



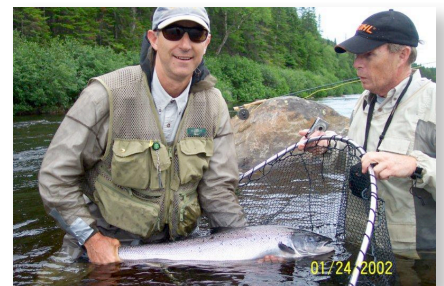
Napetipi River Outfitters - Quebec



The Napetipi River

A productive salmon river set amidst Quebec's Lower North Shore wilderness. Remote and austere, this is how angling for the king of fish was meant to be.

The Napetipi River sits in the middle of this vast wilderness 900 miles north of Montreal. To fish the river one must go to the only fishing camp there, accessed only by sea plane and motor boat. Napetipi River Outfitters began operation in 2004 and established a camp on the banks of the river, near to where it flows into Lac Parame. "It is a flyfisherman's dream getaway" according to Riess Bilodeau the owner. Being so remote the river hasn't appeared on the radar of many anglers and those in the know refer to it as an "undiscovered gem".



Fishing from the lodge is based on the Lower Napetipi River. The first run of fish usually arrives in the first days of July and the best part of the season is regarded as 1 July to mid-August. Fishing continues until the middle of September, by which time the run of salmon is boosted by a run of sea-run brook trout ranging from 1 to 3 lb, even up to 6 lb. Fishing is let by the week (six days fishing). A package fishing on the upper river is also available, which is an even more remote experience than the lower river. This is true wilderness fishing with anglers flown in by float plane, fishing for six days, then travelling downstream by boat to the main camp. The package is available for up to four anglers at a time. What an adventure!

The season begins fairly late, early July is when the first rods arrive, and goes on until the middle of September. There's a good mixture of salmon and grilse throughout the season with the best time from July to mid-August, after that the salmon run is joined with sea-run brook trout.



The 2010 Season Review by Skip Sansoucy

Last season on the north shore was up and down, with high water cycling through numerous times over the course of the season. The fish came in early throughout the Straits of Belle Isle, including the north shore rivers and the western Newfoundland rivers. Various rivers had mixed results, and they were all different.

What is interesting is that on the Napetipi, the run continued to come in throughout the season with a significant amount of fresh fish caught the week of August 8 at the Napetipi. The sea trout fishing was also very good by week 5, with a number landed in the 3-4 pound class.

Water levels at the Napetipi were high but good all year due to the ability of the big lake to control the flows downriver and the upstream lakes to control the flow to the upper pools. There did not seem to be a large single run, but a steady flow of fish off each tide throughout the season.

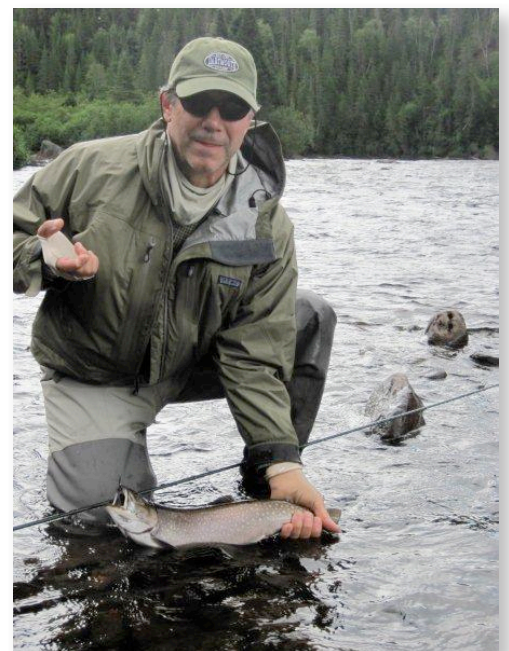
The fishing was good, but not great, except for week 2 and the

run of big fish. From 142 rod days the season total was 352: 316 grilse and 36 salmon. The average for the year was 2.48 fish per fisherman per day, with salmon at 11% of the total. Everyone who caught salmon this year remarked at the number, size, and condition of the fish in the 12 to 16 lb class, and some very nice 7 to 9 lb jacks.

Riess has continued to improve the camp facilities including cutting the trail to pool 3, installing high speed satellite internet, and motoring to the upper beats further with the motorboats before picking up the canoe. Everyone who did not get a chance to greet the sea run brook trout which came in heavy in week 5, the week of August 3, the sea trout fishing was nothing short of spectacular throughout the lower section of the river. The trout began to come in the week of July 18 and got very good the week of July 25 and August 3. Peter Desmeules explored the upper regions of the river the week of August 8. He finished the upper falls and pond with Riess and then canoed down the river fishing all the way to camp. He caught fish all the way down, and caught fish at the upper regions. A number of new pools

were found that need further exploration. Peter greeted what might have been the end of the run on 13 and 14 August at the lower section of the river and had two 14 to 15 hook-up days. In Peter's words, "it was spectacular". We will continue exploring the best ways to fish the back end of the run on both lower and upper parts of the river.

In 2011 fishing will be 100% catch and release, no limits, but barbless is encouraged.



NAPETIPI CATCH RECORDS

Week	Rod Days	Grilse	Salmon	Total
1. (3 July)	5	13	2	15
2. (11 July)	42	116	16	132
3. (18 July)	42	77	9	86
4. (25 July)	15	31	4	35
5. (3 August)	11	12	0	12
6. (8 August)	21	54	5	59
7. (23 August)	4	13	0	13
Total 2010	142	316	36 (11%)	352
Total 2009	89	280	44 (14%)	324
Total 2008	79	370	33 (8%)	403

ACCOMMODATION

The camp is located on Lac Parame, which is at the north west end of Napetipi Lake. We use ATV's for the trail from Napetipi Lake to Lac Parame, approx. 10 minute ride. The guest house has 5 private bedrooms (linen included), lounge area, screened deck, indoor bathroom with hot water and shower, solar lighting and propane refrigerator.

The guide and storage units has satellite phone service, generator electricity, chest freezers and storage area.

The menu at the camp includes fresh local seafoods which may be lobster, snow crab, scallop, halibut, cod and monk fish along with meats and poultry meals. Some desserts are made with local picked berries such as cloudberry(bakeapple), partidgeberry(redberry) along with other delicious pastries.

Shore lunches can be made at the camp prior to the days fishing or prepared on site by the guides which may include fried trout or freshly picked mussels along with other lunch favourites.



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