



Responses to Questions and Issues Distributed by the NB Salmon Council to 33 Federal Candidates for Upcoming Election

DATE: October 16, 2019

On Oct. 2, questions and issues were submitted by the NB Salmon Council to 23 of the federal candidates of the Green, Liberal and Conservative parties of Canada for the October 21, 2019 election. As well, they were submitted to the New Democratic Party of Canada's head office in Ottawa. A response indicated they would distribute the questions to their 10 candidates in NB. Following are the responses as of the Oct. 15 deadline for replies. Late responses may be used to update this document in the future.

Green Party of Canada Responses

FROM: Laura Reinsborough Green Party Beausejour, Oct. 15

Dear John,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out to me. As the Green Party candidate for **Beausejour**, these issues are deeply important to me. My background is in environmental action and food security, so the question of salmon conservation touches me on many levels.

I am proud of the values, principles, and platform of the Green Party. A key tenet of the Party is to protect - and use wisely - our natural resources like wild salmon. The slow movement of the Liberal Party on climate change is already having a massive impact on species in this area, and we need to act faster if we hope to protect our biodiversity.

Specifically with regards to open-pen aquaculture, the Green Party plans to move to closed containment systems by 2025. In addition, the issue of glyphosate spraying is also important to the people of Beausejour, and this affects the health and integrity of wild salmon habitat. The Green Party also proposes many conservation efforts and improvements to our fisheries, which can be found in our platform.

I encourage you to have a look at our full platform at www.greenparty.ca/en/platform. Not all of your questions are addressed in the platform - despite its strength as a comprehensive plan - but that is the benefit of having a local MP who can voice concerns that may not be on the national radar. Green MPs are free to vote in the best interest of their ridings, with no pressure to vote with their Party. As such, I would be very interested to learn more about the nuances and details of the issues you have brought up, so that I may properly understand and respect those concerns.

We are now just one week away from Election Day. If elected, it would be an honour to work on the issues that you have presented. I would appreciate the opportunity to learn more about the specifics of what you are proposing, so that I may properly and fully represent these issues and your concerns in Ottawa. I hope that you would be willing to meet with me.

Thank you again for getting in touch. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Laura



FROM: Shannon Carmont, Campaign Manager, Jenica Atwin, Fredericton Riding, Oct. 15

Hello Mr. Bagnall,

My name is Shannon and I am one of Jenica's campaign managers. Jenica asked me to send the following response along: Thank you for reaching out on this important issue. First let me mention the significance of the Wolastoq river and the watersheds up and down the river valley to me personally given my connection to the Wolastiqiyik. It seems I have some learning to do about the issues facing the Atlantic salmon. I cannot address all of your points, however if I am elected, it would be a pleasure to sit down with your organization. What I can say is this:

2. The Maliseet Nation Conservation Council is an excellent organization that can provide insight and resources on Indigenous fisheries and resource sharing.
3. Regulations In QC should match regulations in NB along shared waterways
5. I would love to see this province deal with managing watersheds on a river-by-river approach. If this is a goal of the federal government, I will be glad to ask these questions as MP.
7. I understand that UNB and Canadian Rivers Institute are currently studying the effectiveness of a fish way and that this data could inform the way forward.
8. I support closed containment systems to prevent industrial pollution and run-off from getting into our natural eco-systems, this includes for salmon aquaculture.

Thanks

Shannon

Conservative Party of Canada Responses

FROM: Rodney Weston, CPC, Saint John-Rothesay Riding, Oct. 6

Hello Mr. Bagnall:

I am in receipt of your questionnaire from the New Brunswick Salmon Council. I am a strong believer in the importance of the Atlantic Salmon to New Brunswick and the benefits it bring to our people and the economy. The questions you are asking are detailed and would need a through research to provide the type of answer they deserve. I will say the following

- I support the activities of CAST and their goal and believe they should be able to continue their project to determine the potential results
- I believe all provinces should take the same steps to protect the Atlantic salmon if the impacts could be felt in the other jurisdiction



- Invasive species need to be removed from the marine environment they are unlawfully introduced too
- I am a supporter of the salmon aquaculture industry and believe it needs to be competitive with the world approach to the sector and Canada should not make this sector uncompetitive by introducing uneconomical approaches
- I am a supporter of both the wild fishery and the farmed salmon sector and believe they can work in a cooperative fashion for the benefit of both.

Yours Truly,
Rodney Weston

FROM: Sylvie Godin-Charest, Moncton-Riverview-Dieppe, CPC, Oct. 2

Good afternoon John,

I had a similar request from Gordon Wood, a few weeks ago. We already replied to him.

Once elected, I will work to support the NBSC. Our natural resources need to be taken care of.

Best Regards,

Sylvie

FROM: John Williamson, NB Southwest, CPC, Oct. 5

John replied. Wanted his responses shared with only NBSC affiliates.



Liberal Party of Canada Response

FROM: Alaina Lockhart, Fundy Royal, Liberal Party of Canada, Oct. 2

Thank you for contacting Alaina Lockhart, the Liberal Candidate in Fundy Royal for the upcoming federal election. This email is to acknowledge receipt of your email.

Please be assured that your message will be brought to the Candidate's attention at the next available opportunity.

Sincerely,

Team Lockhart

New Democratic Party of Canada Responses

None