



Eco-Emotions and Declining Wild Atlantic Salmon on the Main Southwest Miramichi River



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Snapshot

- Wild Atlantic salmon populations in the Main Southwest (MSW) Miramichi River dwindle.
- This research explores how this decline alters human emotions.
- Using eco-emotions, I explore connections between humans, salmon, and the river.
- Interviews, observations, and analysis of narratives, gathers insights of this ecological shift.
- This research sheds light on the importance of understanding ecological grief.
- Looking to the future, embracing stories and emotions.

How I Will Explore

- **Diving Into the Community** - Spending time alongside people, sharing experiences, and listening to their stories.
- **Listening & Learning** - Having conversations with locals, fishers, and community leaders.
- **Observing Nature & Nurture** - Engaging in community activities to understand people, salmon, and the river.
- **Collecting Tales** - Songs, stories, and artwork celebrating salmon to understand the relationship with the river.
- **Analysis With Heart & Mind** - Piecing together how the decline salmon impacts community spirit.

Why Does it Matter?

- **Vital Connections** - Why salmon are more than just fish, they're a lifeline.
- **Ecosystem at Risk** - Ecological significance of wild Atlantic salmon & the effect of their decline.
- **Emotional Currents** - Exploring the emotional impacts of this decline.
- **Broader Implications** - Linking local loss to global environmental issues.

