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All Atlantic salmon tagged in the Narraguagus River, Maine, by the Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission, that have been recovered outside the river, have been taken in ocean waters and not in other salmon rivers. According to a biologist, several have been recovered in commercial nets in the ocean from the vicinity of Nova Scotia (170 miles), Newfoundland (760 miles), and as far north as 30 miles above the Arctic Circle on the west coast of Greenland.



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