ANGLERS’ HANDBOOK
and 2019 Summary of Regulations
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**Please Take Note**
This is a summary prepared for the information and convenience of the anglers of Nova Scotia and has no legal force or effect. Consult the Wildlife Act, the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, and the Federal Fisheries Act and regulations when interpreting and applying the law. These regulations can change at any time.
Sportfishing is a popular outdoor experience that can be enjoyed by people of all ages. The industry generates more than $58 million annually and helps create prosperous rural communities.

As an angler myself, I am committed to seeing this industry grow to reach its full potential. Last year, we made changes to the fishing licences that resulted in a large increase to the number of full season non-resident licences sold and the new free licence to anglers ages 16 and 17, has proven to be popular. In total, approximately 65,000 anglers took part in sportfishing in 2018.

We are continuing our efforts to attract anglers from the rest of Canada and abroad and we’re positive that those who visit our province to fish will enjoy the sport just as much as we do. At the same time, we are also continuing to recruit children through the Learn to Fish program and are encouraging women to participate through the Becoming an Outdoors Woman program.

Opportunities for growth in this industry are dependent upon proper management of our resources. Our anglers have told us that conservation is important to them and that they regularly practise catch-and-release and limit their harvest. This clear vision for sustainability is key for managing both resources and growth and will help to protect the fishery for future generations.

I am very proud to announce that through contributions to the Sportfishing Habitat Fund, our anglers have helped to restore 1.2 million square metres of fish habitat and have helped support other worthy projects, such as the West River Sheet Harbour liming project.

2019 is the International Year of the Salmon. I’m pleased to see that our Inland Fisheries staff have a number of initiatives planned to celebrate this iconic species and to help raise awareness of the challenges it faces due to environmental changes and human impacts.

I would like to thank all the volunteer organizations that have helped deliver promotional programs, stocked fish, collected broodstock, and those who help with our trout management projects. The department and I really appreciate all the hard work you do all year round.

This year, the free sportfishing weekends will be held on June 1 to 2, and February 15 to 17, 2020. I encourage you to introduce a friend, family member or a visitor to the excitement of sportfishing.

Whether you are an experienced angler or a beginner, I urge you to put safety first. Accidents can happen in the blink of an eye, make sure you are prepared. Use personal floatation devices when you are on or around the water, check the conditions before heading out and use common sense. Doing so will ensure that you have nothing but good experiences as you enjoy some of the best sportfishing in the country. Enjoy the fishing season.
New for 2019

Please review each Recreational Fishing Area (RFA) for a complete description of the following changes or additions for the 2019 season.

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Brook trout carved by Dave Smith for the Margaree Fish Hatchery Visitor Centre.
Conservation minded anglers are becoming more aware of the increased pressures and stress on Nova Scotia’s fisheries resources. Studies have shown that adopting proper catch and release techniques, and careful handling helps to ensure fish health and survival.

1) Using artificial flies and lures increases the chances of survival. Live bait is often swallowed deeply which increases the risk of injury to the fish. Cut the line if a hook is swallowed deeply, the fish will work the hook out with time.

2) Using circle hooks or barbless hooks can reduce harm to released fish.

3) Do not play a fish until exhaustion. Use equipment heavy enough to play a fish rapidly.

4) Keep air exposure to a minimum. Avoid beaching a fish as this will remove the protective slime and can lead to infection later.

5) Do not lift the fish out of the water by the tail. This can damage the spine of the fish.

6) Avoid squeezing the fish between the pectoral (chest) fins, this is where the heart is situated.

7) Do not touch the gills and avoid placing fingers under the gill plate.

8) Take the time to revive the fish. Support the fish by placing a hand under the belly and keep the fish underwater. If in moving water, face the fish into the current while continuing to support it. Keep a relaxed grip on the tail and when it is ready, the fish will swim away.
Special Management Areas

Special Management Areas have been used to reduce harvest and improve angling opportunities for both smallmouth bass and trout. Anglers have reported that some speckled trout fisheries have changed and overfishing is one of the factors believed to be responsible for declines in fisheries in some areas. Other important factors include habitat loss and competition with aquatic invasive species such as smallmouth bass and chain pickerel.

Studies in Nova Scotia and in other provinces and states indicate that special management regulations have been successful in improving recreational fisheries by increasing the number of larger fish caught by anglers. Since the establishment of the Special Management Area initiative, provincial catches, catch and releases, and licence sales have increased. Regulations in Special Management Areas may affect bag limit, season length, length limit of fish retained, and gear type. Popular sea run trout fisheries seem to benefit most from changes in regulations and the need for a consistent approach in regulation design has been requested by anglers. In response, the Inland Fisheries Division has implemented some changes to sea run trout fisheries that are currently under special management.

Anglers have identified potential locations for Special Management Areas through the Recreational Fishery Advisory Council process. Anglers who are interested in regulation changes or other issues related to management of fisheries are encouraged to participate in the Recreational Fishing Advisory Councils.

For additional information, please review the Trout Management Plan and additional reports and publications available on our website www.novascotia.ca/fish/sportfishing or by contacting the Inland Fisheries Division, (902) 485-5056

FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORY

While there are health benefits to eating fish, there are some species in Nova Scotia that should only be eaten in smaller quantities or not at all if you are at higher risk.

### Mercury

There are traces of mercury in certain species of freshwater fish in Nova Scotia. You should limit how much of these fish you eat:

- Brook trout
- Smallmouth bass
- White perch
- Yellow perch
- Chain pickerel

### Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

You should not eat fish taken from Five Island Lake or Sheldrake Lake. Fish in these lakes are known to be contaminated with PCBs.

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The following regulation changes are being considered for the next season. Several were initiated by anglers and sportfishing organizations through the Recreational Fishing Advisory Councils (RFACs).

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<td>Change and extend the current boundary beyond Halifax County. The new management area would be to the west of the following line: Highway 102 from it’s junction with Highway 104, to Highway 118 to Highway 107 to Highway 328 (Ross Road) near Upper Lawrencetown.</td>
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<td>Lakes in RFA 1, 2, and 6</td>
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The following lakes would be impacted by this change:

- Lake Anslie, Inverness Co.
- Blacketts Lake, Cape Breton Co.
- Angevine (Dewars) Lake, Cumberland Co.
- Big Lake, Cumberland Co.
- Mattatall Lake, Cumberland Co.
- Round Lake, Colchester Co.
- Lake Egmont, Halifax Co.
- Porters Lake, Halifax Co.
- Loon lake, Halifax Co.
- Miller Lake, Halifax Co.
- Black Lake, Pictou Co.
- West Branch Lake, Pictou Co.

Winter fishery for smallmouth bass

Lakes within the new management area which are open for chain pickerel in winter would also be open for smallmouth bass.
**Seasons, Bag Limits, and Size Limits**

For all species, the possession limit is the same as the bag limit, regardless of the number of days of fishing. The daily bag limits apply in the aggregate. This means that the number of fish that may be retained in any one day applies regardless of the number of areas fished. Caught and released fish are not considered as part of the bag limit, except for Atlantic Salmon. All season dates are inclusive.

**SPECKLED (BROOK) TROUT, BROWN TROUT, LAKE (GREY) TROUT AND RAINBOW TROUT**

*Season: Apr 1 to Sep 30*

*Sep 1 to Sep 30, No speckled trout may be retained.*

**Bag limit: 5 fish,** of any one species or any combination of trout species. Note: Lake (grey) trout are found in Sherbrooke Lake, Lunenburg County and Dollar Lake, Halifax County. Trout found in other lakes are normally speckled (brook) trout.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Specific bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions, and seasons are in effect on several waters that are listed in each Recreational Fishing Area. From Sep 1 to Sep 30, no speckled trout may be retained, and the use of natural bait is prohibited for all trout species in all waters, including Special Management Areas, exceptions are listed under Recreational Fishing Areas.

**SMALLMOUTH (BLACK) BASS**

*Season: Apr 1 to Oct 31,* except for Special Bass Management Areas, Extended Seasons and selected waters in RFA 2.

**Bag limit: 3 fish** in Special Bass Management Areas. A maximum length limit of 35cm (13.8 in.).

**Bag limit: 5 fish** in RFAs 3, 4, and Kings and Annapolis Counties of RFA 5.

**Bag limit: 25 fish** in selected waters of RFAs 1, 2, 6, and Hants County of RFA 5.

**LANDLOCKED SALMON**

CLOSED ALL YEAR.

Except for the following waters and dates:

*Apr 15 to Sep 30, Gabarus Lake, Cape Breton County.*

**OPEN ALL YEAR,** Goose Harbour Lake, Guysborough County.

*Apr 1 to Sep 30,* Lake Charles, Lake Williams, Lake Thomas, Fletchers Lake, Shubenacadie Grand Lake, Little Grand Lake, Scraggy Lake, Lake Charlotte, Halifax County.

**Bag limit: 2 fish.** Minimum size limit, not less than 35 cm (13.8 in.), measured from the end of the nose to the fork of the tail (see diagram page 56). All salmon over 63 cm (24.8 in.) must be released. It is no longer required to tag landlocked salmon between 48cm and 63cm.

**WHITE PERCH, YELLOW PERCH, BROWN BULLHEAD, AND WHITE SUCKER.**

Open season coincides with an open season for a sportfish: salmon, trout, or smallmouth bass. Extended seasons specific to perch are listed in each Recreational Fishing Area.

**Bag limit: 25 fish.**

**CHAIN PICKEREL**

Open season coincides with an open season for a sportfish: salmon, trout or smallmouth bass. Extended seasons specific to pickerel are listed in each Recreational Fishing Area.

**Bag limit: 100 fish**

**LAKE WHITEFISH**

The open season coincides with an open season for a sportfish: salmon, trout, or smallmouth bass. **Bag limit: 8 fish.**

**PRIVATE PONDS AND U-FISH OPERATIONS**

There are no bag limits, season restrictions, gear or size regulations for fish caught in a legally constructed private pond or a licenced commercial U-fish operation; however, a receipt from the pond operator is required during transportation and storage of the fish.
ENFORCEMENT AND MANAGEMENT
The management of sea going (anadromous) Atlantic salmon, striped bass, eel, shad, sturgeon, gaspereau, Atlantic whitefish and smelt is the responsibility of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada. The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture manages all other freshwater fish species. Enforcement of sportfishing and salmon fishing regulations falls under the jurisdiction of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Nova Scotia Environment. (see page 12).

ATLANTIC SALMON
The Summary of Salmon Fishing Regulations is available upon request or with the purchase of an Atlantic salmon licence. For changes to angling seasons, please contact the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) at (902) 221-7264.

STRIPPED BASS
Gulf Region
The tidal and non-tidal waters of the Northumberland Strait from the New Brunswick border to Cape North.

At the time this handbook was printed, information on management measures and seasons for Southern Gulf Striped bass was not available. Please consult the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Gulf Region's Internet page for details about Striped bass regulations at www.inter.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Gulf/FAM/Recreational-Fisheries or search by keywords: “DFO Gulf Region recreational fisheries”.

Maritimes Region
The inland and coastal waters of Nova Scotia, from Cape North Maritimes Region along the Atlantic coast and the waters of the Bay of Fundy, to the New Brunswick border. Bag limit: 1 fish, with a minimum size limit, not less than 68 cm (26.8 inches) overall length, not more than 150 cm (59.1 inches) overall length, measured from the tip of nose to the tip of tail. Tidal waters open all year, except closed Apr 1 to Jun 30 on the Annapolis River from Hebbs Landing near the confluence of Ray Brook (grid reference 0313214 4964708, map 21A/14) upstream to the highway bridge at Lawrencetown. The open season for striped bass in inland waters corresponds to the open season for sportfish (salmon, trout, and smallmouth bass) in those waters.

