. There was no containment around the vessel as they pumped, the trucks were dripping bloodwater as they drove to the nearby Land, Earth and Sea "organic" composting facility between China Creek and Port Alberni. There is concern this will leach directly into the Inlet. People do not understand why this facility was used and not the much more secure mass mortality compost facility in Parksville. These fish should be removed before the next big rainfall.*

*We contacted Local First Nations who were not notified. DFO was called but they were not visible on scene, the mayor showed up but did not speak with me. The boat left and will presumably be back late today.*

*We have posted videos at Salmon Are Sacred facebook page and a posting on my blog [alexandramorton.typepad.com](http://alexandramorton.typepad.com)*

*So folks this may be the last chance the people of Canada have the opportunity to be vocal about highly infectious diseases in Norwegian feedlots, leaching into BC. Christy Clark, premier of BC is taking us into Dark Ages. Mainstream is telling the world I breached quarantine at the dock, but there was none when we arrived and once there was I never stepped inside.*

*<http://www.twitter.com/CTVNewsGord>*

*If you want wild salmon - this is your last chance to protect them from viruses in salmon farms. I have no reason to trust that is IHN in the Dixon fish farm owned by Cermaq which largely owned by the Norwegian government. If it is IHN we don't know what strain and IHN epidemics in Atlantic salmon is not natural to BC waters. The doors on free-speech are slamming shut if you feel like using democracy to try and stop this now would be a good time.*

*Alexandra Morton*

**Posted May 20, 2012**

For the information of all members: To keep you up to date on the closure of the Mersey facility and the loss of five jobs, I have requested a meeting with our mayor and our provincial and federal representatives to discuss what we can do to save these jobs and this facility. My understanding is that the job cuts were made in Ottawa purely as cost cutting measures, not science! There is a Salmon Recovery Conference this week in Dartmouth; maybe we will get some answers there. How can you have a recovery program in the Southern Uplands with no facility to grow fish? A petition will be started soon to save this facility. Stay tuned.

Horace

**Posted May 17, 2012**

William J. Daniels of St. Francis Xavier University has now published an undergraduate thesis on the [Economic Viability of Lime Dosing in Nova Scotia: A Cost Benefit Analysis](#). It reinforces the economic good sense of government support of liming to return wild salmon to the province's rivers.

**Posted May 10, 2012**

The effects of chain pickerel on a lake and river system can be devastating and background information can be found in the [Chain Pickerel](#) segment of our [Projects](#) section. Recent local research into the effects of chain pickerel on the lake and river systems where they are found has been published. The research was done by NSSA Director Sean Mitchell, PhD, of St. Francis Xavier University. It confirms that, given time, chain pickerel will destroy almost everything in a lake. A [synopsis of the research conclusions](#) may be read here. Our thanks go to the St. Mary's River Association for forwarding the material to us for sharing.

**Posted May 8, 2012**

The following has been received from the Nova Scotia Aalmon Association. MRSA will attend:

*You are needed: Big open net pen salmon Aquaculture Press Conference May 31*

*Hi folks. This is an early heads up to please save Thursday, May 31st on your calendar for a big show of collective force opposing open net pen salmon aquaculture in Halifax probably mid to late morning. We will need everyone there and all the supporters you can bring with you.*

*At a recent strategy meeting on Sunday we agreed we needed to do a big joint press conference to further our demand for a moratorium on open net pen salmon aquaculture. I've agreed to act as coordinator for this event. We will book a hotel conference room or some other large space in downtown Halifax. We will have a huge head table ringing the room with a place for one representative from each group. We also want to fill the rest of the room with a BIG audience of supporters. Between now and then we all need to try to get new groups to join the Coalition For Aquaculture Reform. Target is to at least double the membership to 100 groups – more if possible. I have attached a copy of the ACAR Basis of Unity document again for you to share with your group or prospective new groups. All I need is confirmation that you/they signed on and at least one contact name with contact info. Please send to me. We will invite all the major media outlets and the provincial political leaders (or their designates) to speak to the issue. Professionally printed or homemade signs welcome to help decorate the walls.*

*Folks we need to make this a really big event with a strong showing of groups and people from across the province. If you got this message it means we need you there Please spread the word and begin making plans now to attend the event on May 31st and please confirm back to me via e-mail. Please also include your phone number and any other names/e-mails/phone numbers of other key individuals who will attend and/or help.*

