

Press Release

Nord Stream 2 Begins Final Fish Release of the Construction Phase in Russian Waters

- > **A combined 12,000 Atlantic salmon and brown trout juveniles were released in 2020**
- > **Since 2018, about 362,000 valuable salmon species juveniles have been released as part of the compensation measures for the Nord Stream 2 project**

[St. Petersburg, Russia – 20-May-20] Nord Stream 2, the developer of the twin pipeline, has begun the scheduled release of valuable fish species under the supervision of the Northwest branch of the Federal Fishery Agency. As part of compensation measures this year, 11,000 brown trout juveniles and 954 Atlantic salmon juveniles will be released. Nord Stream 2 has conducted annual releases of juvenile fish since 2018. In the last three years, a total of 362,000 fish juveniles have been released.

Valuable fish juveniles are being grown at the Luzhskiy and Nevskiy hatcheries for the Federal State Budgetary Institution Glavrybvod facilities in the Leningrad region. The quality and average weight are determined and agreed by the Federal Fishery Agency. The releases take place in the Neva, Vruda and Peypii rivers, also in the Leningrad region.

Alexander Antsulevich, Doctor of Biological Sciences and Environmental Specialist for Nord Stream 2 AG in Russia, said: “As a responsible developer of an international infrastructure project, Nord Stream 2 together with the relevant government agencies, developed a set of compensation measures. Annual releases of valuable fish species, including those listed in the Red Book, are extremely important for the successful reproduction and replenishment of aquatic biological resources in the Baltic Sea.”

Nord Stream 2, in cooperation with the leading scientific institute in Russia in the field of biological research of water bodies and aquaculture, the St. Petersburg branch of FGBNU VNIRO (GosNIORKh), took into account all possible impacts on water and biological resources in the development of its compensation measures. These were based on a detailed quality analysis of water resources in the Narva Bay and the eastern part of the Gulf of Finland, as well as the applied construction technologies.



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Marina Melnik, Candidate of Biological Sciences and head of the St. Petersburg branch of FGBNU VNIRO, said: “We are very glad that Nord Stream 2 has in practice confirmed its commitment to environmental protection and responsible environmental management. The ongoing release of valuable salmon species juveniles on such a scale reflects the company's long-term commitment to offsetting environmental impacts and helping to preserve biodiversity.”

About Nord Stream 2

Nord Stream 2 is a planned pipeline through the Baltic Sea, which will transport natural gas over some 1,230 km from the world's largest gas reserves in Russia via the most efficient route to consumers in Europe. Nord Stream 2 will largely follow the route and technical concept of the successful Nord Stream Pipeline. The new pipeline will have the capacity to transport 55 billion cubic metres of gas per year, enough to supply 26 million European households. This secure supply of natural gas with its low CO₂ emissions will also contribute to Europe's objective to have a more climate-friendly energy mix with gas substituting for coal in power generation and providing back-up for intermittent renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power.

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