From May 10 to Jun 10, the daily fishing quota for striped bass in the waters of Grand Lake and the Shubenacadie River downstream to its confluence with the Stewiacke River, and the Stewiacke River downstream from the highway bridge (Pollock Bridge) in Stewiacke East to its confluence with the Shubenacadie River, will be zero (0) fish per day (hook and release only).

From May 10 to Jun 10, only artificial fly, and unbaited lure with a single hook may be used when angling in the waters of the Shubenacadie River downstream from the CN Railway Bridge at East Milford to its confluence with the Stewiacke River, and Stewiacke River downstream from the highway bridge (Pollock Bridge) in Stewiacke East to its confluence with the Shubenacadie River.

SHAD
No closed season for angling in tidal waters. For inland (non-tidal) waters, the open season coincides with an open season for a sportfish: salmon, trout, or smallmouth bass. Bag limit: 5 fish.

GASPEREAU
No closed season for angling in tidal waters. For inland (non-tidal) waters, the open season coincides with an open season for a sportfish: salmon, trout, or smallmouth bass. Bag limit applies to netting and angling. For dip netting, no license is required, but yearly and weekly times apply. Bag limit: 20 fish.
SMELT
Except in waters closed to angling for all fish species, tidal waters are open Aug 1 to May 31 (closed Jun 1 to Jul 31). Kennetcook River, Meander River, Herbert River, St. Croix River and Avon River, Hants County, dip netting permitted Apr 1 to Jun 15 except closed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Other areas, dip-netting permitted Apr 1 to Jun 15 except closed Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Fishing for smelt by dip net and spear is prohibited from Jan 1 to Dec 31 (all year), in all inland and tidal waters flowing into Jeddore Harbour and Musquodoboit Harbour, Halifax County, Lingan Bay, Cape Breton County, Bain’s Brook, at New Campbellton, Victoria County, and Morrison’s Brook at New Harris Forks, Victoria County. **Bag limit: 60** maximum possession, not more than 30 of which may be harvested by dip net.

Grand Lake, Halifax County, open Jan 1 to Sep 30, bag limit reduced to 24 smelt by angling.

EEL
No closed season in tidal waters. For inland (non-tidal) waters, the open season coincides with an open season for a sportfish: salmon, trout, or smallmouth bass. The waters along the Northumberland Strait and Gulf of St. Lawrence from the New Brunswick border to Cape North, minimum size limit, not less than 53 cm (21 in) measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. The inland and coastal waters of Nova Scotia, from Cape North along the Atlantic coast and the waters of the Bay of Fundy, to the New Brunswick border, minimum size limit, not less that 35 cm (13.8 in) measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. **Bag limit: 10 fish.**

**NOTE:** Special provisions and winter seasons may be in place for trout, white perch, yellow perch and chain pickerel in selected waters. Consult each Recreational Fishing Area for expanded angling opportunities for some of these species. The Datum type used for grid references to identify boundaries for specific fishing areas is NAD 27.

Inland waters: The boundary between inland and tidal waters is defined under Schedule II of the Maritime Provinces Fishery Regulations. A list of the inland water boundaries for the major rivers in Nova Scotia can be found at www.novascotia.ca/fish/. For the locations of other inland water boundaries not on the list, please consult the local office of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

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**General Regulations**

**GUIDES**

Non-residents do not need a guide to fish in Nova Scotia. For a list of guides, visit our website: www.novascotia.ca/fish/sportfishing

**FISHING METHODS AND EQUIPMENT**

No one is allowed to:

• possess live fish of any species except under circumstances outlined in the Live Fish Possession Regulations http://www.novascotia.ca/JUST/Regulations/regs/fcrlivefish.htm.

• use an artificial light or flame of any kind (including light emitting lures), for fishing in non-tidal waters, or while fishing for salmon in tidal waters.

• use a set-line or trawl for fishing in non-tidal waters.

where size limits are applicable, the size of the fish cannot be readily determined.

• possess fish that were caught by any person while fishing for recreational purposes or sport purposes and that have been skinned, cut, packed or otherwise dealt with in such a manner that (1) the species cannot be readily determined; (b) the number of fish cannot be readily determined; (c) where weight is used to determine catch limits, the weight of the fish cannot be readily determined; and (d)
• fish in non-tidal waters by jigging, snaring, spearing, or using a bow and arrow, or assist in landing any fish caught by such means.
• use dynamite or any other explosive for fishing or destroying fish, or use anything that might cause unnecessary destruction of fish.
• use a gaff of any kind to land a sportfish caught by angling.
• angle for Atlantic salmon except with a single barbless artificial fly.
• angle in non-tidal waters with more than 1 fishing line or with a fishing line having more than 3 separate hooks.
• angle in tidal waters for sportfish with more than 1 fishing line or with a fishing line to which more than 3 hooks are attached.
• angle in tidal waters for non-sportfish with more than 5 fishing lines or with a fishing line to which more than 6 hooks are attached.
• keep any sportfish if it is hooked in any part of the body other than the mouth. The fish shall immediately be returned alive to the water from which it was taken.
• angle in non-tidal waters unless an open season for sportfish is in effect in those waters.
• angle for sportfish during that part of the day beginning 2 hours after sunset and ending 2 hours before sunrise. This does not apply when angling for smallmouth bass or brown trout during any of the night fishing seasons listed for each Recreational Fishing Area.
• fish with an artificial fly that has more than 2 hooks.
• fish for, kill, or retain any spent or slink salmon or salmon fry, parr, or smolt (see drawings page 35).
• fish within 23 m (26 yds) downstream of any fish ladder.

ACCESS TO WATER
Certain rights and responsibilities of anglers and protections for landowners are provided in the Angling Act. Any resident of the Province has the right to go on foot along the banks of any river, stream or lake, upon and across any uncultivated lands and Crown lands for the purpose of lawfully fishing with rod and line in such rivers, streams or lakes. Uncultivated land means land that is in its natural wild state, and includes also land that has been wholly or partially cleared, but is otherwise in its natural state. The rights of anglers under the Act therefore does not extend to cultivated land such as farmland. The rights of anglers under the Act also does not in any way limit or restrict the right of any owner or occupant of land to compensation for actual damages caused by any person going upon or across such lands for the purpose of angling and shall not be construed to give the right to build any fires upon such lands.

SPECIAL NOTES
No one is allowed to fish within the posted boundaries of a licenced aquaculture site or a privately owned fish pond without permission of the owner. Angling is not permitted in many municipal watersheds or water supply areas. Please check with your local municipal authority before venturing into these areas.

MISCELLANEOUS
• Any fish taken by recreational fishing is for domestic use only and may not be sold or bartered.
• No person who is fishing for personal use or sport purposes may waste any fish that is suitable for human consumption.
Licences

You are required to purchase a general fishing licence or a salmon fishing licence to angle in the waters of Nova Scotia, with the following exceptions:

If you are required to possess a licence, you must carry it with you while fishing.

• No licence is required to angle in tidal waters; however, seasons and bag limits are still in effect. (See details for each Recreational Fishing Area, and Seasons, Bag Limits, and Size Limits (pages 7-9), for more information.) The boundaries of tidal waters are defined by the Fisheries and Oceans Canada and are listed on the Nova Scotia Fisheries and Aquaculture website. Check each Recreational Fishing Area for tidal water closures.

• No licence is required to fish in legally constructed private ponds or U-fish operations (commercially licenced aquaculture operations), nor do seasons or bag limits apply. Permission to fish must be obtained from the owner.

• Residents 65 years of age and older may purchase a General Fishing Licence at a reduced rate.

• Residents and non-residents under the age of 16 years do not require a licence.

• Residents and non-residents with permanent disabilities may qualify for a General Fishing Licence at no cost which is available from Department of Lands and Forestry offices.

• No licence is required for recreational dip-netting of smelt or gaspereau. Seasons and bag limits are still in effect.

• Lost licences can be replaced at your local Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry office. 2019 fishing licences are valid from the date of issue to March 31, 2020.

• A provincial fishing licence is not valid in a national park. A special licence may be required. Check with a federal park warden or contact one of the national parks listed on page 12 and 13.

• It is an offence not to have your signature and address on a licence.

• Non-residents have the option of purchasing multiple one-day or seven-day fishing licences as long as dates don’t overlap. The price of the non-resident full season general fishing licence has been reduced and the non-resident general seven-day licence is no longer available. See vendors for details on licence prices.

YOUTH LICENCES

Residents and non-residents age 16 and 17 years are eligible for a general or salmon fishing licence at no cost.

Licence Stubs

You are required by law to return your completed licence stub at the end of the fishing season. The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture relies upon anglers to provide the information needed to manage fish populations.

The information on the licence stubs is used to indicate overall trends in fish catches around the province. It is important that you send in your licence stub even if you did not fish, so that we can get an accurate picture of the status of sportfish catches.
To allow management on a regional basis, the province is divided into six Recreational Fishing Areas (RFA’s). Each RFA has a Recreational Fisheries Advisory Council that is open to the public and consists of anglers and volunteer sportfishing organizations with participation from other government agencies. The Inland Fisheries Division meets annually in each RFA to present research and discuss and develop regulations, enhancement opportunities and other sportfishing initiatives.

**IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS**

**Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture**
**Inland Fisheries Division (Provincial)**
PO Box 700, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0
Phone: (902) 485-5056, Fax: (902) 485-4014
www.novascotia.ca/fish/
E-mail: inland@novascotia.ca

**Department of Environment (Head Office)**
Barrington Tower
1894 Barrington Street
Suite 1800
PO Box 442
Halifax, NS B3J 2P8
Phone: (902) 424-3600
Fax: (Main) (902) 424-0501

Report illegal fishing activities to Nova Scotia Environment at 1-800-565-2224, Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 1-800-565-1633, or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada**
http://www.inter.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Maritimes/
Recreational-Fisheries/Home
Phone: (902) 221-7264

**Maritime Region**
**Conservation and Protection Detachments**
Yarmouth Phone: (902) 742-0885
Sydney Phone: (902) 564-7211

**Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site**
PO Box 236, Maitland Bridge, NS B0T 1B0
(902) 682-2770
Habitat: White perch are found in fresh and brackish waters along the Atlantic coast from the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence to North Carolina and inland along the upper St. Lawrence River to the lower Great Lakes. They are present in all three maritime provinces. They can live in fresh or salt water, but are most often found in freshwater lakes and ponds.

Diet: Juvenile white perch eat primarily aquatic insect larvae. As they grow, they will prey on fish such as smelt, yellow perch, killifish, and other white perch.

Description: White perch are similar in shape to striped bass, however white perch are deeper, and less round than striped bass, and lack the horizontal stripes. Identifying characteristics include:

- Deep, thin body slopes up steeply from the eye to the beginning of the dorsal fin.
- Like all members of the bass family, they have two dorsal fins on the back, the first one has spines and the second is soft-rayed. Spines can also be found at the front of the anal fin and a single spine in each pelvic fin.
- Scales are large, and the lateral line is complete.
- Their backs can be olive, grey, dark brown, or black, and they become lighter on the sides with a silvery-white belly. The pelvic and anal fins are sometimes rosy coloured.

