

# Researching Striped Bass

The Gespe'gewa'q Mi'gmaq Resource Council (GMRC) and the Restigouche River Watershed Management Council (RRWMC) conducted fieldwork with the Ministère Faune Forêt Parcs (MFFP). This research effort aims to determine if striped bass are overwintering in the Matapédia and Restigouche rivers. On February 19th and 20th, the field team visited five pools and sampled water underneath the ice cover. Environmental DNA (eDNA) will be analyzed from three salmon pools on the Restigouche River and two pools on the Matapédia to determine whether Striped bass DNA is present and indicating overwintering presence or absence in our local freshwater environments.

