



**Atlantic Salmon Redd in the Naufrage River**

**SPAWNING IN A REDD** - In late fall the wild Atlantic salmon spawn. The female digs a 10-30cm/4-12 in. deep nest called a REDD in the gravel bottom of the stream. Her eggs and the milt from an adult male are released into the redd, the gravel replaced with additional tail thrusts. In some cases sexually mature male parr manage to fertilize a percentage of the eggs. In the painting parr are seen swimming nearby, looking for an opportunity. The female may lay 1,500 eggs or more for each kg./2.2 lb of body weight. - Thus a 12 pound female salmon will lay about 8,000 eggs, completing the life cycle. Atlantic salmon can return to the ocean the following spring to feed and then return to their natal rivers to spawn again - See more at: <http://www.asf.ca/life-cycle.html#sthash.T3BnX7jl.dpuf>

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