Perch or Bass: White perch are members of the bass family and not a true perch. Other common names for white perch are silver perch, sea perch, silver bass, and narrow-mouthed bass.

Spawning and Growth: White perch spawn in late spring or early summer in shallow water over many kinds of bottoms. Males and females each spawn several times. The tiny eggs become sticky after fertilization and attach to vegetation and bottom materials. Time to hatching depends on water temperature. Hatching can occur in as little as 30 hours in warmer water or as long as 4.5 days in colder water. Newly hatched white perch are about 2.3mm long and feed on plankton. They grow rapidly and can reach 65mm by late summer. Growth rates of white perch vary among regions and populations; most adult White perch in our waters are less than 15cm.

Fishing facts: White perch have a very tasty white flesh and are a popular sportfish. They can be caught using bait, lures, or streamer type flies. Once caught, they can be held under the belly or by the lip to avoid the sharp dorsal fin.
SEASONS
SPECKLED (BROOK) TROUT, BROWN TROUT, AND RAINBOW TROUT
Tidal Waters - Apr 15 to Sep 30.
Inland Waters and the Bras d’Or Lake - Apr 1 to Sep 30 except the waters referred to in the listings below.
From Sep 1 to Sep 30, no speckled trout may be retained, and natural bait is prohibited in all waters for all trout species, including Special Trout Management Areas except the Cape Breton Highlands Management Area and those waters with extended seasons for trout. The use of natural bait is permitted year round in Bras d’Or Lakes.

NOTE: The following regulations do not apply to the lakes and tributaries of those rivers unless specified.
All season dates are inclusive.

CAPE BRETON COUNTY
The following waters are open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
Belfry Lake.
Catalone River, downstream from the outlet of Belle Lake, including Catalone Lake.
Gabarus Lake.
Gaspereau River, downstream from the outlet of Gaspereau Lake.
Gerratt Brook, downstream from the outlet of Kelly Lake.
Lorraine Brook, downstream from the outlet of MacVickers Lake.
Mira River, downstream from the highway bridge at Victoria Bridge.
Salmon River, downstream from the stillwater at Silver Mine.

INVERNESS COUNTY
The following waters are open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
Margaree River, downstream from the highway bridges at East Margaree.
Southwest Margaree River, downstream from the Scotsville bridge to the bridge at Margaree Forks.
Northeast Margaree River, (see Special Trout Management Area page 19).
Skye River, downstream from the lower East Skye Glen Bridge to the Highway 105 Bridge.

RICHMOND COUNTY
The following waters are open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
Framboise River, including Middle River Framboise, Northeast Framboise River, and Bagnells River.
Grand River, downstream from the highway bridge at the head of Loch Lomond.
L’Archeveque Lake.
Marie Joseph Brook, downstream from the outlet of Upper Marie Joseph Lake.
River Inhabitants, downstream from the Highway 105 bridge at Kingsville.
River Tillard, downstream from the bridge at Sporting Mountain.
Rory’s Pond.
St. Esprit Lake.

VICTORIA COUNTY
Ingonish River, downstream to the Cabot Trail Highway bridge, including tributaries, open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.

Cape Breton Highlands National Park
A National Parks general fishing permit or National Parks salmon licence as well as a park entry permit is required to angle in the park. For more information contact the Park Office. (see page 13).
SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

MARGAREE RIVER, INVERNESS COUNTY
Upstream from the highway bridges at East Margaree to the bridges at Big Intervale on the Northeast Margaree and to the bridge at Margaree Forks on the Southwest Margaree and the Gallant River upstream from its confluence with the Margaree River to the highway bridge on the East Margaree Road.

Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species.

Jun 1 to the end of all fishing seasons: artificial fly only. During the artificial fly season, angling is only permitted between the hours of 6 am and 10 pm for all species.

Apr 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) greater than 35 cm (13.8 in).

Northeast Margaree River, upstream from the bridges at Big Intervale. CLOSED ALL YEAR FOR ALL SPECIES.

LAKE O’LAW BROOK, INVERNESS COUNTY
Upstream from its confluence with the Northeast Margaree River to the outlet of First Lake O’Law.

Apr 1 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

RIVER DENYS, INVERNESS COUNTY
Including tributaries, Denys Basin and Indian Pond, downstream to a line drawn true north from Martin Point on the western end of Boom Island to grid reference 653148 5084898 on the opposite shore across the Boom Channel.

Apr 1 to Apr 30, closed to all angling for all species.

May 1 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

TROUT BROOK, INVERNESS COUNTY
From a point 96 m upstream from the Highway 395 Bridge to a point 137 m downstream from the same bridge lying between two markers set 45m apart in Lake Ainslie.

Apr 1 to Aug 31, artificial fly only, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Upstream waters including tributaries, CLOSED ALL YEAR FOR ALL SPECIES.

GRAND RIVER, RICHMOND COUNTY
From the highway bridge at the community of Grand River, upstream to the highway bridge at the outflow of Loch Lomond (including Black River Pond), not including tributaries.

Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species.

Apr 15 to May 31, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited.

Jun 1 to Sep 30, artificial fly only.

Apr 15 to Aug 31, Bag limit one (1) trout which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released. Bag limit one (1) trout (brown or rainbow), which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

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Downstream from the highway bridge at Grand River to a line drawn between Red Head (grid reference 684988 5052445) and Black Point (grid reference 687315 5053249),

Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species.
Apr 15 to Aug 31, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited. Bag limit one (1) trout which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released. Bag limit one (1) trout (brown or rainbow), which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, single hook lure or artificial fly.

NORTH ASPY RIVER, VICTORIA COUNTY
Upstream from the Bay St. Lawrence Highway bridge to the Cape Breton Highlands Park boundary.
Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species.
Apr 15 to May 31, bag limit five (5) trout.
Jun 1 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, single hook lure or artificial fly only, natural bait is prohibited.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, single hook lure or artificial fly only.

BADDECK RIVER, VICTORIA COUNTY
Upstream from the 105 Highway bridge including the North Branch Baddeck River, Peter’s Brook and Canes Pond.
Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.
May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) trout may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, single hook lure or artificial fly only.
Oct 1 to Oct 31, rainbow and brown trout only, barbless artificial fly only, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

MIDDLE RIVER, VICTORIA COUNTY
Upstream from the Highway 105 Bridge to the Cabot Trail Highway Bridge near Finlayson, including tributaries except Indian Brook.
Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.
May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) trout may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in), single hook lure or artificial fly only.
Oct 1 to Oct 31, rainbow and brown trout only, barbless artificial fly only, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
Upstream from the Cabot Trail Highway Bridge near Findlayson, including tributaries, CLOSED ALL YEAR FOR ALL SPECIES.

NORTH RIVER, VICTORIA COUNTY
Upstream from the tidal pool to a point at the benches marked by a fishery officer, including tributaries.
Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.
May 15 to Sep 30, artificial fly only, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
Jul 15 to Aug 31, upstream from the Little Falls pool, as marked by a fishery officer, to the Benches, as marked by a fishery officer, closed to all angling for all species.
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EXTENDED SEASONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND SPECKLED TROUT
OPEN ALL YEAR. The bag limit is reduced to two (2) trout, either species or combined, Oct 1 to Mar 31.
Petite Lac, Inverness County.
Levers Lake, # 20 Dam Pond, Cape Breton County.
Eco-Trail Pond, Isle Madame, Richmond County.
Dalem (Round) Lake, Victoria County.
Grant’s Pond, Victoria County.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT
OPEN ALL YEAR, ANY GEAR. The bag limit is reduced to two (2) trout, Oct 1 to Mar 31. Minimum size limit for rainbow trout is 35cm (13.8 in), ALL YEAR. The tidal waters of the Bras d’Or Lakes, St. Patrick’s Channel, St. Andrews Channel, and Sydney River (between the dam and a line drawn between Point Edward and Liscomb Point), NOT INCLUDING WATERS CLOSED TO ALL ANGLING FOR ALL SPECIES.

NIGHT FISHING FOR BROWN TROUT
Salmon River, Cape Breton County, downstream from the highway bridge near Rock Elm to its confluence with the Mira River, Apr 15 to Aug 31.

WATERS CLOSED TO ALL ANGLING FOR ALL SPECIES
(1) waters of the Baddeck River upstream from the Hwy 105 bridge; (2) Northeast (inside) of the East Bay Sandbar; and (3) waters upstream from Black River bridge in Dundee; (4) waters upstream from Crowdis Bridge in river Deny’s Basin; and (5) waters upstream from Mackenzie Brook Bridge near South Side Basin of River Deny’s which remain closed to all angling for all species, Jan 1 to Mar 31.

Waters inside the Boom Channel including River Denys and all of River Denys Basin are closed to trout angling, Oct 1 to Mar 31, CLOSED TO ALL ANGLING FOR ALL SPECIES Apr 1 to Apr 30.

SMALLMOUTH BASS
CLOSED ALL YEAR, except the following: Apr 1 to Oct 31. Bag limit twenty-five (25) bass. Blacketts Lake, Cape Breton County. Lake Ainslie, Inverness County.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES
(See page 7)
AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO NATIVE SPECIES SUCH AS SPECKLED TROUT

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

LIVE POSSESSION AND ILLEGAL INTRODUCTIONS
The intentional or accidental introduction of fish or other aquatic organisms from one lake or stream to another can negatively affect local fish populations through competition, disease, or genetic changes. Under the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act, no one is allowed to possess live fish in Nova Scotia unless authorized under the Live Fish Possession Regulations or release live fish into the waters of the province except under licence by the Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

LIVE BAIT
Unwanted fish species can be accidentally spread by releasing unused live bait therefore threatening local fish populations. Do not discard bait unless it was caught from the water body in which you are fishing. It is illegal to use certain species as bait or to possess them for bait (whether alive or dead). These include chain pickerel smallmouth bass, goldfish, yellow perch, brown bullhead, white perch or any fish not taken from provincial waters.

INFORMATION FOR BOATERS
Some aquatic species can survive more than two weeks out of water. Adopting the following recommendations will help reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species.

• CLEAN your boat, motor, trailer, and boating equipment such as anchors and fishing gear, centerboards, rollers, and axles. Remove any animals and plants that are visible before leaving any waterbody. Rinse your boat and equipment that normally gets wet with hot tap water (greater than 40°C), or spray your boat and trailer with high pressure water (250 psi).

• DRAIN water from the motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while on land immediately before leaving the waterbody.

• DRY your boots, waders, boat, tackle, trailer, and other boating equipment in the sun for 5 days (recommended) to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch.

WATERCRAFT CHECK POINTS

REPORTING INVASIVES
Report illegal introductions or sightings of introduced species by calling 902-485-5056 or 1-888-435-4040 or email XMARinvasive@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca or inland@novascotia.ca. If possible please provide a date, location and picture.
Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou Counties

RECREATIONAL FISHING AREA 2

SEASONS
SPECKLED (BROOK) TROUT, BROWN TROUT, AND RAINBOW TROUT
Tidal Waters - Apr 15 to Sep 30.
Inland Waters - Apr 1 to Sep 30 except the waters referred to in the listings below.
From Sep 1 to Sep 30, no speckled trout may be retained, and natural bait is prohibited in all waters for all trout species, including Special Trout Management Areas, except waters with extended seasons for trout.

NOTE: The following regulations do not apply to the lakes and tributaries of those rivers unless specified. All season dates are inclusive.

