



GOOD GENES

ABBY POND, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS
FOR NEW BRUNSWICK.



At home in a canoe as well as a boardroom, Abby Pond also brings a background in climate change science to her new posting at ASF.

Born and raised on the Taxis River just outside of Boiestown, ASF's new program director for New Brunswick is from a family with a rich history in the salmon angling community. Her grandfather, Murray Calhoun, and her uncle, Mervin Green, are both members of the Hall of Fame at the Miramichi Salmon Museum in Doaktown, New Brunswick.

A background like that doesn't hurt, but make no mistake about it, Abby Pond was hired on the basis of her own qualifications and experience. With a B.Sc. in Biology from Queen's University and an M.Sc. in Climate Change Management from the University of London Birkbeck College, she is well equipped for the threats facing *Salmo salar* today and in the future. Her time on the boards of the Southwest NB Transit Authority, St. Croix Estuary Project, and the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick will help Abby connect with local anglers and other Atlantic salmon stakeholders.

She hit the job running this July, helping with the groundwork for the smallmouth bass eradication project. One of the first tasks was to get out on the Miramichi River mapping areas that will be targeted for control.

Her training and experience as a wilderness guide and white water canoeing instructor came in handy as she joined a crew of ASF staff paddling the river. "The Miramichi is something near and dear to me," she said. "It's the heart and soul of my family and where I grew up, and to be able to walk into a project that is making such a direct positive impact is very satisfying."

Hall of Famer, uncle Mervin Green has already told Abby he is proud of her latest posting. Her grandfather Murray Calhoun surely would be. In "160 Years of Salmon Stories," author Morrie Green writes, "Murray Calhoun fashioned his life in the same way he did everything else—only the best would do. His family grew to be valuable contributing members of society; his children and grandchildren continue the tradition of caring and doing well . . ."

Abby Pond certainly is.

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BACK AT THE HELM

HEATHER PERRY RETURNS TO ASF

When I last saw Heather Perry she was comforting a nervous sexagenarian on a fog bound skiff rolling in the waves on the Strait of Belle Isle. The elderly passenger was me, and Perry's calm demeanor helped make the day a wonderful experience (Saltwater Joys, *ASJ*, Autumn 2018). During that stint as a summer student with ASF's research department she surveyed for Atlantic salmon post-smolt in the Strait of Belle Isle and was involved with other projects.

Since that summer, Heather completed her B.Sc. in Marine Biology with Co-op Honours at Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS in 2019. Her thesis research involved examining trade-offs between alternative reproductive strategies in male Atlantic salmon. After school she planted trees, then travelled around Spain, Portugal and Morocco, finally spending the winter on the slopes in BC. Last June she worked as a fisheries observer out of Yarmouth, going out with commercial fishers.

In July, Heather returned to ASF as a biologist based at our Chamcook headquarters. Perry was pictured on the cover of the Autumn 2018 issue of the *Atlantic Salmon Journal*. Did that help her secure this posting?

"It couldn't hurt," she told me when I called to welcome her aboard. "I have fond memories of that summer and look forward to many more working at ASF."

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