DFO fiddles while fish die: salmon federation

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The Atlantic Salmon Federation has condemned DFO for failing to fulfill its mandate to save the Atlantic salmon. ASF president Bill Taylor stated: "One fact that is undeniable and troubling is that DFO funding for Atlantic salmon conservation, research and management programs has been falling, while the threat of extinction has been growing."

Taylor observed that in 1985 \$24 million was allocated for wild Atlantic salmon in the federal budget. Today, it is half that." Factoring inflation, this means that the DFO budget for wild Atlantic salmon programs has been effectively reduced by nearly 75 per cent during a period when the population continued to decline to the lowest levels ever recorded," Taylor said.

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