ANTIGONISH COUNTY
The following waters are open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
Brierly Brook, downstream from the bridge on the Schoolhouse Road.
Pomquet River, downstream from the 104 Highway bridge.
Tracadie River, from the highway 4 bridge at Monastery to a point located 400m downstream, marked by a Fishery Officer.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY
Country Harbour River, downstream from the highway bridge on the Borneo Road, including Country Harbour Lake to a point 300m downstream of the Iron Bridge, open May 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to May 14.
Ecum Secum River, downstream from the outlet of Judd’s Pool near New Chester, open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
Liscomb River, from a point 70m upstream from the highway bridge at Liscomb Mills to a point 23m downstream from the entrance to the fish ladder, not including tributaries, Jun 1 to Sep 30, artificial fly only.

PICTOU COUNTY
The following waters are open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
Barney’s River, the Middle Brook downstream from the 104 Highway Bridge at Barney’s River Station (not including the main branch Barney’s River which flows through Marshy Hope), and the West Branch Barney’s River downstream from the wooden bridge near Avondale Station (grid reference 555954 5051231).
French River, downstream from the confluence of the East and West branches.
River John, downstream from the confluence of the East and West branches including the Salmon Hole.
Sutherlands River, downstream from Park Falls.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND/ OR SPECKLED TROUT
Open All Year. The bag limit is reduced to two (2) trout, either species or combined, Oct 1 to Mar 31.
Cameron Lake and Gillis Lake, Antigonish County.
Goose Harbour Lake, McKeen Lake and Pringle Lake, Guysborough County.
Dryden Lake and Gairloch Lake, Pictou County.

NIGHT FISHING FOR BROWN TROUT
James River, Antigonish County, from the water supply dam at grid reference 568078, 5050765 downstream to its confluence with the West River, Apr 15 to Aug 31.
River John, Pictou County, from the West Branch Bridge downstream to the Welsford Bridge near Welsford, Apr 15 to Aug 31.
SMALLMOUTH BASS
CLOSED ALL YEAR, except the following:
Apr 1 to Sep 30. Bag limit twenty-five (25) bass.
Lansdowne Lake and Middle River, including
Middle River Reservoir, Pictou County.

CHAIN PICKEREL
Apr 1 to Sep 30, except the following:
Black Lake and West Branch Lake, Pictou
County, OPEN ALL YEAR.

WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH
Apr 1 to Sep 30, except the following which are
which are OPEN ALL YEAR:
Cameron Lake, Gillis Lake, Antigonish County,
Goose Harbour Lake, McKeen Lake, Pringle
Lake, Guysborough County.
Gairloch Lake, Pictou County.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES
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SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

GUYSBOROUGH (MILFORD HAVEN) RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY
Downstream from the bridge at West Interval to the Highway 16 bridge near Boylston.
Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.
May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

ST. MARY’S RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY
Upstream from the highway bridge at Sherbrooke to the 347 Bridge near Aspen on the East River, St. Mary’s and upstream to the highway bridge at Glenelg on the West River, St. Mary’s.
Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species.
Apr 15 to Sep 30, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, artificial fly only.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Upstream from the 347 bridge near Aspen on the East River, St. Mary’s to the Guysborough County boundary and upstream from the highway bridge at Glenelg on the West River, St Mary’s, to South Brook near Trafalgar:
Apr 1 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
May 26 to Sep 30, artificial fly only.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Pools closed to all angling, Jun 15 to Sep 30, include: Cumminger Pool, Foot Bridge Pool, Ford Pool, Indian Man Pool, McKeen Pool, Silvers Pool, Sutherlands Pool, details of pool closures are available from DFO.

SALMON RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY
From the outlet of Salmon River Lake downstream to its confluence with Chedabucto Bay.
Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.
May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, not including tributaries.
Jul 1 to Sep 30, downstream from a point 50 m below the Highway 16 Bridge at Cooks Cove, artificial fly only.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), of which only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
Oct 1 to Oct 31, brown trout, catch and release only, barbless artificial fly.

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ST. FRANCIS HARBOUR RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY
From the outlet of Goose Harbour Lake downstream to its confluence with Chedabucto Bay.

Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.
May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit one (1) trout which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit one (1) trout (brown or rainbow) which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length. Single hook lure or artificial fly.
Oct 1 to Oct 31, brown trout, catch and release only, bag limit one (1) rainbow trout which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, barbless artificial fly only.

EAST RIVER, PICTOU COUNTY
From a line drawn from Dunbar Point to Pine Point (including Big Gut) upstream to the Springville Bridge on the East Branch, Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.

May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

From Springville Bridge on the East Branch upstream to and including Hunters Lake, and from the confluence of the West Branch upstream to the outflow of West Branch Lake. Apr 1 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

WEST RIVER, PICTOU COUNTY
Downstream from the Highway 104 bridge, Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species. May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

WEST RIVER, ANTIGONISH COUNTY See map page 27
Beaver River, downstream from the outlet of MacEacherns Lake, including the Cameron Lakes to its confluence with the Ohio River, and the West River, downstream from the bridge at Addington Forks to a line drawn true north from grid reference 583545 5054009 at Williams Point to the opposite shore, Apr 1 to May 14, closed to all angling for all species.

May 15 to Sep 30, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited.
The Ohio River, downstream from the bridge at the outlet of St. Joseph Lake to the bridge on the West River at Addington Forks, May 15 to Sep 30, artificial fly only.

May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit one (1) trout which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit one (1) trout (brown or rainbow) which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

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SOUTH RIVER, ANTIGONISH COUNTY  See map above
From the bridge that marks the outlet of Loch Katrine (South River Lake) to the Sunrise Trail (old highway 104 bridge), Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species. Open Apr 15 to Oct 31. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit five (5) trout (brown or rainbow). Oct 1 to Oct 31, rainbow and brown trout only, barbless artificial fly only, bag limit two (2) trout (brown or rainbow).

From the Sunrise Trail (old highway 104 bridge) to the Williams Point boundary of the West River Management Area and to the outflow of Antigonish Harbour, Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species.
Apr 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
Oct 1 to Oct 31, rainbow and brown trout only, barbless artificial fly only, bag limit two (2) trout (brown or rainbow).

From the dam immediately upstream from Fraser’s Mill Fish Hatchery downstream to the bridge over the Old Pinevale Road, CLOSED ALL YEAR.
SEASONS
SPECKLED TROUT, BROWN TROUT, LAKE (GREY) TROUT, AND RAINBOW TROUT
Tidal waters of Halifax County (Halifax Harbour and East) - Apr 15 to Sep 30.
Tidal waters of Halifax County (West of Halifax Harbour) and Lunenburg County - Apr 1 to Sep 30.
Inland waters - Apr 1 to Sep 30 except the waters referred to in the listings below.
From Sep 1 to Sep 30, no speckled trout may be retained and natural bait is prohibited in all waters for all trout species, including Special Trout Management Areas, except for waters with extended seasons for trout.

NOTE: The following regulations do not apply to the lakes and tributaries of those rivers unless specified. All season dates are inclusive.

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS ARE IN PLACE TO PROTECT ENDANGERED ATLANTIC WHITEFISH WHILE ANGLING OTHER SPECIES IN LUNENBURG COUNTY
The waters of Minamkeak Lake, Milipsigate Lake and Hebb Lake upstream from the dam at its outlet, including the waters joining these lakes but not including other tributaries to them except the waters of an unnamed tributary to Hebb Lake that are downstream from a straight line across that tributary from grid reference 374167 4909763 to grid reference 374183 4909763 as marked by a fishery officer. Angling season open only from Jul 1 to Sep 30, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited. Jan 1 to Jun 30 and Oct 1 to Dec 31, closed to all angling for all species.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND/OR SPECKLED TROUT
OPEN ALL YEAR. The bag limit is reduced to two (2) trout, either species or combined, Oct 1 to Mar 31.
Albro Lake, Lewis Lake and Round Lake at Jerry Lawrence Park, Maynard Lake, Penhorn Lake, First Lake, Cow Bay Pond, Halifax County, Beck Lake, Hutt Lake, and Sucker Lake, Lunenburg County.

SMALLMOUTH BASS
Apr 1 to Oct 31. Bag limit five (5) bass, except for waters referred to in the listings below:
Halifax County, east of Highway 102 and its junction with Highway 118 and its junction with Highway 111, CLOSED ALL YEAR, except the following lakes: Banook Lake, Bissett Lake, Charles Lake, Lake Egmont, Loon Lake, Micmac Lake, Miller Lake, Porters Lake and Russell Lake.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR SMALLMOUTH BASS
Apr 1 to Dec 31. Bag limit three (3) bass.
Banook Lake and Micmac Lake, Halifax County.

CHAIN PICKEREL, WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH
Apr 1 to Oct 31 except the following which are OPEN ALL YEAR:
Micmac Lake, Red Bridge Pond, Grand Lake (Shubenacadie), Powder Mill Lake, Morris Lake, Russell Lake, Kinsac Lake, Fish Lake (near Oakfield), Bissett Lake, Beaver Bank Lake, Beaver Pond (near Kinsac Lake) and Lake Egmont, Halifax County,

SPECIAL BASS MANAGEMENT AREAS
Grand Lake (Shubenacadie), Halifax County, including those portions occurring in Hants County.
Morris Lake, Halifax County.
Big Mushamush Lake, Lunenburg County.
Apr 1 to Dec 31, bag limit three (3) bass, maximum length 35cm (13.8 in.), except from May 1 to Jun 15, no smallmouth bass may be retained.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND/OR SPECKLED TROUT
OPEN ALL YEAR. The bag limit is reduced to two (2) trout, either species or combined, Oct 1 to Mar 31.
Albro Lake, Lewis Lake and Round Lake at Jerry Lawrence Park, Maynard Lake, Penhorn Lake, First Lake, Cow Bay Pond, Halifax County, Beck Lake, Hutt Lake, and Sucker Lake, Lunenburg County.
WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH
Apr 1 to Oct 31 except the following which are OPEN ALL YEAR:
Albro Lake, Lewis Lake and Round Lake at Jerry Lawrence Park, Maynard Lake, Penhorn Lake,
First Lake, and Cow Bay Pond, Halifax County.
Sucker Lake, Lunenburg County.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES
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ARTIFICIAL FLY ONLY
Fishing is permitted with artificial flies only in the sections of the following rivers during the times listed. Other methods are permitted during the remainder of the open season. If in doubt as to the extent of these restrictions, please contact the local Federal fishery officer.

HALIFAX COUNTY
Moser River, upstream from the highway bridge at Moser River, not including tributaries, May 26 to end of all fishing seasons.
Sackville River, from a point 50 m below the Shore Drive Bridge, near Bedford, upstream to a point 200 m upstream from the Lucasville Road Bridge, not including tributaries, Jun 1 to the end of all fishing seasons.
Little Sackville River, from the confluence with the Sackville River upstream to the outlet of Feely Lake, not including tributaries, Jun 1 to the end of all fishing seasons.
West River Sheet Harbour, from the concrete piers located downstream of the Highway 7 Bridge upstream to the Killag River, not including tributaries, May 26 to the end of all fishing seasons.

LUNENBURG COUNTY
Gold River, from a point 200 m upstream from the Highway 3 Bridge upstream to the Larder River, including tributaries, closed Apr 1 to May 14.
Gold River, the Dipping Pool located between the Cable Pool and the Kill Devil Pool, including tributaries, closed May 15 to Aug 15.
Wallace Brook, from Petite Riviere at Crousetown to a point 180 m upstream, including tributaries, closed Apr 1 to Sep 30.

