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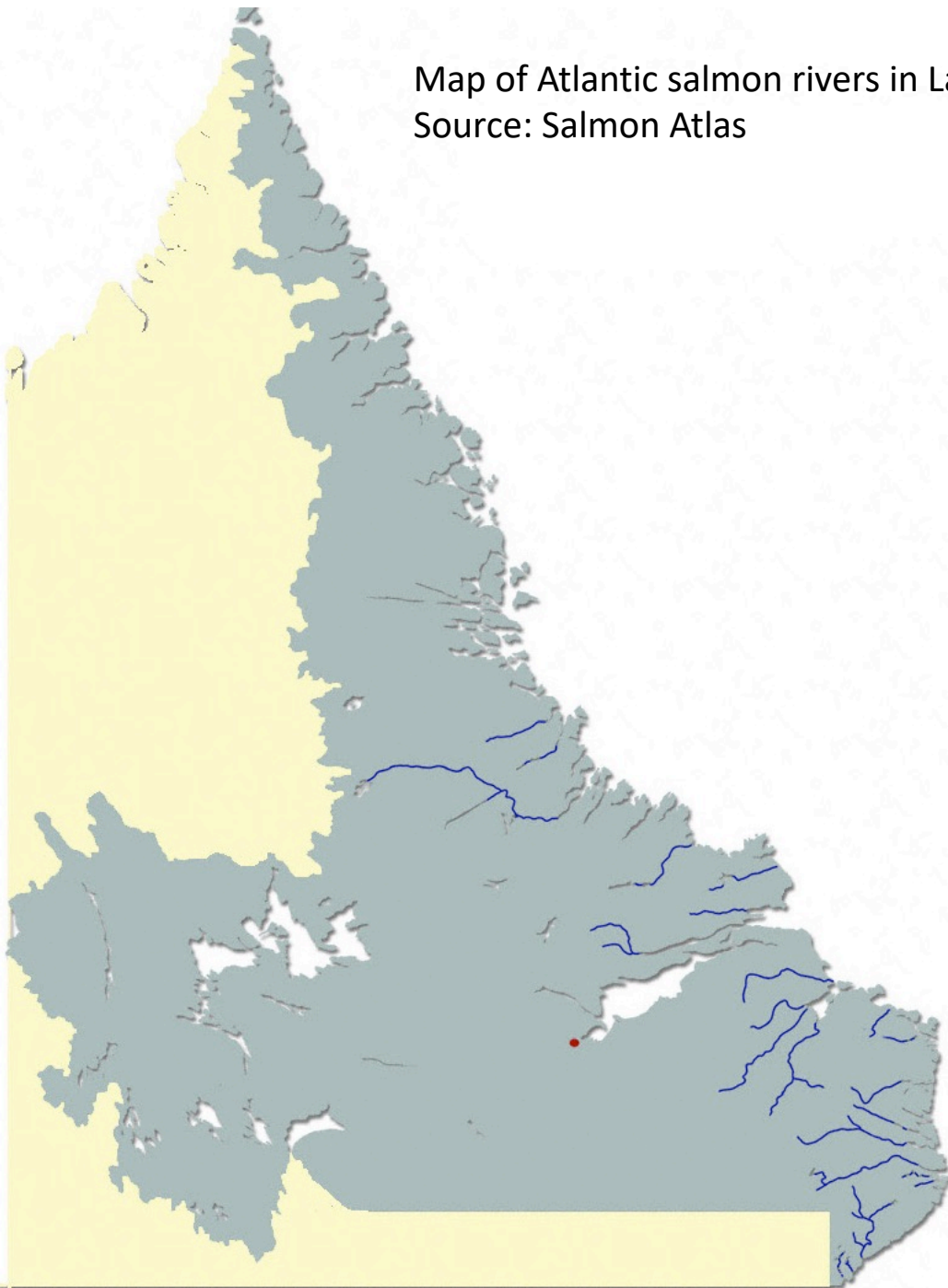
Management of **Atlantic salmon** – from Indigenous communities perspective

“Salmon have always
nourished our people with
strength and **ability** to
continue to **live** and **prosper**
in our traditional territory”

(‘Uncle’ Ken Mesher, Elder)



Map of Atlantic salmon rivers in Labrador
Source: Salmon Atlas



Our **traditional territory** covers the entirety of south central **Labrador**, the adjacent marine areas and also extends westward to the now Labrador/Quebec border.



NCC's responsibility is to ensure the **land**, **ice**, and **water** rights and titles of our people are recognized and respected as our ancestors taught us.



