

## **Jeff Hutchings**



Dr. Hutchings is a professor at Dalhousie University whose research program broadly focuses on life history evolution, population dynamics and conservation biology of mainly Atlantic fish (particularly Atlantic salmon and Atlantic cod). His many distinctions include Chair of a 2012 Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on Marine Biodiversity, a Canada Research Chair in Marine Conservation and Biology, and former President of the Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution.

His work has looked at the impact of fisheries on the collapse and recovery of fish species, which has lead him to be an active advocate for the importance of communicating science to the public, as well as the chair of COSEWIC (Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada). He has publicly spoken out on the muzzling of government scientists in Canada and the importance of evidence-based policy decisions.

"An iron curtain is being drawn by government between science and society. Closed curtains, especially those made of iron, make for very dark rooms." – Jeff Hutchings