WATERS CLOSED TO ALL ANGLING FOR ALL SPECIES

HALIFAX COUNTY
East River Sheet Harbour from the Fisheries and Oceans Canada barrier dam upstream to Malay Falls, including tributaries, closed Apr 1 to Apr 14.
East River Sheet Harbour, from the Powerhouse at Ruth Falls downstream 200m, including tributaries, closed Jun 1 to Sep 30.
Ingram River, from a point 23 m downstream from the Highway 3 bridge to a point 23 m upstream from that bridge, including tributaries, CLOSED ALL YEAR.
Kirby River, from a point 15 m downstream from the Highway 24 bridge to 15 m upstream from that bridge, including tributaries, closed Jun 1 to Sep 30.
West River Sheet Harbour, upstream from the Killag Road bridge, closed Jun 1 to Sep 30.

LUNENBURG COUNTY
Gold River, from a point 200 m upstream from the Highway 3 Bridge upstream to the Larder River, including tributaries, closed Apr 1 to May 14.
Gold River, the Dipping Pool located between the Cable Pool and the Kill Devil Pool, including tributaries, closed May 15 to Aug 15.
Wallace Brook, from Petite Riviere at Crousetown to a point 180 m upstream, including tributaries, closed Apr 1 to Sep 30.
KEY
LaHave River Sections

- Morgan Falls

- Single hook lure or artificial fly only, natural bait is prohibited Apr 1 to May 25
- Artificial fly only May 26 to end of all fishing seasons
- Lakes not included in Special Management Area

LaHave River Sections

- Morgan Falls

- Single hook lure or artificial fly only, natural bait is prohibited Apr 1 to May 25
- Artificial fly only May 26 to end of all fishing seasons
- Lakes not included in Special Management Area

KEY
Musquodoboit River Sections

- Open May 1 - Sep 30
  - Any gear to Aug 31
- Open May 1 - Sep 30
  - Fly only
- Open Jun 1 - Sep 30
  - Any gear to Aug 31
SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

EAST TAYLOR BAY LAKE, HALIFAX COUNTY
Including all lakes and tributaries flowing into East Taylor Bay Lake. **Bag Limit two (2) speckled trout, Apr 1 to Aug 31. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released.**

MUSQUODOBOIT RIVER, HALIFAX COUNTY. See map page 30
From the mouth of Musquodoboit Harbour to Chapel Island, Apr 1 to Apr 30, closed to all angling for all species. Open May 1 to Sep 30, any gear to Aug 31.
From a point 300 m downstream from the Highway 7 bridge to Chapel Island, Apr 1 to May 31, closed to all angling for all species. Open Jun 1 to Sep 30, any gear to Aug 31.
From a point 300 m downstream from the Highway 7 Bridge, upstream (including Bayers Lake) to a point 100 m above Crawford's Bridge, Apr 1 to Apr 30, closed to all angling for all species. Open May 1 to Sep 30, artificial fly only. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released.
From a point 100 m above Crawford's Bridge upstream to the Hwy 224 Bridge in Upper Musquodoboit, Apr 1 to Apr 30, closed to all angling for all species. Open May 1 to Aug 31, any gear to Aug 31.
From the mouth of Musquodoboit Harbour upstream to the Hwy 224 Bridge in Upper Musquodoboit, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, **bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.**

LAHAVE RIVER, LUNENBURG COUNTY See map page 30
LaHave River from Silver Hill Brook upstream to the South end of Wentzells Lake, Apr 1 to May 25, single hook lure or artificial fly only, natural bait is prohibited. From May 26 to the end of all fishing seasons, artificial fly only. **Bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.**
LaHave River upstream from north end of Wentzells Lake to south end of New Germany Lake, West Branch of the LaHave River to Rhyno Lake, **North Branch of the LaHave River** upstream from north end of Wentzells Lake to south end of Sherbrooke Lake, Apr 1 to May 25, any gear. **May 26 to end of all fishing seasons, artificial fly only. LaHave River from Morgans Falls to a point 90 m downstream Apr 1 to May 25, any gear. May 26 to May 31, artificial fly only. Jun 1 to end of all fishing seasons, closed to all angling for all species. Bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.**
Note: Wentzells Lake, Rhyno Lake, and New Germany Lake are not included in Special Trout Management Area.

Pools closed to all angling, Jun 15 to Oct 31, are: Cooks Falls, Veinotes Pool, Oak Run, Bruhms Bridge Pool, Dauphinees Run, Wentzells Eddy, Foot of Wentzells Lake, Cemetery Pool, Fancys Pool, details of pool closures are available from DFO.

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG COUNTY
From the Highway 331 Bridge upstream to Hebb Lake. **Apr 1 to Jun 14, single hook lure or artificial fly only, natural bait is prohibited. Jun 15 to end of all fishing seasons, artificial fly only. Bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length. Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) brown or rainbow trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.**

CATCH AND RELEASE WATERS
The following lakes in Halifax County will be catch and release only: Birch Hill Lake, Blueberry Lake, East Duck Lake, Five Island Lake, Five Island Lake Run, Frederick Lake, Holland Marsh Lake, Hubley Big Lake, Jacket Lake, Lizard Lake, Sheldrake Lake and Woodens River (downstream from the outflow of Hubley Big Lake, including all lakes and tributaries). Single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited.
SEASONS
SPECKLED TROUT, BROWN TROUT, AND RAINBOW TROUT
Inland and Tidal Waters - Apr 1 to Sep 30 except the waters referred to in the listings below.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, no speckled trout may be retained, and natural bait is prohibited in all waters for all trout species, including Special Trout Management Areas, except waters with extended seasons for trout.

NOTE: The following regulations do not apply to the lakes and tributaries of those rivers unless specified. All season dates are inclusive.

SMALLMOUTH BASS
Apr 1 to Oct 31, bag limit five (5) bass, except the Special Bass Management Areas and Extended Seasons.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR SMALLMOUTH BASS
Apr 1 to Dec 31. Wentworth Lake, Digby County. Doctors Lake, Lake Milo, Middle Lake and Raynards Lake, Yarmouth County.

CHAIN PICKEREL, WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH
Apr 1 to Oct 31, except the following which are OPEN ALL YEAR:
Annis River and Kiack Brook, Yarmouth County, including all lakes and tributaries.
Walls Lake, The Ponds in Port Latour, Bakers Flats on Cape Sable Island, and Lake George, Shelburne County.
Louis Lake, Queens County.
Meteghan River, Digby County, including all lakes and tributaries.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES
(See Page 7)
**ARTIFICIAL FLY ONLY**

Fishing is permitted with artificial flies only in the sections of the following rivers during the times listed. Other methods are permitted during the remainder of the open season. If in doubt as to the extent of these restrictions, please contact the local Federal fishery officer.

**QUEENS COUNTY**

Medway River, from the Highway 103 bridge upstream to McGowan Lake, not including Ponhook Lake or tributaries, **May 26 to the end of all fishing seasons.**

Mersey River, from the upstream abutment of the highway bridge on Bridge Street in Milton to the dam at Cowie Falls, **May 26 to the end of all fishing seasons.**

**WATERS CLOSED TO ALL ANGLING FOR ALL SPECIES**

**DIGBY COUNTY**

Salmon River, downstream from the Route 1 Highway Bridge approximately 500 m to a line drawn across the Salmon River from grid reference 726822 4881333 to grid reference 726803 4881420, including tributaries, **May 1 to Dec 31.**

**QUEENS COUNTY**

Medway River, from a point 100m downstream from the highway bridge at Harmony upstream to, but excluding McGowan Lake including tributaries, **Jun 1 to Dec 31.**

Medway River, the “Lake Pool”, upstream from the highway bridge at highway 210 at Greenfield, to a straight line drawn from grid reference 352032 4903571 to grid reference 352155 4903817 (immediately above the small island at the outlet of Ponhook Lake), **Jun 15 to Dec 31.**

Medway River, from the highway 210 bridge at Greenfield downstream to the highway 103 bridge, **Jun 15 to July 31.**

**YARMOUTH COUNTY**

Tusket River, from the highway bridge crossing the canal at the southern end of Lake Vaughan Reservoir downstream to the powerhouse dam, including tributaries, **Apr 1 to Jun 30.**

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**NOTE:** Kejimkujik National Park & National Historic Site. A National Parks general fishing permit as well as a park entry permit is required to angle in the park. For more information contact the Park Office (See page 12).

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Photo: Jeff McNeil - Port Morien Wildlife Association
In 2018, the Nova Scotia Sportfish Habitat Fund raised $306,794 through a $5.91 levy on fishing licences. A total of $265,000 was provided to fish habitat restoration projects undertaken by 22 community groups through the Nova Scotia Salmon Association’s NSLC Adopt-A-Stream program. These projects were responsible for the restoration of 124,708 square meters of spawning, rearing, over-wintering, and summer holding habitat for fish. Fish migration was improved to 161 km of habitat by remediating fish passage at 24 culvert crossings and removing of an abandoned watermain. Bank stabilization protected 9,350 square meters of riparian habitat and 3,740 trees were planted along rivers and streams.

In addition to these projects, the Nova Scotia Salmon Association received $25,000 for a liming project on the West River Sheet Harbour and $10,000 for catchment liming by helicopter in the same watershed, the Lake Ainslie Development Association received $3,664 for a boat launch at Lake Ainslie, Inverness County and the Banook Area Residents Association received $2,000 to install and maintain an oxygen aerator in Banook Lake, Halifax County.

To learn more about the Fund visit our website: http://novascotia.ca/fish/funding-programs/

Set Young Salmon and Trout Free

Note the differences in these fish:

Salmon Parr
- Black spots on back and sides, and a forked tail
- No markings on fins or tail
- Large eye

Salmon Smolt
- Silvery with black spots on upper sides and cheeks and a forked tail
- Large eye

Brook (Speckled Trout)
- Tail is nearly square
- Large fin on back (dorsal) has irregular markings
- There are no black spots, and the eye is smaller
- Lower fins have a white leading edge
Jamie Vallis is a fisheries biologist and Supervisor of the Nova Scotia Dept. of Fisheries & Aquaculture Margaree Fish Hatchery. The hatchery is the primary Atlantic salmon enhancement hatchery in Nova Scotia and has a long history, supporting the salmon and trout fishery since 1902.

The Department successfully recruited Jamie in 2018. He brings with him many years of experience with fish stocking programs with the Alberta Ministry of Environment and Parks. Jamie is a native of Nova Scotia, as is his wife (also Jamie). They are looking forward to living in the beautiful Margaree Valley, along with their three young children. Jamie is enjoying meeting the many dedicated volunteers involved with the hatchery program. He says he is incredibly fortunate to have come to a place with such a great team of co-workers and is appreciative of the knowledge and experience of long-serving hatchery technician Bob Ingraham.
CANADA’S AQUATIC SPECIES AT RISK

Canada's Species at Risk Act (SARA), created in 2003 to prevent Canadian wildlife species from becoming extinct, includes prohibitions that make it illegal to kill, harm, harass, capture or take a species listed as endangered or threatened under SARA or to destroy their critical habitat.

In Nova Scotia, the inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon and the Atlantic whitefish are listed as endangered and protected under SARA. It is important that anglers do not catch or retain either of these species.

**Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon:**
This population occupies rivers that empty into the upper Bay of Fundy (blue area on map). The main characteristic that identifies the difference between an Atlantic salmon and a Brown trout are shown below. Other differences are found on page 61.

