

Join the Catch and Release Club



Keep wild Atlantic salmon coming back to our rivers

The ATLANTIC SALMON FEDERATION & its regional councils & affiliates support catch and release

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Nova Scotia Salmon Association
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Salmonid Council of Newfoundland and Labrador
Fédération québécoise pour le saumon atlantique
Maine Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation
New England Council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation

What is the point of catch and release angling? **Survival of the species**

Carefully released wild Atlantic salmon live and go on to spawn, increasing prospects for future generations.



What are the odds of survival? **Nearly 100%**

Wild Atlantic salmon have a much better chance of survival when angled under ideal conditions. High water temperatures and low water levels are particularly stressful to Atlantic salmon. We encourage responsible angling.



Wild Atlantic salmon returns declined from 1.6 million in 1975 to 400,000 in 1999*

**The above figures include both grilse and two sea-winter wild Atlantic salmon returning to North America*

Catch and Release online

For more information visit our Catch and Release information centre online at www.asf.ca

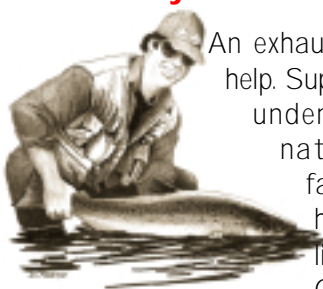
Can equipment improve the odds? **Yes**



Barbless or hooks with the barbs pinched are easiest to remove. Flat-ten barbs with pliers. If a net must be used, be sure it is made of knotless cotton mesh to avoid

injuring the fish.

Is there first aid for salmon? **Absolutely**



An exhausted fish needs help. Support the salmon underwater in a natural position facing the current, handling it as little as possible. Give it time to

recover. The goal is for the wild Atlantic salmon to swim away on its own. Severe exhaustion reduces the salmon's odds of surviving. Play the fish sensibly and **keep it in the water.**

How should hooks be removed? **Very Carefully**

In quiet water, bring the wild salmon quickly within reach. Leaving the salmon in water and without squeezing it, remove the hook carefully with pliers or thumb and forefinger. If necessary, cut the leader near the fly and spare the fish.

Can I take anything home? **Of Course!**

In addition to a photograph and the satisfaction of watching a wild salmon swim away, anglers can also join **ASF's NEW Catch and Release Club & enter the Special Incentive Draw.**

Special Incentive Program

All anglers releasing wild Atlantic salmon and grilse are eligible to receive an **ASF commemorative catch and release pin** by submitting the attached form. As a special incentive to show ASF's appreciation, anglers' names will be entered into a draw to be held Dec. 1, 2000. All entries must be complete and must be witnessed to be eligible. Prizes include complete Orvis® flyfishing outfits and limited edition framed prints.

Please join the growing number of anglers who are committed to giving the wild Atlantic salmon they catch a second chance. Simply fill out the details requested below and we'll send you a commemorative pin that acknowledges your commitment to catch and release flyfishing.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Prov/State _____

Postal/Zip Code _____

I caught and released a grilse/salmon (circle one)

weighing approximately _____

on the _____ River

Length of Fish: _____

Witness: _____

Signature: _____

Mail to:

Atlantic Salmon Federation

Catch and Release Program

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