*Thanks.*

*Ray Plourde*

**Posted April 28, 2012**

The Southern Upland Salmon Recovery Potential Assessment Meeting has been confirmed for May 22-25 .Please find attached the agenda . The location of the 4 day meeting will be at the Super 8 Hotel ,Forestall Room, 65 King Street, Dartmouth N.S. [Click here to read the meeting agenda.](#)

**Posted April 11, 2012**

A meeting was held on April 4, 2012, with the Nova Scotia Power, DFO, McGowan Hatchery and several interested groups on the fish ladder at McGowan lake. The latest plan is to begin a draw down of the canal only by Monday April 9th, with levels down enough Tuesday for the staff to seine the canal for fish trapped inside. The goal of all this is to put some flow through the pen stock to the tail race [20cfs]. The fish ladder will also be temporarily dewatered. The work on the intake should take a few days, with the plan to then raise the water levels back for later the same week. Hopefully in the coming weeks we will hear about the proposed new fish ladder at the diversion plan.

**Posted Apr 4, 2012**

The following was received from the NSSA and is posted for the information of members:

*To: NSSA Board; NSSA Members; NSSA Affiliates; Flies & Lies List*

*Hi Folks,*

*Just a reminder of the upcoming 23rd Annual Halifax Dinner and Auction fundraiser for the Atlantic Salmon Federation and The Nova Scotia Salmon Association.*

*For the first time the Smoked Salmon Reception will consist of salmon raised in a land based closed containment facility thereby causing no impact to our precious wild Atlantic Salmon.*

*Date: Thursday, April 12th , 2012*

*Location: Casino Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia*

*Time:*

*6:00 - smoked salmon reception & silent auction*

*7:30 - dinner & live auction*

*Ticket Information*

*Single Tickets - \$150.00*

*Sponsor Table - \$1,800.00*

*Conservation table of eight - \$2,500.00*

*Patron table of eight - \$5,000.00*

*A tax receipt will be issued for the charitable portion.*

*For tickets please contact:*

*Jim Lawley*

*Phone: Cell: (902) 456-2121*

E-mail: [jimlawley@scotiafuels.com](mailto:jimlawley@scotiafuels.com)

Should you want to donate items please contact Lewis Hinks at our office in Chester 902-275-3407.

Your commitment and support of our 23rd Annual Halifax Dinner will make a difference and is appreciated.

Here is a sample of some of the Live Auction items:

**Cold Spring Camp** - Come and enjoy an unforgettable fishing trip at well-known Cold Spring Camp situated in Québec's ruggedly beautiful Gaspé Region on the bank of the Matapedia River. Two rods will fish for three days on the club's 9 miles of private water. Includes guided fishing, all meals and accommodation. Contact donor for mutually agreeable dates, which must be used in the 2012 season. Donor: Cold Spring Camp [www.coldspringcamp.com](http://www.coldspringcamp.com)

**Pira Lodge, Ibera Marshlands, Argentina (Golden Dorado)** – Two rods for 5 nights and four days of fishing. A unique fly fishing experience in the Ibera Marshes. Meet the Golden Dorado, an acrobatic, explosive game fish with powerful jaws and razor sharp teeth. Built in a typical Corrientes style, the lodge enjoys a spectacular panoramic view of the vast wetlands. It accommodates up to 10 guests in five large rooms, each with a private entrance, private bath, two double beds and air conditioning. Dates will be determined by lodge availability and winner's preference. Donor: NervousWaters [www.nervouswaters.com](http://www.nervouswaters.com)

**Sandhill River Lodge, Labrador** - From Monday August 6 - Monday August 13, 2012, two rods will enjoy one week on the beautiful Sandhill River in Labrador. Only 6 rods will be fishing this very productive river during this time. Trip includes accommodation, meals, guide service, licenses, access to the river and transportation to and from Goose Bay. Donor: Sandhill River Lodge

**Salmon Lodge on the Grand Cascapedia** - Two Rods for three days. Situated on an eighty foot bluff overlooking the famous Grand Cascapedia River, the recently renovated Salmon Lodge is a beautiful, century old lodge. Providing gourmet meals in a relaxing atmosphere, Salmon Lodge has quickly become known among sportsmen. This trip includes meals, lodging, guide service and fishing. Guests may also have the opportunity to fish the Bonaventure, the Petite Cascapedia along with the Grand Cascapedia. Plan to arrive August 5th, fish August 6, 7, and 8 and depart after fishing on the 8th . Donor: Salmon Lodge [www.thesalmonlodge.ca](http://www.thesalmonlodge.ca)

Larry Shortt  
NSSA

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