**Atlantic whitefish:** The Petite Rivière Watershed in Lunenburg County (red area on map) is home to the only known population of Atlantic whitefish. Atlantic whitefish differ from the more common Lake whitefish in that the Atlantic whitefish jaw extends to its snout, has a smaller pectoral fin ray and smaller scales than the Lake whitefish. **Please report any sightings of Atlantic whitefish to Fisheries and Oceans Canada at 902-354-6030.**

If you catch an Atlantic whitefish or Inner Bay of Fundy Salmon, release it immediately in the location of capture with the least amount of harm possible.

**TO REPORT A FISHING VIOLATION, CALL 1-800-565-1633; OR, REPORT ANONYMOUSLY TO NS CRIME STOPPERS AT 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).**

For more information / Pour obtenir plus de renseignements [www.sararegistry.gc.ca](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca) or [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especies/](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/species-especies/)
## LIVE RELEASE CATEGORY

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## SMALLMOUTH BASS TOURNAMENT ANGLING

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SEASONS
SPECKLED (BROOK) TROUT, BROWN TROUT, AND RAINBOW TROUT
Inland and Tidal Waters - Apr 1 to Sep 30 except the waters referred to in the listings below.
Sep 1 to Sep 30, no speckled trout may be retained, and natural bait is prohibited in all waters for all trout species, including Special Trout Management Areas, except waters with extended seasons for trout.

NOTE: The following regulations do not apply to the lakes and tributaries of those rivers unless specified. All season dates are inclusive.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND/OR SPECKLED TROUT
The bag limit is reduced to two (2) trout, either species or combined, Oct 1 to Mar 31.
Rumsey Lake, Annapolis County, May 15 to Oct 31.
Sunken Lake, Kings County, May 15 to Oct 31 and Jan 1 to Mar 31.
Silver Lake near Lakeville, Kings County, Apr 1 to Sep 30 and Jan 1 to Mar 31.
Meadow Pond and St. Croix Pond, Hants County, OPEN ALL YEAR.
Note: not all lakes contain rainbow trout.

NIGHT FISHING FOR BROWN TROUT
Cornallis River, Kings County, Apr 1 to Oct 31.

SMALLMOUTH BASS
Apr 1 to Oct 31, except Special Bass Management Areas and Extended Seasons.
Annapolis County, bag limit five (5) bass.
Kings County, bag limit five (5) bass.
Hants County, bag limit twenty-five (25) bass.

SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS
Black River Lake, Little River Lake, Methals Lake, and Aylesford Lake, Kings County.
Panuke Lake, Hants County.
Apr 1 to Dec 31, bag limit three (3) bass, maximum length 35 cm (13.8 in.) except from May 1 to Jun 15 no smallmouth bass may be retained, night fishing is permitted.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR SMALLMOUTH BASS
Gaspereau Lake, Kings County. Apr 1 to Dec 31.

CHAIN PICKEREL WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH
Apr 1 to Oct 31, except in the following which are OPEN ALL YEAR:
Lily Lake (Cogmagun Pond), Hants County.
Lake Paul, Lake George, Nicholas Lake, and North River Lake, Kings County.

WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH
Apr 1 to Oct 31, except in the following which are OPEN ALL YEAR:
Springfield Lake, Annapolis County.
Woodward Sandford Lake, Hants County.

NOTE: Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site A National Parks general fishing permit as well as a park entry permit is required to angle in the park. For more information contact the Park Office (See page 12).
WATERS CLOSED TO ALL ANGLING FOR ALL SPECIES

KINGS COUNTY

Gaspereau River, from the White Rock power station upstream to the first highway bridge, including tributaries, CLOSED ALL YEAR.

Gaspereau River, White Rock Pond, from a point 152 m downstream from the bridge at White Rock (Deep Hollow Road Bridge), downstream to the first highway bridge upstream from the White Rock Power Station, closed to all angling for all species, May 2 to Sep 30. Open Apr 1 to May 1, single hook lure or artificial fly.

Gaspereau River, from a point 152 m downstream from the highway bridge at White Rock (Deep Hollow Road Bridge) to point 213 m upstream from that bridge, including tributaries, CLOSED ALL YEAR.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES
(See page 7)

Matthew Musgrave holding the 6.69lb, record-breaking brown trout in the youth catch and keep category of the Nova Scotia Sportfish Registry.
Dear Friends:

It is with great pleasure and pride that we introduce to you in this insert the Mi’kmaq concept and tradition of NETUKULIMK.

Grand Council of Mi’kmaq

The Mi’kmaq Aboriginal people of Nova Scotia have been harvesting animal, fowl, fish and plant life for over 10,000 years. We have managed this harvest within our own communities since time immemorial and continue to do so today. Our past, present and future Mi’kmaq society and economy is based on the use of the natural resources. Conservation and management of these resources have and still are an important part of Mi’kmaq culture. We have an intimate knowledge of the land, waters and natural life in and around Mi’kma’ki, our traditional territory, part of which is present day Nova Scotia.

After European contact some 500 years ago, the Mi’kmaq and the British established formal agreement for a co-existence and friendship relationship through a series of Nation to Nation Treaties.

“When the English began to make their new homes in our land our fore fathers protected the livelihood and survival of the Mi’kmaq by signing Treaties with their Kings. Throughout the seasons the Treaties have remained.”

Grand Chief Donald Marshall Sr.
October 1, 1986

Today the Mi’kmaq harvest the natural resources through a concept known as Netukulimk. Netukulimk includes the use of the natural bounty, provided by the Creator, for the self-support and well being of the individual and the community at large. Without limiting the meaning of the concept of Netukulimk, the objective includes achieving adequate standards of community nutrition and economic well being, without jeopardizing the integrity, diversity or productivity of our native environment.

The Constitution of Canada has entrenched Aboriginal and Treaty Rights within the laws of Canada. As a result of this, the courts have upheld the rights contained in the Treaty of 1752 and the underlying Aboriginal right that the Mi’kmaq have to harvest natural resources in Nova Scotia under their traditional authority and guidelines.

**Article 4 of the Treaty of 1752 states in part:**

“It is agreed that the said Tribe of Indians (Mi’kmaq) shall not be hindered from, but have free liberty of hunting, fishing and fowling as usual...”

On October 1, 1993 the Premier of Nova Scotia, the Honourable John Savage formally proclaimed on behalf of Nova Scotia “the Government of Nova Scotia recognizes all Treaties which were signed in good faith between the Crown and the Mi’kmaq”.

In Nova Scotia there are some 70,000 sportfishermen and some 77,000 sport hunters within the non-native community. The total Aboriginal harvesting community represents ½ of 1 per cent of the total non-native population hunting and fishing today.

We have made our peace and friendship and we have agreed to co-exist and co-share. Today it is time to work together to ensure that all our children will have the same right or privilege to access animal, fowl, fish, and plant life in the future.

For more information about our work and concerns about our natural environment contact:

**The Confederacy of Mainland Mi’kmaq**
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57 Martin Crescent, PO Box 1590
Truro, NS, B2N 5V3
Tel. 902.895.6385, Toll Free. 1.877.892.2424
Fax. 902.893.1520

**Unama’ki Institute of Natural Resources**
4102 Shore Road, Eskasoni, NS, B1W 1M4
Tel (902) 379-2163, Fax (902) 379-2250

**Native Council of Nova Scotia**
129 Truro Heights Road, P.O. Box 1320
Truro, NS, B2N 5N2
Toll Free: 1-800-565-4372, Direct: 902-895-1523
Fax: 902-895-0024
The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters is a volunteer, non-profit organization of hunters, anglers, and outdoors people dedicated to conservation and the wise use of our natural resources.

As demand on wildlife increases, sports people in Nova Scotia need a solid, firm, and experienced voice to air their concerns.

The NSFA&H has been that voice since 1930. Your support is needed to assure that quality hunting and fishing continue in the future. To join the NSFA&H, complete and mail the coupon with $20.00 to the above address. Family membership $30.00. Donations are accepted, and receipts for charitable donations can be provided.

Membership Application (Photocopy and mail)

Name __________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________
Postal Code ______________________________________________________
Send Cheque payable to NSFAH,
Credit Card No. ___________________________ Expiry Date: Month: _______ Year: ______
CSC ___________________ (Security Code) Signature: ____________________

The Nova Scotia Salmon Association (NSSA) acts on behalf of wild Atlantic Salmon and trout advocating for conservation and wise management.

The NSSA is supported by individual memberships and affiliate associations. Together, our collective conservation efforts have been invaluable in promoting public awareness, education, and river habitat restoration.

With our partnerships, the West River project and over 20 years managing the NSLC Adopt-A-Stream Program we are at the forefront of salmon conservation and restoration. To learn more about our exciting projects and programs visit adoptastream.ca or nssalmon.ca

For more information on the NSSA and our affiliates, or to find out how you can support wild Atlantic Salmon and trout be becoming a member or making a charitable donation email us at nssasalmon@gmail.com.
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SPECKLED (BROOK) TROUT, BROWN TROUT, AND RAINBOW TROUT
Tidal Waters - Apr 15 to Sep 30.
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COLCHESTER COUNTY
The following waters are open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
French River, downstream from the 246 Highway Bridge at Oliver.
Waugh’s River, downstream from the 256 Highway Bridge at The Falls.

The following waters are open May 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to May 15.
Chiganois River, downstream from the CN Railway bridge at Belmont, including tributaries.
Debert River, downstream from the CN Railway bridge, including tributaries.
Economy River, downstream from the confluence with Callaghan Brook, including tributaries.
Folly River, downstream from the CN Railway bridge, including tributaries.
Great Village River, downstream from the confluence with Spencers Brook, including tributaries.
North River, downstream from the confluence of the West Branch North River, including tributaries.
Portapique River, downstream from the confluence with Matheson Brook, including tributaries.
Salmon River, downstream from the confluence with Greenfield Brook, including tributaries.

KEY
Stewiacke River Sections
- Apr 15 - Aug 31, any gear except
  May 10 - Jun 10 and Sep 1 - Sep 30, single hook lure or fly only
- May 10 - Jul 15, single hook lure or fly only
  Jul 16 - Sep 30 fly only
- Apr 1 - Aug 31, any gear
  Sep 1 - Sep 30, natural bait prohibited
SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

STEWIACKE RIVER, COLCHESTER COUNTY  
see map page 44

Downstream from the CN railway bridge near McKay Siding, Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species.

Apr 15 to May 9 and Jun 11 to Aug 31, any gear permitted.

May 10 to Jun 10, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait prohibited.

Upstream from the CN railway bridge near McKay Siding to the highway bridge farthest upstream in Upper Stewiacke, not including tributaries, Apr 1 to May 9, closed to all angling for all species.

May 10 to Jul 15, single hook lure or artificial fly, natural bait is prohibited.

Jul 16 to Aug 31, artificial fly only. Bag limit one (1) trout which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit one (1) trout (either brown or rainbow) which must be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Night angling for brown trout is permitted from the Lansdowne bridge downstream to the bridge in Stewiacke East during the open season.

MACCAN RIVER, CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Downstream from the highway 2 bridge at Southampton, Apr 1 to May 14, catch and release only, artificial fly only. 

May 15 to Aug 15, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, any gear permitted. 

Aug 16 to Sep 30, catch and release only, artificial fly only.

River Phillip, Cumberland County

Downstream from the Mountain Road Bridge (Spencers Bridge) in the Community of River Phillip.

Apr 1 to May 14, catch and release only, artificial fly only.

