



NORTH SHORE

Mi'kmaq Tribal Council

SPRING BULLETIN

2026

ANQOTUM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

PLAMU CONSERVATION

Spring is one of the busiest times of year for plamu (Atlantic salmon) conservation work. Longer days and rising waters mean more time spent on the river alongside conservation and research partners, including the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Miramichi Salmon Association, and the University of New Brunswick's Canadian Rivers Institute. Earlier this month, the NSMTC Anqotum team helped the Miramichi Salmon Association install smolt wheels on the Northwest Miramichi River. These large rotary screw traps safely collect young plamu as they begin their journey to the ocean. All plamu collected are tagged, and some are moved beyond areas where striped bass predation is high to help improve survival during outmigration. This work supports ongoing conservation efforts to improve the long-term survival of plamu in the Miramichi watershed.

The NSMTC also continues to work with partners to move forward the Plamu First Five-Year Strategic

Plan (2025–2030). The plan focuses on conservation, monitoring, research, and recovery efforts for plamu in the Miramichi watershed. The truck-and-transport work described above is one example of the projects that would be supported through the Plamu First strategy. Adult salmon returns in the Miramichi watershed have declined significantly over the past several decades. Meaningful commitment from DFO to the Plamu First strategy is critical.

STEM FAIRS

In March, the NSMTC Anqotum Resource Management, Energy Services, and Technical Services teams attended STEM fairs hosted by Natoaganeg School and Metepenagiag School. STEM, which stands for science, technology, engineering, and math, helps introduce students to a wide range of career paths. Through booths and hands-on activities, students learned more about the work happening across the organization and some of the different opportunities connected to STEM fields.





AAROM COLLABORATION AND TRAINING

In March, the NSMTC Anqotum Resource Management team hosted representatives from Gespe'gewa'gi Institute of Natural Understanding (GINU) and the Mi'gmaq Wolastoqey Indigenous Fisheries Management Association (MWIFMA) for two days of collaboration and training. Like Anqotum, GINU and MWIFMA are Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) organizations that support First Nations in managing aquatic resources and strengthening Indigenous leadership in fisheries and oceans management. The training was facilitated by Heidi Weigand of Generation Z Research and focused on tools to help AAROM organizations develop education programs with a strong two-eyed seeing approach, including youth camps, classroom learning, and outreach with fishers and communities. The gathering also provided an opportunity for participants to connect, collaborate, and learn from one another.

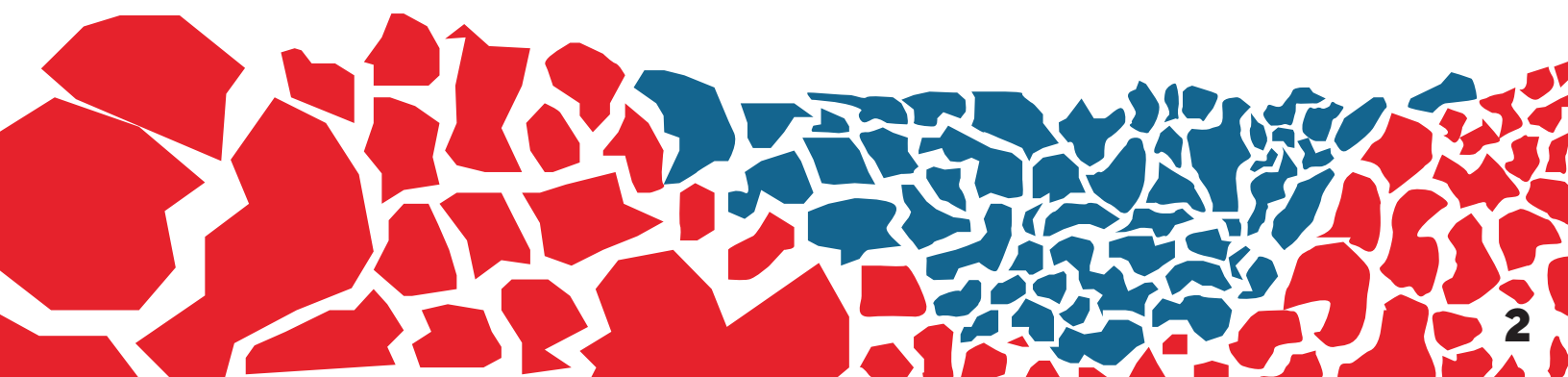
ICS TRAINING

On April 22, the NSMTC partnered with the Canadian Coast Guard to deliver Incident Command System (ICS 100) training at the Metepenagiag Heritage Park. The training helped participants, from all of our

member communities, learn how teams work together during an emergency. People working in fisheries, health, emergency management, and community services attended the session. Training opportunities like this help strengthen emergency preparedness in First Nations communities.

NSMTC COMMUNITIES MEETING

The North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council hosted a NSMTC Communities Meeting in Moncton, NB from May 12 to 13. Representatives from our Member Nations gathered to learn more about work taking place across the NSMTC. Premier Susan Holt also attended the gathering to provide a keynote address and update from the Province. The Anqotum team participated alongside other NSMTC departments and partners to share updates on current projects, and what's on the horizon.



SAVE THE DATE: AEMC 2026

Mark your calendars for the 2026 Atlantic Emergency Management Conference (AEMC 2026), taking place October 20–21 at the Membertou Trade & Convention Centre. This year's theme is Strengthening Roots. The conference will bring together emergency management professionals from across Atlantic Canada to share knowledge, build connections, and strengthen the foundations of resilient communities.

AEMC 2026 is hosted by the North Shore Mi'kmaq Tribal Council, the Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc., and The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq. Stay tuned to our socials for information on how to participate.

Save the Date

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MIKIJKJ MONITORING

Our team is continuing project work focused on miki-kj (wood turtles) in the Miramichi region. A culturally significant species for the Mi'kmaq, miki-kj are listed as Threatened under the Species at Risk Act and by COSEWIC. Protecting miki-kj helps support healthy river systems and honours our responsibility to the maqamikew (land), samqwan (water), and wisisk (animals).

Earlier this year, NSMTC Anqotum hosted an Indigenous Knowledge session with community members from Natoaganeg and Metepenagiag to discuss the cultural importance of miki-kj, identify possible habitat areas, and help guide monitoring. Throughout the spring, staff have been surveying riverbanks and waterways and documenting nesting and feeding sites. On May 26, the team also hosted a Turtle Talk with Metepenagiag Elders and a Turtle Walk with Grade 2–3 students from Metepenagiag School. We will be carrying on with this work throughout the rest of the year and into 2027.

YEAR-END REPORTING

Alongside fieldwork and spring projects, this time of year also marks the beginning of a new fiscal year and a busy season for reporting and administrative work. Administrative Professionals Day on April 22 also served as an opportunity to recognize our many administrative staff. Wela'lieg to Jodi, Pam, Siobhan, and Austin for all the work you do behind the scenes to help the Anqotum department run smoothly!

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Pg. 1: Miramichi plamu conservation partners collecting smolts on the Northwest Miramichi River (header); NSMTC Senior Biologist Ethan Augustine tagging smolts (bottom left); NSMTC staff at the Metepenagiag School STEM Fair (bottom right).

Pg. 2: NSMTC, GINU, and MWIFMA staff in Moncton for Collaborative AAROM Capacity and Curriculum Development Training (top); From left to right: Anqotum Administration Manager Jodi MacIntosh, Natoaganeg Councillor Willie Sark, and Anqotum Environmental Services Manager Pam Ryan (bottom right).