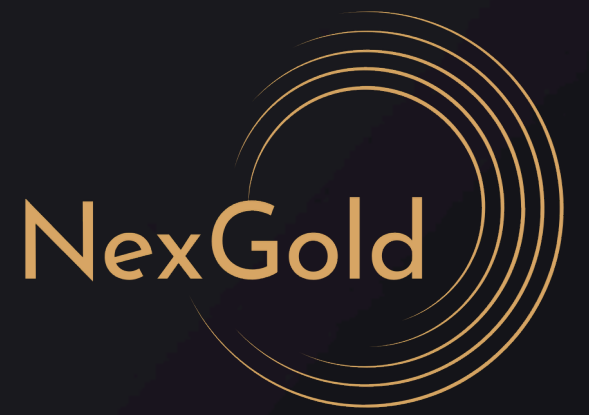
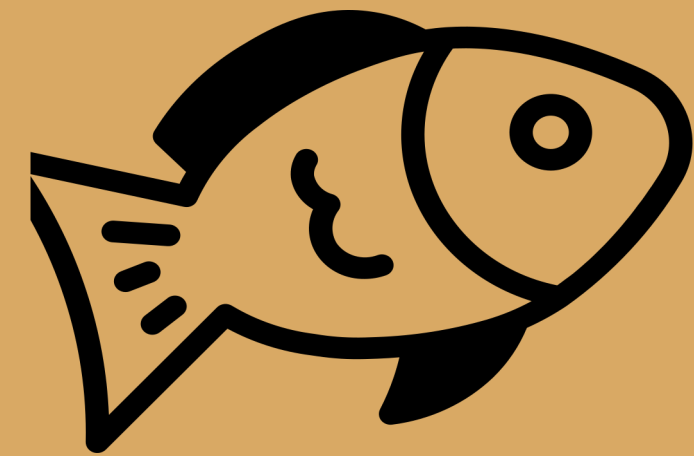


Fish and Fish Habitat



Fish Rescue

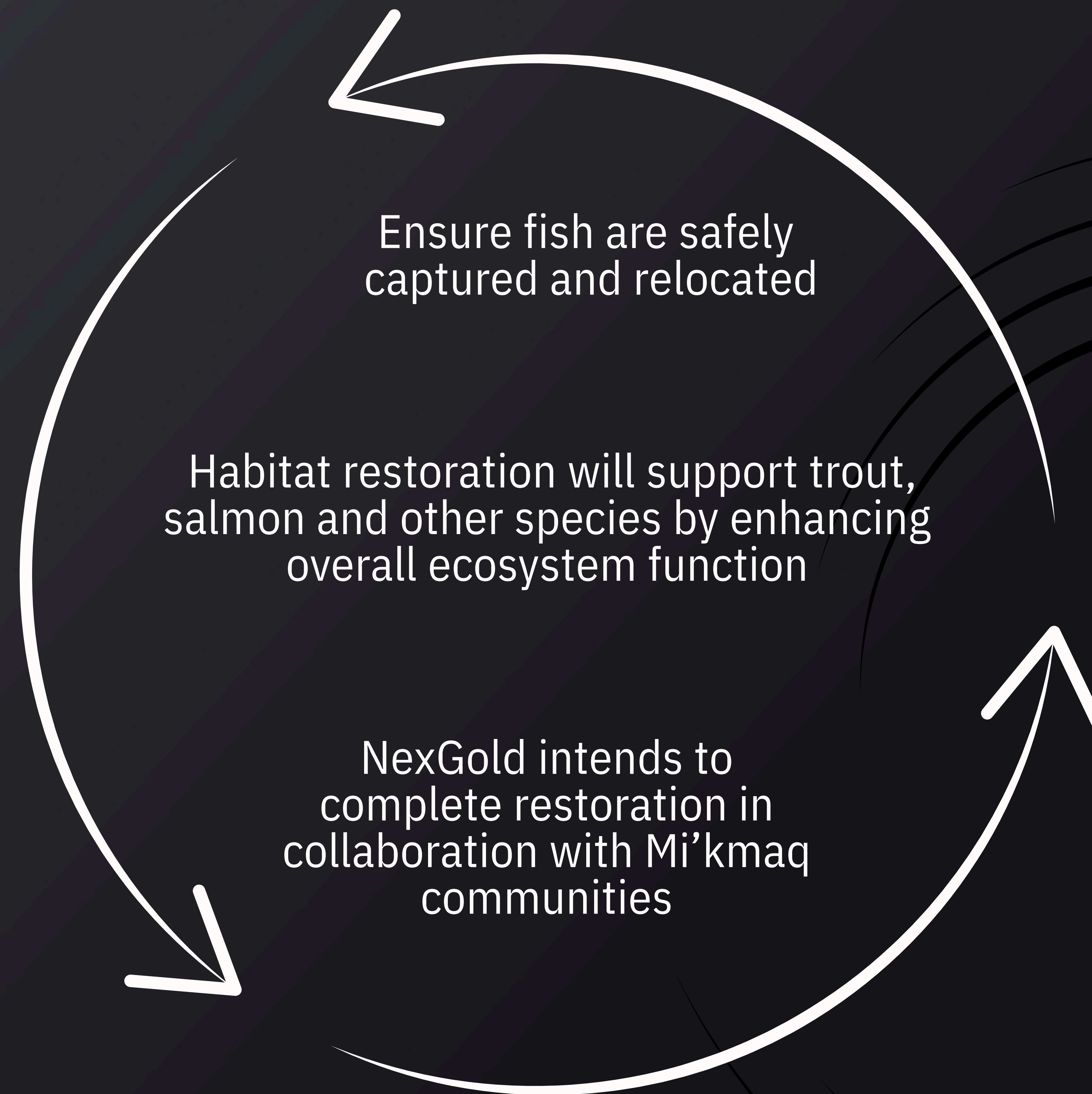


- Fish rescue plan submitted as part of the FAA
- Rescues will be performed before any fish habitat is directly impacted by construction activities
- Rescue techniques will be adjusted based on fish habitat conditions. Typically, the habitat is isolated and then electrofished. Trapping and netting may also be used to supplement electrofishing efforts
- Fish will be relocated to designated release points within the same watershed

Offsetting



- Total offsetting area = 182,825 m² of fish habitat
- Involves 5 instream restoration projects: East Pomquet River, Sutherlands Brook, Gunns Brook, Roman Valley River, and McAllister Brook
- Restoration employs hand installation of nature-mimicking structures to improve habitat for species primarily impacted by the mine: American eel and brook trout
- Habitat restoration is also expected to benefit salmon and other species by improving overall ecosystem function
- Restoration of East Pomquet and Sutherlands Brook will be completed in Summer 2026
- Monitoring of each offsetting project will be completed for a minimum of 5 years
- NexGold intends to complete restoration in collaboration with Mi'kmaq communities



Ensure fish are safely captured and relocated

Habitat restoration will support trout, salmon and other species by enhancing overall ecosystem function

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