May 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length, any gear permitted.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow), only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Night angling for brown trout is permitted upstream from the Mountain Road Bridge (Spencers Bridge) not including tributaries, May 15 to Aug 31.

WALLACE RIVER, CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Downstream from the Highway 4 Bridge at Wentworth Center, Apr 1 to Apr 14, closed to all angling for all species. Apr 15 to Aug 31, bag limit three (3) trout, only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.

Sep 1 to Sep 30, all speckled trout must be released, bag limit three (3) trout (brown or rainbow) only one (1) may be greater than 35 cm (13.8 in) total length.
CUMBERLAND COUNTY
Shinimicas River, downstream from the No. 6 Highway bridge, including tributaries, open Apr 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to Apr 14.
River Hebert, downstream from the bridge near the tree nursery in the Chignecto Game Sanctuary, including tributaries, open May 15 to Sep 30, closed to all angling for all species Apr 1 to May 14.

EXTENDED SEASONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT AND/OR SPECKLED TROUT
OPEN ALL YEAR. The bag limit is reduced to two (2) trout, either species or combined, Oct 1 to Mar 31.
Angevine (Dewars) Lake, Harrison Lake, and Isaac Lake, Cumberland County.
Deyarmont Lake, Colchester County.

SMALLMOUTH BASS
CLOSED ALL YEAR, except the following:
Apr 1 to Oct 31, bag limit twenty-five (25) bass.
Angevine Lake, Big Lake, and Mattatall Lake, Cumberland County.
Round Lake, Colchester County.

SPECIAL BASS MANAGEMENT AREAS
Shortt’s Lake, Colchester County,
Apr 1 to Dec 31, bag limit three (3) bass, maximum length 35cm (13.8 in.), except from May 1 to Jun 15 no smallmouth bass may be retained.

CHAIN PICKEREL
Apr 1 to Sep 30, except the following:
Shortt’s Lake, Colchester County, OPEN ALL YEAR.

WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH
Apr 1 to Sep 30, except in the following:
Smiths Lakes and Long Lake, Cumberland County, Jan 1 to Sep 30.
Angevine (Dewar) Lake, Harrison Lake, and Issac Lake, Cumberland County, OPEN ALL YEAR.
Shortt’s Lake, Colchester County, OPEN ALL YEAR.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES
(See Page 7)

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Season: Jan 1–Mar 31. Anglers are reminded that the following waters are open for angling in the winter regardless of ice cover; please check ice thickness before venturing out to fish. Waters open for trout are also open for perch species.

**SPECKLED TROUT: BAG LIMIT 10 FISH**
Cape Breton Highlands Special Trout Management Area.

**RAINBOW TROUT & BROWN TROUT : BAG LIMIT TWO FISH**
The tidal waters of the Bras d’Or Lakes, NOT INCLUDING: (1) waters of the Baddeck River upstream from the Hwy 105 bridge; (2) Northeast (inside) of the East Bay Sandbar; and (3) waters upstream from Black River bridge in Dundee; (4) waters upstream from Crowdis Bridge in River Denys Basin; and (5) waters upstream from MacKenzie Brook bridge near South Side Basin of River Denys’s, which remain closed to all angling. Waters inside the Boom Channel including River Denys and all of River Denys Basin are closed to trout angling from Jan 1 to Mar 31.

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E-mail: admin@wildsalmonunlimited.com
**SPECKLED TROUT AND RAINBOW TROUT**

The daily bag limit for speckled and rainbow trout is two (2) fish.

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CHAIN PICKEREL, WHITE PERCH, AND YELLOW PERCH

The daily bag limit for Chain Pickerel is one hundred (100). The daily bag limit for White Perch and Yellow Perch is twenty-five (25).

**NOTE:** White and yellow perch may be harvested (25 fish, each species, per day) in all waters open to winter angling for trout.

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The freshwater fishery in Nova Scotia has experienced several changes associated with habitat loss, exploitation, and negative impacts of aquatic invasive species. In response, the Inland Fisheries Division has expanded research initiatives related to fish ecology, water quality, habitat, fisheries management, and Atlantic salmon enhancement by creating the Freshwater Fisheries Research Cooperative (FFRC). 2019 marks the 12th consecutive year that fisheries management initiatives were supported by the FFRC. Reports of previous FFRC projects are available on https://novascotia.ca/fish/sportfishing/resource-management/

Impact of invasive species on salmon in LaHave River
A total of 260 chain pickerel and 114 smallmouth bass were tagged in Wentzells Lake in 2018. Brooke Nodding, Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation is coordinating this initiative to estimate population size, evaluate behavior and diet, and determine how these invasive species are impacting the salmon population.

Circle hooks vs J-hooks
Angling gear type can influence release survival of sportfish. In a joint venture with Umair Ashfaq and Bruce Hatcher, Cape Breton University, hooking injury that was associated with the use of two hook types was compared. This project was undertaken during the tagging stage of the River Denys project.

West River Sheet Harbour
Dr. Ed Halfyard, Nova Scotia Salmon Association, will be developing a GIS-based tool to identify likely coldwater refugia (i.e. groundwater seeps and cold-water tributaries) which are critically important to Atlantic salmon and speckled trout. This project is a part of a larger study to evaluate the impacts of lime dosing and water quality in the West River of Sheet Harbour Project.

Chain pickerel in Shubenacadie River watershed
Jillian Arany, biologist, Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq - Mi'kaw Conservation Group, coordinated an assessment of the distribution of chain pickerel and smallmouth bass within the Shubenacadie River watershed. The data will contribute to assessing the rate of spread of smallmouth and chain pickerel in Nova Scotia.

Licence Stub Angler Catch Data.
Annual catch data is available through our licence stub dataset (1966-2015). Dr. Trevor Avery, Acadia University is evaluating this dataset to assess trends in total sportfish catches. A regional review of how other agencies collect catch information could aid in our implementation of an online licensing program.

Response of trout and salmon to restoration initiatives
Eight sites were electrofished to determine population densities of trout and salmon in several streams in Antigonish County. This year, 2019 will be the eighth year of a study with Kris Hunter, Saint Francis Xavier University, to determine the impact of common habitat restoration techniques.

Chain pickerel in Sydney River watershed
Dr. Linda Campbell, St. Mary's University, is undertaking an assessment of how food web structure is influenced by invasive species (chain pickerel) in Blackett's Lake, Cape Breton as well as other lakes throughout Nova Scotia.
The ASCF is a non-profit organization established through a grant from the Government of Canada. Income generated by this trust fund supports projects and activities contributing to conservation of wild Atlantic salmon and salmon habitat.

The Foundation helps achieve healthy and sustainable wild Atlantic salmon stocks in Atlantic Canada and Québec through active working partnerships among volunteer conservation groups, Aboriginal organizations, governments, and others.

Nova Scotia projects funded by the ASCF in 2018 were led by:

- Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation $12,500
- Cheticamp River Salmon Association $10,000
- Dalhousie University $37,500
- Inverness South Anglers Association $10,000
- Margaree Salmon Association $20,000
- Mi’kmaw Conservation Group $6,000
- Nova Scotia Salmon Association $26,000
- Sackville Rivers Association $5,000
- St. Mary’s River Association $23,401

For more information, including details of these projects, please visit our website: www.salmonconservation.ca
Inland Fisheries Division Activities
Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Inland Fisheries Hatchery
Stocking Programs
Growing fish and delivering smiles is the mission of the Provincial fish hatcheries. The smiles could be on a seasoned angler, cradling an Atlantic salmon in the Margaree River, a grade 5 Learn to Fish student, catching their first pan-sized brookie, or an urban angler with a silver rainbow trout. The Province operates three hatcheries; Fraser’s Mills Hatchery, in Antigonish Co., Margaree Hatchery, in Inverness Co. and McGowan Lake Hatchery in Queens Co.. Stocking initiatives are probably the most visible and popular of Inland Fisheries’ management activities.

Beginning in late March, approximately 200 lakes are stocked with Speckled (Brook) trout and Rainbow trout as part of our Spring Recreational Trout Stocking Program. Trout are generally of catchable size, and in addition to providing angling opportunities, serve to reduce pressure on vulnerable wild stocks. Many provincial and municipal parks are located on lakes which are stocked; as are many barrier-free fishing facilities. Last spring, more than 50 derbies received trout from Fraser’s Mills, Margaree and McGowan Lake hatcheries. These social events are cherished by many organizers and communities as a means of introducing youngsters to the enjoyment and comradery that angling provides. The hatcheries supplied trout for over 60 Learn to Fish events, providing kids the opportunity to take up a sport they can enjoy for a lifetime. An additional 200 lakes are stocked each fall, usually after the angling season closes, as part of our Fall Fisheries Enhancement Program. Speckled trout account for most of this effort but Brown trout and sea-run Atlantic salmon populations are also enhanced at this time of year. The hatcheries also provide Rainbow and Speckled trout to 22 lakes in late fall to support the provinces winter trout fishery.
system to rear nearly 1,000,000 Speckled trout which are released annually as fry, fall fingerlings and yearlings.

**MARGAREE FISH HATCHERY**

The historic Margaree hatchery first opened in 1902 and has been supporting the economically and culturally important Atlantic salmon and trout fishery for over a century, as well as attracting visitors, from around the world, to the scenic Margaree Valley. The Province of Nova Scotia has operated this hatchery since 2008; providing approximately 250,000 salmon parr and smolt for the Margaree and other Atlantic salmon rivers and 250,000 trout, for selected lakes on Cape Breton Island.

**ATLANTIC SALMON ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**

The cultural and economic importance of the Atlantic salmon fishery is recognized by the Province of Nova Scotia. The Inland Fisheries Division’s Atlantic Salmon Enhancement Program was developed in 2006. This program involves on-going consultation with the Fisheries and Oceans Canada and other stakeholders around the Province. The objective of the program is to provide increased opportunities to angle Atlantic salmon. The rivers selected have salmon populations which are relatively stable but could benefit from additional enhancement. The Department relies heavily on the assistance from volunteer groups (NSSA affiliates, river associations, watershed stewardship organizations, etc.) to provide help with broodstock collection, stocking juvenile salmon and to provide local traditional knowledge.

Since the first broodstock collections of 2006, nine rivers have had their populations enhanced with fry, parr or smolt from the Fraser’s Mills or Margaree fish hatcheries. The rivers are: Baddeck River, Graham’s River, Mabou River, Margaree River, Middle River (Cape Breton), River Philip, St. Francis Harbour River, West River (Antigonish), West River (Pictou), and Waugh’s River. Hatchery enhancement is an important factor in maintaining an open catch and release fall season on the Baddeck and Middle rivers. In the fall of 2018, eggs were obtained from wild broodstock collected from Middle River and Margaree River. High water conditions in the fall caused a cancellation of collections on Mabou River, Grahams River, West River Antigonish and Baddeck River. Hopefully weather conditions in 2019 will allow broodstock collection to continue.

For information on any of the above programs, including weekly stocking updates during the spring season, visit our website: www.novascotia.ca/fish/sportfishing or contact Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Inland Fisheries Division at (902) 485-5056.

All of our hatcheries have visitor interpretation centres which are open to the public. These provide an opportunity to learn more about the hatchery operations and other aspects of recreational angling in Nova Scotia. Schools and other groups can call to arrange a tour, view photographs, posters, artifacts and displays on a variety of subjects.

