



## Atlantic Salmon Federation

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## GLOSSARY OF SALMON POPULATION TERMS

### ICES Report and NASCO

Government and non-government organizations gather data, then during the following winter compile and compute results. Through the Working Group on North Atlantic Salmon, part of the International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES) based in Copenhagen, Denmark, scientists evaluate and compile the available information and produce an annual report usually released in May.

The **ICES report** provides non-biased advice to the **North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO)** and its members ahead of an annual assembly that takes place in June.

NASCO is composed of delegations from most countries with resident Atlantic salmon populations in North America and Europe.

## SELECTION OF SPECIFIC TERMS

### Grilse

Atlantic salmon that spend one winter at sea, then return to their home river to spawn. Some rivers, and groups of rivers have mostly grilse.

### Two-Sea-Winter (2SW) Salmon

Atlantic salmon spending two winters at sea before returning. They are the most common fish harvested in Greenland waters.

### Multi-Sea-Winter (MSW) Salmon

Atlantic salmon, including Two-Sea-Winter salmon, that spend more than a single winter at sea. Some may spend three or more winters, and may return to spawn several times. Some rivers are mostly composed of multi-sea-winter salmon.

### Mixed Population/Mixed Stock Fishery

At sea, in coastal areas, and some estuaries, there may be Atlantic salmon from several different rivers. Some of these may come from endangered populations, and are caught alongside salmon from healthy stocks. This occurs at Greenland, coastal Labrador, and St-Pierre et Miquelon.

### Minimum Conservation Limit:

The minimum conservation limit is the threshold for spawning adult salmon below which populations are unable to sustain themselves and begin to decline.

### Egg Conservation Limit (Egg CL)

The minimum deposition of Atlantic salmon eggs in a river required to sustain the population.

### CL for 2SW Spawners

The minimum number of large Atlantic salmon that must successfully spawn for a river to sustain its population.