



A wooden culvert with low water levels fragments the watercourse

## WHAT IS AN AREA OF HABITAT CONCERN?

- **1.** Barriers to fish passage (e.g. debris, improperly installed culverts)
- **2.** Areas with unsuitable pH or temperature
- Concentrations of metals or contaminants



Debris blocking concrete culvert and fish passage

## About the project

Our five year project will address areas of fish habitat concern in the **Chiganois, Debert, Folly, Great Village, and Portapique** Watersheds. Four of the five watersheds within the project scope are identified as critical habitat for the endangered inner Bay of Fundy (iBoF) Atlantic Salmon.

Through reconnaissance and surveys, planning, engineering, physical labour, and community support, we will help to restore fish habitat by enhancing coastal entry points and removing obstructions from migration routes for iBoF Atlantic Salmon and other migratory fish.

We will also assess and propose innovative solutions for modification or replacement of the aboiteau on the Chiganois River in collaboration with project partners and community members.

The five watersheds project is funded through the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Oceans Protection Plan Coastal Restoration Fund.

## Project Outcomes

- ✓ Map all areas of habitat concern within the project area
- ✓ Develop a management plan to prioritize fish habitat restoration actions
- ✓ Recruit volunteers to continue monitoring and reporting areas
  of habitat concern
- ✓ Document water conditions and fish presence prior to restoration activities
- ✓ Undertake actions to restore fish habitat
- ✓ Increase knowledge and capacity of local communities to protect, monitor, and restore fish habitat

## How can you help?

We need community help to learn more about the project area and to help steer the project in a direction that benefits everyone. You can help by:

participating in community meetings

Dan Se sharing your knowledge with us and filling out our survey

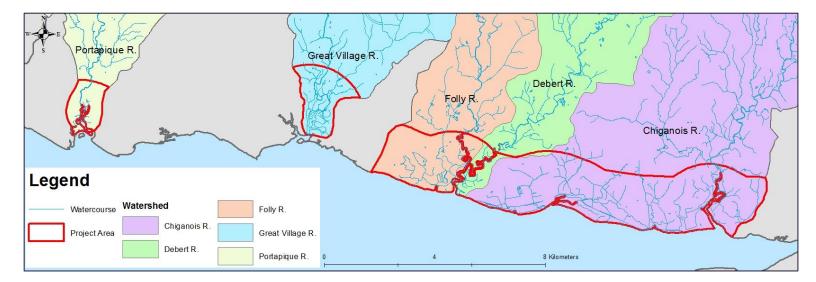
reporting sightings of areas of habitat concern or sightings of Atlantic Salmon

telling your friends and neighbours about the project

becoming a watershed monitor



Please contact Chelsey Whalen for more details about how you can become involved in the project!



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