

Atlantic Salmon Federation  
 Live Release Angling Survey Responses – June 2010  
 802 Respondents

Question	Answer Count	Percent
1. How long have you been an Atlantic salmon? < one year one to five years six to ten years > ten years	36 132 106 528	4.5 16.5 13.2 65.8
2. You are: Female Male	28 774	3.5 96.5
3. The province in which you fish for Atlantic salmon most often is: New Brunswick Newfoundland and Labrador Nova Scotia Prince Edward Island Québec	245 192 158 14 193	30.5 23.9 18.7 1.7 24.1
4. Do you think that live release is important to Atlantic salmon conservation? No Yes	43 759	5.4 94.6
5. Do you consider grilse important to the health of salmon runs and the enjoyment of angling? No Yes	18 784	2.2 97.8
6. Do you voluntarily release salmon and grilse that the law allows you to retain? No Yes	83 719	10.3 89.7
7. Do you release: All? All but one? Most? Some? Nil or few?	349 128 131 157 37	43.5 16.0 16.3 19.6 4.6
8. Are you confident that you are able to release angled fish safely to maximize their survival? No Yes	48 754	6.0 94.0
9. What assistance would be helpful to perfect your technique? Pamphlet Session with guide Video	178 108 314	29.7 18.0 52.3
10. Do you support the introduction of live release Atlantic salmon licenses as an option for resident and non-resident anglers in all provinces? No Yes	108 694	13.5 86.5

11. Would you be more inclined to purchase a live release license if it were to be offered at a lower cost than a regular license? No Yes	324 478	40.4 59.6
12. Would you support a mandatory return by anglers of an annual Atlantic salmon creel census to government? No Yes	92 710	11.5 88.5
13. Should barbless hooks be required in all provinces? No Yes	168 634	20.9 79.1
14. Would you support tag reductions? No Yes	159 643	19.8 80.2
15. Should non-resident anglers be restricted to live release? No Yes	384 418	47.9 52.1
16. Did you know that peer-reviewed scientific studies conclude that live release works if done properly? No Yes	85 717	10.6 89.4
17. Considering this information, will you be more inclined to also release grilse? Already release grilse No Yes	12 127 663	1.5 15.8 82.7
18. Do you have other reasons why it is important to release grilse? No Yes	524 278	65.3 34.7