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Preface

Adopt-A-Stream is an innovative program of the Nova Scotia Salmon Association (NSSA) and is supported by the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Adopt-A-Stream is a program that can be used by community groups, schools, and youth groups to help improve living conditions for fish in Nova Scotia. Although the term is "Adopt-A-Stream", you are encouraged to adopt your watershed or, if that is too much to start with any water area in your community that you think needs some care. You can adopt a lake, a pond, a large river, an estuary or a marsh. All these water habitats are important for fish and many other species of Nova Scotia wildlife.

For the purposes of this manual we will refer to the program as "adopting a stream". Keep in mind, however, that to reach your goals for the health of the aquatic ecosystem and riparian areas you will have to consider all the activities and impacts on the watercourse in your watershed. The main objective of this program is to improve the quality of fish and wildlife habitat in and around the watercourses of Nova Scotia.

How to Use the Manual

This manual has been developed for ordinary Nova Scotians from all walks of life. You don't need special knowledge about **watercourses** and fish to become involved. We have tried to keep the material easy to use and understand. Tabs identify each section of the manual. As you read one section, the manual will refer you to the relevant material in other sections.

This manual gives you the basic tools and guidelines for "adopting" a stream or any other watercourse. As you become involved, you'll find it necessary to contact other people, including professionals, for advice and assistance. The section entitled **Where to Go for Help** is an important reference and there are references, to other sources of information in the text.

This manual will be updated as new information is available. To receive updates on the Adopt-A-Stream Program, please fill out the form on the next page or visit the NSSA's Home pool website at: <http://www.novascotiasalmon.ns.ca/>

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