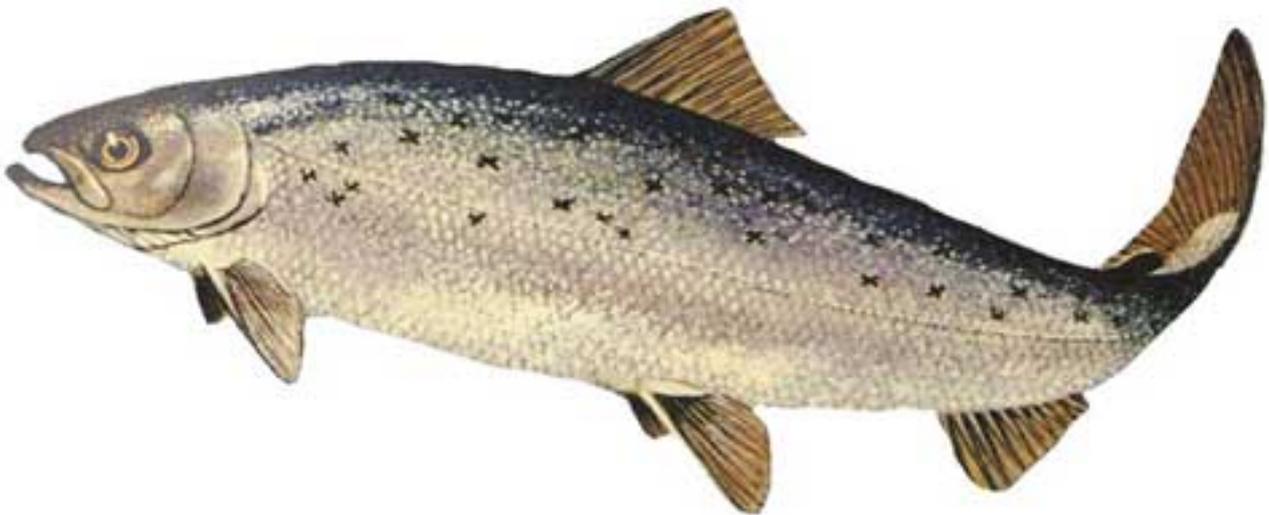


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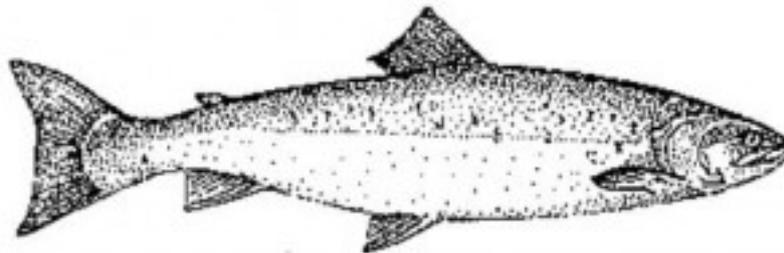


The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will host a free talk this Friday evening, focused on landlocked salmon in the state. New Hampshire is well known among anglers for the large salmon found in state's big lakes. The presentation will teach participants how to protect this valuable resource.



Friday's presentation will feature Inland Fisheries Division Chief Steve Perry and Large Lakes Fisheries Biologists Don Miller and John Viar. These specialists will talk about the landlocked salmon fishery and introduce the Landlocked Salmon Anglers' Pledge. This pledge is a cooperative volunteer effort set forth to help sustain quality landlocked salmon fisheries in New Hampshire's large lakes. The presentation this Friday, April 8, 2011 will be available for free at the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, located at 11 Hazen Drive in Concord.

Why Take the Pledge?



For the past six years, biologists have observed a drastic increase in the number of hook wounded landlocked salmon in New Hampshire's lakes. These fish have visible scars and

tears along the jaw, throat and eye areas. At Lake Winnepesaukee, between 2005 and 2010, salmon hook wound rates have increased from 15 to 36 percent of the catch. These injured fish are typically shorter in length and lighter in weight than their non-injured counterparts. Proper handling and release techniques are an integral part of the pledge. To learn more about the Landlocked Salmon Angler's Pledge and best practices for handling fish, visit the [Salmon Anglers' Pledge website](#). Fisheries research and management in New Hampshire is funded in part by the [Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program](#), a user-pay, user-benefit program.

This talk is part of a series of free evening fishing and hunting talks coming this spring at Fish and Game. The full schedule will be coming out soon at the [New Hampshire Fish and Game Department website](#).