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## RPC Board Visits Aquaculture Sites and Tours Ganong Chocolate Factory

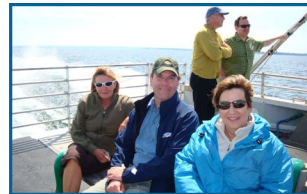
Fredericton, June 28, 2010 - In a recent off-site board meeting, RPC directors toured various aquaculture sites in the Passamaquoddy Bay. The New Brunswick Salmon Growers' Association (NBSGA) provided an overview of the industry, its operations and the aquaculture sites we observed. The tour included an overview of NBSGA healthy environment practices including its bay management program, feed monitoring, and fish containment efforts. Since the first commercial harvest in 1979, the salmon aquaculture industry has become a significant part of New Brunswick's economy producing 35,000 tonnes annually valued at \$225 million. RPC has worked with the industry since its inception developing world class fish health expertise, providing applied research services for value added products and equipment, delivering food science services for new products, providing monitoring and analysis services and material properties expertise. Ongoing research includes a DNA-based traceability solution.

The board meeting was hosted at Ganong's head office and manufacturing facility in St. Stephen, New Brunswick. Directors were provided with a facility tour where New Brunswick innovations, such as Ganong's famous chicken bones, are manufactured. Ganong has been producing quality products since 1873; while new products are being introduced regularly, the product line includes old favorites such as the Pal-O-Mine bar (1920), Red Wrap (1930's) and chicken bones (1885). Directors learned about Ganong's continuous improvement efforts and, of course, sampled some chocolates.

RPC was created in 1962 with the mandate to facilitate New Brunswick industry with their applied research and technical services needs. Today, RPC provides services to about 600 New Brunswick clients annually.

More Information about the NBSGA is available at: <http://www.nbsga.com/>

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