

**Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada
Statement RE: Single Salmon Escape
September 18, 2020**

In accordance with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture policy AP-17, Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada publicly advises of the escape of one single Atlantic Salmon while the fish was being handled by staff at “The Gorge” site (AQ #1135), located off the south coast of Newfoundland.

The cause of the escape was that the 600 gram salmon smolt fell over board while being handled. We are reviewing the matter to determine what can be done to prevent this from happening in future. The recapture of escaped fish comes under the direction of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. A recapture effort has not been directed.

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