



**NBSGA Fully Supports Atlantic Provinces' MOU for the
Development of the Aquaculture Sector**

St. George, NB --The New Brunswick Salmon Growers Association (NBSGA) fully supports the Atlantic Provinces' Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Development of the Aquaculture Sector, signed today in Sackville, NB.

"New Brunswick has the largest aquaculture industry in the Atlantic region," said Jamey Smith, Executive Director, NBSGA. "We have always worked in collaboration with our colleagues in the other Atlantic Provinces on paramount issues such as fish health and research. This MOU helps to place a framework around this commitment."

Salmon farming in the Bay of Fundy – which has been around for generations – is providing thousands of skilled jobs that keep our best young workers in the province. Salmon farms in the Atlantic region grow healthy and safe products that are sought after world-wide.

The aquaculture industry is a major economic driver in the province, particularly for many rural and coastal communities. In fact, aquaculture has been identified as a key component of New Brunswick's self-sufficiency plan.

Environmental stewardship is also highlighted as a key objective of the MOU.

"Atlantic salmon farmers from Canada's east coast are leaders in fish health and welfare and environmental stewardship," said Smith. "We operate according to an integrated Bay Management Area system that allows us to harvest all year long while still following basic farming principles such as crop rotation and fallowing. Our farms also meet strict federal and provincial standards to preserve and protect the local environment."

The NBSGA will continue to work collaboratively with the Government of New Brunswick and those of the other Atlantic Provinces to ensure the protection and viability of the aquaculture industry for generations to come.

The New Brunswick Salmon Growers Association formed in 1987. The Association works on behalf of the entire sector to promote a sustainable salmon farming industry in the province, responsible management practices, safe food, a safe environment and global competitiveness.