

# Craig Brook

## National Fish Hatchery

### Fact Sheet

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#### Purpose

Craig Brook National Fish Hatchery was established to propagate and stock juvenile Atlantic salmon from river-specific parents in support of the recovery of Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment and Penobscot River populations.

#### Public Use Notes

- Archives and Resource Center
- Atlantic salmon museum
- Seminar site
- Atlantic salmon display pool
- Boat launch

#### Management Activities

- Receive young Atlantic salmon from Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment rivers for raising as broodstock

- Receive Penobscot River sea-run Atlantic salmon adults for use as broodstock
- Conduct annual spawn of Distinct Population Segment and Penobscot River Atlantic salmon populations
- Incubate eggs and raise fry for stocking into Distinct Population Segment and Penobscot River nursery habitats
- Characterize and conserve genetic diversity

#### Highlights

Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment Atlantic salmon, the last remnant population in the United States, is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

Involved in the recovery of Distinct Population Segment and restoration of Penobscot River Atlantic salmon populations with the release of 3.5 million fry each year.

New hatchery facility allows more efficient river-specific broodstock management regarding genetics and fish health issues.

The Education and Resource Center is available for use by agencies, organizations, groups, schools and individuals for research and educational programs regarding watersheds, their habitats and wildlife.

The Friends of Craig Brook, Inc. offers extensive volunteer involvement and sponsorship in a variety of educational activities.

Craig Brook Atlantic Salmon Museum, sponsored by the Friends group, offers visitors a window to our long heritage with the Atlantic salmon species.



#### Issues

Continued Atlantic salmon decline in remnant populations

Aquacultured Atlantic salmon escapees interbreeding with wild stocks, altering their genetic code

The spread of invasive aquatic pathogens in wild and aquacultured Atlantic salmon

Protection of the hatchery's water supply through watershed conservation

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