Indigenous
communities in
NunatuKavut
Territory have a

deep-
rooted
cultural
connection
to Atlantic
salmon.

Aboriginal **Fisheries** Strategy

Inclusive/comprehensive
Food Fishery Management Agreement
for NCC to manage, protect, and
enhance aquatic and fisheries
resources.





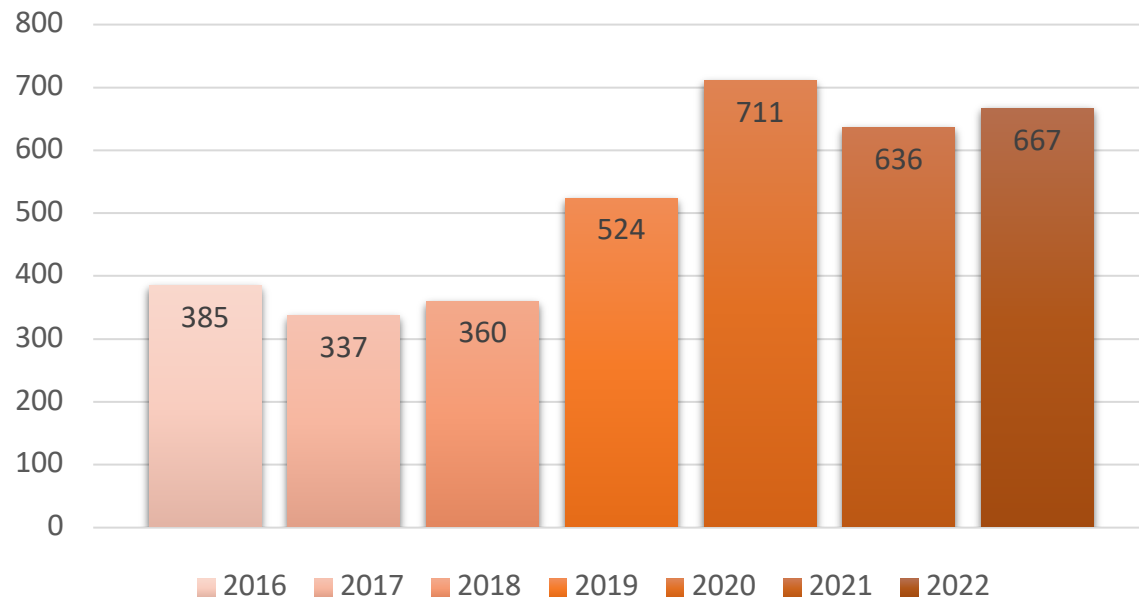
Aboriginal **Fisheries** Strategy

Objectives:

- Food Fishery (salmon, cod, seal, others)
- Annual harvest data collection and analysis of Atlantic salmon
- Fishery Guardian Program
- Community freezer program for elders
- Participate in advisory committees

Annual **Sampling** Program

Location	Salmon Small (goal 364)
Cartwright	71
Black Tickle	129
Charlottetown-PHS	259
St. Lewis-Lodge Bay	208
TOTAL	667





Full Member-Resident, Southern Labrador	6 Salmon limit
Full Member-Resident, ULM	5 Salmon limit
Alternate Fisher Required, RCMP, or Military	4 Salmon limit
Full Member-Non-Resident Member (in-person only):	3 Salmon limit
Total tags issued	6,500

Salmon Tag Distribution

- Designations are distributed within coastal communities & NCC offices
- ULM –priority to those who return catch log (resident only)
- Fish Cove Point to Cape Charles – First Come First Serve (resident and non-resident)

Aboriginal **Aquatic** & **Ocean** Management

Development and implementation of the NCC
AAROM program by:

- Five-year strategy
- Providing ITK and western science to support fisheries management and research,
- Inclusion, conservation, and sustainable use of marine resources, and
- Building and fostering partnerships within NunatuKavut



NCC Guardian Program

- 4 Guardians (1 senior)
- 150+ Patrols
- 20+ of Joint NCC/DFO patrols
- Assist with research



An aerial photograph of a large-scale industrial construction project, likely a dam or hydroelectric facility, situated on a wide riverbank. The site is filled with heavy machinery, cranes, and various construction materials. In the foreground, the river flows with white water rapids. The background shows a vast, forested landscape under a cloudy sky. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and a bulleted list.

Impacts on NunatuKavut's fishery

- Industrial developments in Labrador
- Angling on Labrador rivers
- Changing environment

Questions?

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