

The Atlantic Whitefish - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

MUSIC: "HINTERLAND WHO'S WHO" THEME

ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

Unique to Canada, the endangered Atlantic whitefish is found only in one watershed near Bridgewater in Nova Scotia.

[Atlantic Whitefish in the water]

A watershed is kind of like this upside-down umbrella. Precipitation gathers in one spot from streams, lakes, and rivers.

[The host grabbing water and dropping it in the umbrella]

While we have much to learn about the Atlantic whitefish, we do know that acid rain, habitat changes, and the introduction of exotic fish species have all contributed to its decline. But there is good news.

[Atlantic Whitefish swimming]

Maintaining a clean water supply to Bridgewater also helps protect habitat. Atlantic whitefish and other aquatic creatures benefit from clean water, just like people.

[The host is crouching while a man walks in the water. Aerial view of the river]

We can help protect the watersheds we all depend on by using less water and properly disposing of household chemicals. And that's just a start.

[The host sitting on a branch on the ground]

To find out more about the Atlantic whitefish and other wildlife, visit hww.ca.