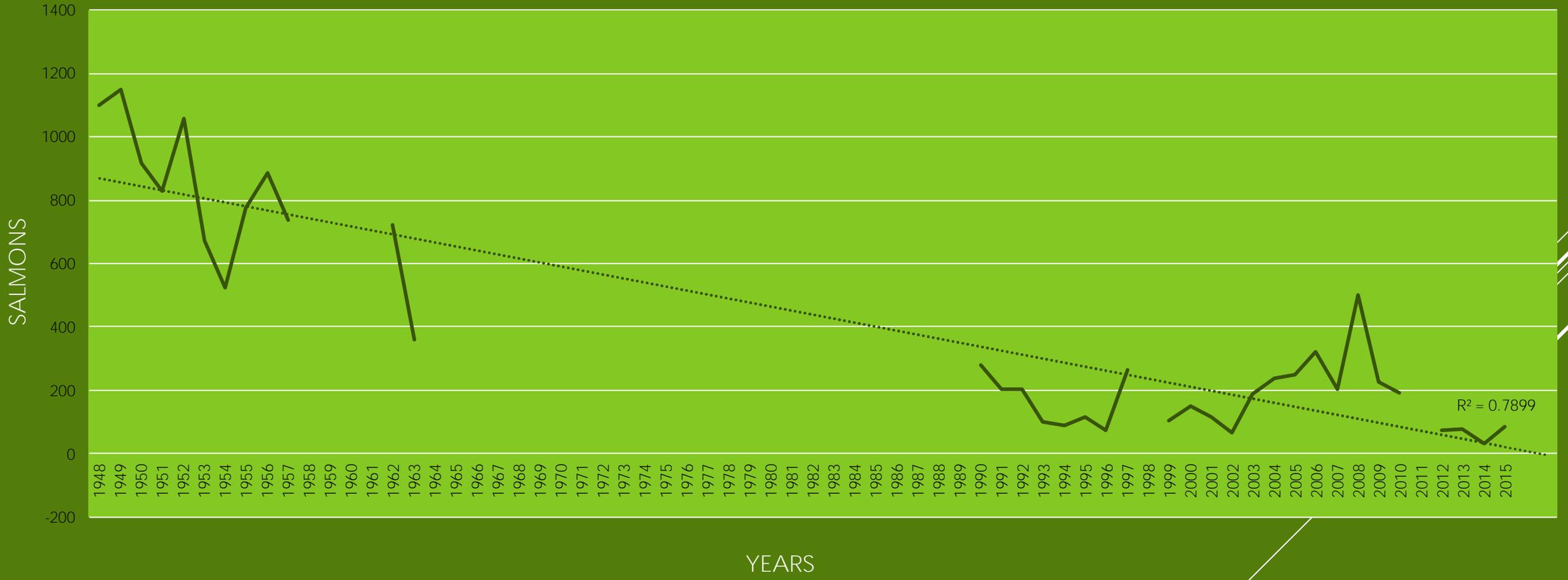


ANNUAL CATCHES



BETSIAMITES RIVER: SALMON CATCHES FROM 1948 à 2015

AN UNAFFORDABLE LEGAL BATTLE TO SAVE THE BETSIAMITES RIVER SALMON: THE IDEAL STATUS QUO SCENARIO FOR QUEBEC & HYDRO-QUEBEC

- Predicted length and cost of legal proceedings against Quebec & Hydro-Quebec: far beyond Pessamit's financial capacity.
- Pessamit's budget imperatively bound to population's first line services.
- Pessamit & Quebec socioeconomic development indexes: -8.07 vs 0.
- Pessamit & Quebec unemployment rates: 47.5% vs 7.2%.
- Pessamit & Quebec adults on social security programs: 37% vs 7.4%.
- Pessamit & Quebec available income per capita: 12 214 CAD\$ vs 27 444 CAD\$.

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- *A young population: 50% < 25 years old experiencing a suicide rate 5 times higher than Canadians from the same age group.*



HOPE FOR OUR CHILDREN MUST TAKE ROOT IN SOCIAL FAIRNESS

BETSIAMITES SALMON: NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL STATUS (1 OF 2)

CANADA SPECIES AT RISK PUBLIC REGISTRY

Quebec's western North Shore Atlantic salmon population is designated as a special concern. The population may become threatened or endangered due to a combination of biological factors and identified threats.