Ideas Behind My Work

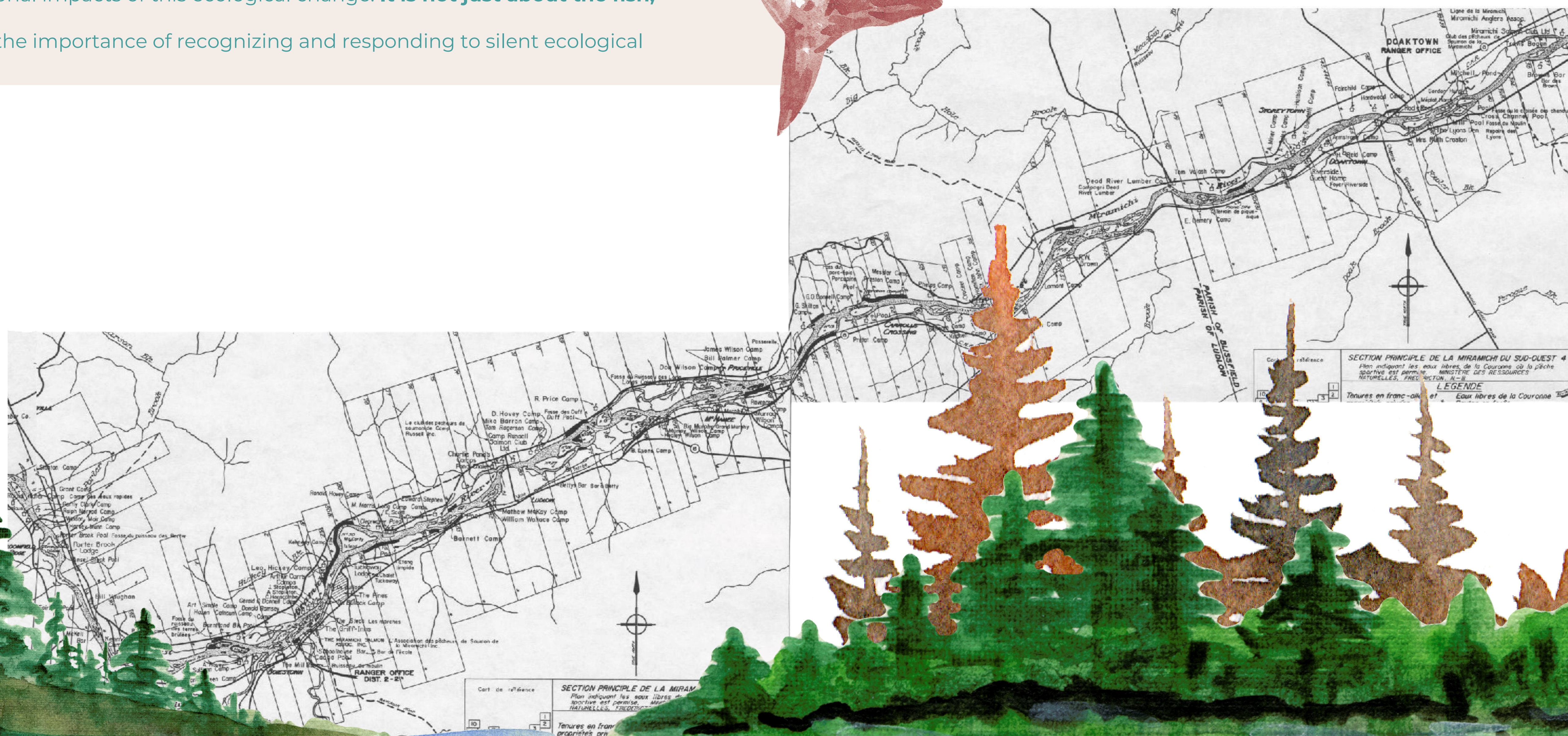
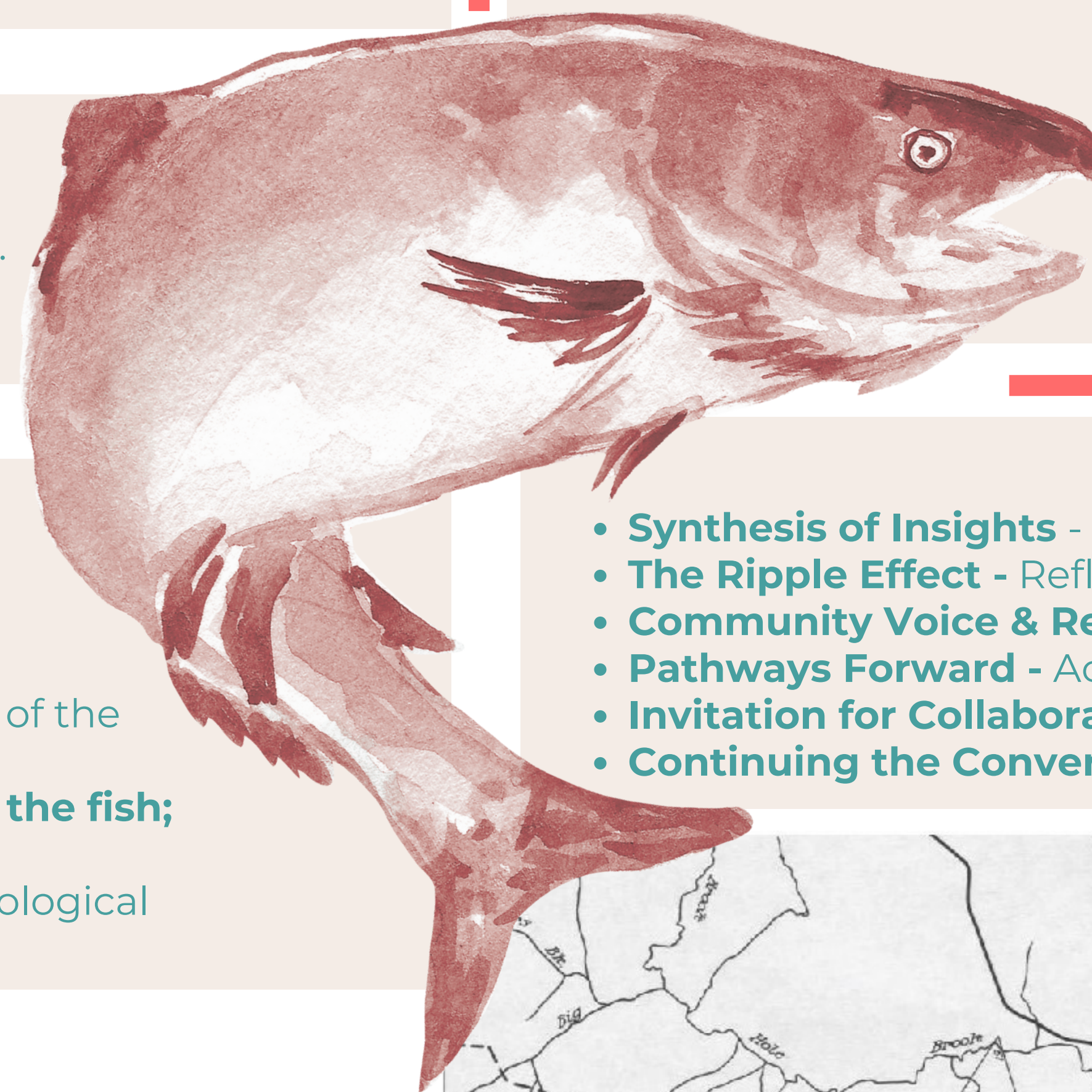
- **Interconnected Worlds** - Exploring how people, salmon, and the river are entangled.
- **Eco-Emotions** - Feelings experienced when witnessing changes in the natural world.
- **Semiotics of Nature** - How signs & symbols in nature inform & reflect understanding.
- **Resilience & Adaptation** - Exploring the capacity of ecological & human systems to adapt to change, highlighting the resilience inherent in nature & communities.

Starting Point

- **The River's Tale** - A river, vibrant and full, of wild Atlantic salmon, now facing a silent crisis.
- **Salmon Not Just a Fish** - Wild Atlantic salmon are an important part of the river's life and the communities around it.
- **Community at a Crossroads** - I explore how the decline of this iconic fish affects the emotions of the people living along the river.
- **The Goal** - To understand the emotional impacts of this ecological change. **It is not just about the fish; it is about community soul.**
- **A Call to Awareness** - Highlighting the importance of recognizing and responding to silent ecological shifts.

Wrap-Up, What's Next?

- **Synthesis of Insights** - Summarizing key findings.
- **The Ripple Effect** - Reflecting on how this study extends beyond the banks of the MSW Miramichi.
- **Community Voice & Resilience** - Acknowledging strength & adaptability.
- **Pathways Forward** - Actionable Steps for conservation, community engagement & research.
- **Invitation for Collaboration** - Encouraging interdisciplinary research, community action & policy advocacy.
- **Continuing the Conversation** - Emphasizing the importance of ongoing dialogue.



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