

**Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada**  
**Statement RE: Salmon Observed Outside Cages**  
**October 4, 2021**

In accordance with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture policy AP-17, and the requirements under the NL Salmonid Code of Containment, Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada publicly advises that four Atlantic salmon were observed outside of cages at “The Gorge” site (AQ #1135), located off the south coast of Newfoundland.

The fish were observed yesterday (October 3) and recapture efforts were immediately initiated by our company, with one of the four fish being retrieved. No other Atlantic salmon have been observed outside of the cages at site since.

All cage structures and nets were immediately checked at the site and no issues were found with the equipment. The condition of the equipment was independently verified by a third party contractor.

No cause has been determined as to why these fish were observed outside the cages, however our company continues to investigate the matter.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador’s Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans manage the NL Salmonid Code of Containment. Marine Harvest Atlantic Canada is working with both regulators to ensure that the Code of Containment requirements are being met. Our company continues to monitor the site with the engagement of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

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