BETSIAMITES SALMON: NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL STATUS (1 OF 2)

CONVENTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF SALMON IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN & NASCO

In addition to the United States, Canada is signatory to the Convention. Performance of member countries is, among other things, assessed according to the following criteria:

- Measures taken and other factors, both inside and outside the commission area, that affect the salmon stocks concerned.
- Efforts of states of origin to implement and enforce measures for the conservation, restoration, enhancement and rational management of salmon stocks in their rivers and areas of fisheries jurisdiction.

BETSIAMITES SALMON: NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL STATUS (2 OF 2)

UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

ARTICLE 61 – CONSERVATION OF LIVING RESSOURCES:

« Such measures shall also be designed to maintain and restore populations of harvested species at levels which can produce the maximum sustainable yield, as qualified by relevant environmental and economic factors, including the economic needs of coastal fishing communities...»

ARTICLE 66 – ANADROMOUS STOCKS:

« States in whose rivers anadromous stocks originate shall have the primary interest in and responsibility for such stocks.»

BETSIAMITES SALMON: NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL STATUS (2 OF 2)

DESPITE OPINION OF CANADIAN EXPERTS AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

- *Hydro-Quebec and its sole shareholder, the Quebec Government, pay absolutely no regard to the risk status of salmon and literally trample two international conventions.*
- *Through Hydro-Quebec and Quebec's complacency, Canada's performance stands well below its international commitments.*

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS IN REGARD TO PESSAMIT ANCESTRAL RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ARTICLE 8 (EXCERPT):

« States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for: any action which has the aim or effect of dispossessing them of their lands, territories or resources.»

ARTICLE 20 (EXCERPT):

« Indigenous peoples deprived of their means of subsistence and development are entitled to just and fair redress.»

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FROM NOW ON, SUSTAINED INTERNATIONAL ACTION IS IMPERATIVE TO
CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY

- Pessamit's societal relationship with Quebec, based on common aspirations and shared values since the XVIth century, fell into unilateralism by the mid XIXth century.
- Since then, Pessamiulnut collective rights are considered as an historical mistake by Quebec.

WWW.NORTHERPASS.US (1 OF 2)

WWW.HYDROFORTHEFUTURE.COM:

THE MISSING LINK

The Northern Pass website has recently been changed.

The link that was created with Hydro-Quebec, entitled www.hydroforthefuture.com disappeared into cyber space.

In it, Hydro-Quebec had made the following remarkable statements:

« Hydro-Quebec does not build a hydropower project unless it is favorably received by the communities. In addition the company takes all the necessary steps to ensure that the host communities, including Aboriginal communities, are involved in development and benefit from economic spinoffs in all stages of its projects.»

«Hydro-Quebec endeavours to develop mutually beneficial partnerships with Aboriginal communities through formal agreements.»

« Hydro-Quebec is among the Canadian companies that maintain particularly close ties with aboriginal communities. The Company ensures that they participate in even the first phases of its projects, and considers them to be front-line players. This approach is based on relationships that respect the interests, values and culture of the various aboriginal communities. Fulfillment of commitments and ongoing dialogue are also essential for mutual understanding.»

« For over 50 years, Hydro-Quebec has harnessed and developed this potential (hydropower resources) with a view to profitability and with due respect for the environment and host communities.»

Hydro-Quebec's withdrawal of their questionable statements coincides strangely with Pessamit's new media positioning

CONSIDERING THAT: The Betsiamites river has been and still is the subject of illegal, repeated and harmful actions with total disregard to Pessamit's rights and international conventions;

CONSIDERING THAT: The Betsiamites river is exploited by Hydro-Quebec to meet short term peak demand needed for exportation despite anticipated extinction of its salmon population;

CONSIDERING THAT: Neither the Government of Quebec and Hydro-Quebec are taking into consideration the anticipated and undeclared aforementioned impacts of the exportation project;

THE PESSAMIT INNU FIRST NATION REQUIRES: The respect of its rights, the strict observance of related international conventions and confirms its firm opposition to the «Quebec – New Hampshire Interconnection Project».

Our duty of remembrance to our ancestors and our moral obligation to give hope back to our children, no longer allows us to accept the prevailing party's detrimental decision.

Chief René Simon September 29, 2016

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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ALL QUESTIONS ARE WELCOME, PARTICULARLY
THE MOST DIFFICULT ONES

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