You may contact our hatcheries at the telephone number below:

**Fraser’s Mills Fish Hatchery**
Antigonish Co., NS (902) 783-2926

**McGowan Lake Fish Hatchery**
Queens Co., NS (902) 682-2576

**Margaree Fish Hatchery**
Inverness Co., NS (902) 248-2845
Sportfish Resource Management

Trout Management
One focus of sportfish management is wild speckled trout. Our staff contribute to several initiatives, some partially funded through the Freshwater Fisheries Research Cooperative. Projects are often undertaken with assistance from numerous volunteers from angler organizations across the province.

River Denys Special Trout Management Area Study
Growth of wild speckled trout is rapid in productive estuarine waters and the abundance of trout attracts much angling pressure on exploited sea run fisheries. A trout tagging project has been undertaken to assess the status of the trout resource and the importance of harvest on sea trout populations. Over 750 trout were tagged in the Denys Basin before the season opened. During the first 45 days of the angling season, 339 anglers were interviewed, the catch was measured, weighed and scales were sampled to age the catch. After the creel survey, live traps were placed in the river to capture upstream migrating sea trout. The results will be analyzed and published.

Barneys River Sea Run Brown Trout Study
In 2018, the first year of a two-year study was completed in Pictou County. A mark and recapture tagging program was used to estimate the sea run brown trout population, as well as aid in harvest and exploitation estimates. A creel survey on Barneys River, French River and Sutherlands River was used to estimate angler effort on major systems flowing into Merigomish Harbour. A follow up netting survey provided the recapture data used in the population estimate, and an indication of growth, timing of upstream migration associated with temperature and flow conditions, and a general overview of the trout species composition of the system.

Strategic Plan for Trout Management
A new five-year plan will include a review and an update of management strategies that are used to improve the trout fishery. Strategic plans have been completed in other provinces and states in a move toward a modernized evidence-based approach to fish management initiatives. Other strategic plans and recent literature will be reviewed in the process of developing a new plan for trout management in Nova Scotia.

Genetics of Speckled trout
The Division has been working with Dr. Danielle Ruzzante, Dalhousie University, to evaluate a new strategy to estimate the number in a fish population that is based on genetic samples collected over a five-year period. The results of this project could be significant and applicable to commercial fisheries as well as other sport fisheries.

Smallmouth Bass Management
Smallmouth bass continue to be a popular sportfish in Nova Scotia. Management projects for this species focus on assessing regulations, evaluating changes in populations over time, population estimates and lake ecology. It is equally important to develop better access to lakes and consider other ways to improve angling opportunities for this species.

Tournament Monitoring
Data are collected annually at various smallmouth bass tournaments to monitor changes and trends in population structure, fish size and condition on several lakes throughout Nova Scotia. The Department continues to work cooperatively with organized smallmouth bass organizations throughout Nova Scotia.

Invasive Species Initiatives
Effective sportfish management must also consider the importance of preventing further illegal introductions of aquatic invasive species. We are working with the Aboriginal community, angling associations, and provincial and federal enforcement agencies to develop effective strategies. Ongoing outreach and education, risk assessment and research focuses on documenting and understanding the impacts of invasive species on native fish communities.
**Chain Pickerel Database**

This invasive species is known to be a voracious predator, but little is known about their biology in Nova Scotia. Data continues to be added to this long-term database from specimens collected throughout the province.

**Cannon Lake, Queens County**

Smallmouth bass were illegally introduced and have subsequently established a population in Cannon Lake which directly flows into the waters of Kejimkujik National Park. This is the fourth year of this project which is designed to assess the impacts and reduce the risk to native fish communities by controlling smallmouth bass abundance.

L2F is geared towards youth grades 4 to high school and consists of two main components: A classroom presentation teaches youth species identification, habitat, conservation, ethics and respect; A hands-on fishing session teaches youth safety, casting, baiting the hook, catch and release techniques, how to appropriately harvest a fish, and sportsmanship. Each fishing session is stocked by our provincial hatcheries, so that most youth get a chance to feel that tug on the line!

In 2018, L2F was delivered 65 times, reaching more than 1,700 youth. Programs were completed with schools, Scouts, Big Brothers Big Sisters, 4-H, and other not-for-profit groups. This year, community sessions were held in each recreational fishing area of the province with the help of volunteers and organizations. Youth that wouldn’t normally be involved in the program had the chance to sign up and try fishing with their parents.

The L2F program has received tremendous support from the people of Nova Scotia and the angling community. Two organizations were newly trained to deliver the Learn 2 Fish program in 2018 – The Nova Scotia Guides Association and Port Morien Wildlife Association. Hants West Wildlife Association continues to deliver L2F, and received the 2018 Sportfish Development Award for their work engaging youth in angling. They are excited to try out a new pond in 2019 in partnership with Pothier Motors in Falmouth.

We wish to thank all the angling associations, volunteers, teachers, staff and sponsors who assisted in numerous ways. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by youth who gained a lifelong skill and passion.

**Sportfish Extension/Education**

**Nova Scotia’s Learn to Fish Program**

Staff and volunteers delivered the L2F program throughout the province once again in 2018. Youth in schools, after school organizations, and community events explored our province’s fisheries and had fun catching fish. The Learn to Fish program recruits the next generation of stewards of our aquatic resources, by teaching safe and ethical angling skills to youth.
The Becoming an Outdoors Woman's Program offers

- A 3-day workshop designed for women, 18 years and older
- Classes introduce participants to a variety of fishing, hunting and other outdoor experiences
- Instructors willing to share their knowledge and passion in a fun and nurturing environment

This workshop is for you if...

- You are a beginner and want to try something new but don’t know how to get started
- You know how to do some activities and would like to improve on these or try others
- You are looking for fun and fellowship in the great outdoors

Upcoming Workshop:

Fall BOW, September 20-22, 2019, Brigadoon Village, South Alton, Kings County

If you would like more information, please contact us at:
bownovascotia@gmail.com or visit us on-line www.bownovascotia.com

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SMALLMOUTH ANGLERS (CASA) was formed in 1988 to promote the sport of angling, particularly for Smallmouth Bass; to share the friendship, camaraderie, and experience of our fellow anglers; to support and improve those conservation measures that promote quality fisheries; and to extend courtesy and respect to all those who share our waters.

When you join CASA and support those important conservation measures, you will receive a CASA membership card, newsletter, as well as the right to attend seminars, tournaments, the annual meeting, and more.

To become a member of CASA, or to learn about our activities or contact us please visit our website.

WWW.CASA-WEBSITE.COM
Tagged Fish

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Fisheries and Oceans Canada tag fish throughout the province as part of their management programs.

If you catch a tagged fish, please note the tag number, length of fish, date and place of capture.

A sample of scales (taken from the area just behind and below the top or dorsal fin), the fork length of the fish (from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail), and the weight of the fish are useful measurements to understand growth rates (see diagram below). Although some of this information is impossible to obtain if the fish is released, the Department would still like to hear from you. For trout and smallmouth bass, please contact the Inland Fisheries office in Pictou at the address on page 12. They will tell you the history of the fish including where and when it was tagged.

Please report tags found on Atlantic salmon by returning the tags to the address printed on them.

OBTAINING SCALES AND MEASURING LENGTH

LAKE INVENTORY PROGRAM

The Lake Inventory Program produces detailed information sheets on various lakes throughout the province. These information sheets contain a bathymetric (depth) map as well as data on water quality, stocking and fish species present. With information sheets currently available for over 1000 lakes, innovative GIS technologies are also now being utilized to expand the analysis capabilities on provincial waters, enhance data accuracy and provide a modern cartographic product. Bathymetric maps for many popular lakes and an index of information sheets are available, online at: www.novascotia.ca/fish/sportfishing

Information sheets are available, free of charge, by writing to:

Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries Aquaculture
Attention: Information Officer
PO Box 700, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0
Tel: (902) 485-5056 E-mail: inland@novascotia.ca
Definitions

ANGLING - fishing with a line to which one or more hooks are attached and that is held in the hand or attached to a rod that is held in the hand or closely attended.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES - an aquatic organisms that, when or if introduced into Canadian fisheries waters, has or is likely to have harmful consequences to fish or fish habitat or the use of fish.

ARTIFICIAL FLY - a single hook or double hook or two single hooks dressed with materials likely to attract fish, and to which no weight, spinning device, or natural bait is attached.

FLY FISHING - angling by the use of an artificial fly or flies that are attached to a line or to a leader that is attached to a line.

HOOK - a single, double, or treble hook with or without barbs on one shank or shaft.

CIRCLE HOOK - type of fish hook which is sharply curved back in a circular shape.

JIGGING - fishing by manipulating one or more hooks so as to pierce a fish in any part of its body instead of luring the fish to take the hook or hooks into its mouth.

NATURAL BAIT - any form of bait in its natural form. Natural bait includes, but is not limited to: worms, minnows, corn nibblets, pork rind.

NON-RESIDENT - anyone who is not a resident of Nova Scotia.

PROVINCIAL WATERS - waters upon any shore or land, or on, or in any lake, river, stream or watercourse, wholly or partially within the province, or over which the province has authority to legislate with respect to fishing within the province.

RESIDENT - anyone who permanently or ordinarily lives in Nova Scotia for the last 2 months. A resident also includes officers of the diplomatic or consular service of any foreign country stationed in Nova Scotia and members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the Canadian Armed Forces stationed or born in Nova Scotia. Anyone born in the Province of Nova Scotia who owns real property in the province is considered a resident.

SPORTFISH - Atlantic salmon, landlocked salmon, trout, and smallmouth bass.

TOTAL LENGTH - The length of a fish measured from the tip of its nose to the end of its tail.

SINGLE HOOK LURE - a lure with only one hook attached – see above definition for hook.
**Building**

**STEP ONE:** Choose a safe site

- Use a fire pit if available or build on bare rock, soil/sand
- Keep a 3 metre clearance around and above your fire
- Prepare the site by scraping the ground down to bare soil (1m radius)

**Burning**

**Doing it safely**

- Campfires should be less than 0.5m high x 0.5m wide.
- Small hot fires are easier to cook over and put out.
- Use fire starters, kindling and dry wood.
- Never leave your campfire unattended
- Keep a pail of water and a shovel nearby
- Watch children and pets around fire
- If it’s windy, do not have a campfire

**Extinguishing**

**Cold to the touch means you’re done**

- Always put out your campfire before leaving the area.
- Your fire is out when the ash doesn’t hiss, no smoke comes from the ashes and the remnants are cold to the touch.
- Pour a lot of water on it
- Stir in the water with a stick or shovel
- Add water and stir until the ash is cold to the touch

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March 15–October 15 campfires are not allowed between 8am-2pm. Check the daily burn restrictions at novascotia.ca/burnsafe or 1 855 564 2876

Abide by local municipal bylaws. To learn more visit novascotia.ca/campsafe

*Reported Nova Scotia average.
Is it a Salmon or a Brown Trout?

**Atlantic Salmon**

Maxillary

Maxillary usually extends to rear edge of eye or slightly beyond.

**Juvenile Salmon**

Maxillary reaches middle of the eye.
Tail fin tips are pointed and the adipose fin is clear.

**Brown Trout**

Maxillary

Maxillary usually extends well past rear edge of eye.

**Juvenile Brown Trout**

Maxillary reaches rear edge eye.
Tail fin tips are rounded. Adipose fin is orange or yellow.
Community Group Partnerships

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Community Partners for their continued support with our fieldwork projects, stocking strategies, education programs, sportfishing derbies and tournaments.

ACAP Cape Breton
Albert Bridge Recreation Association
Antigonish Rivers Association
Annapolis Fly Fishers
Annapolis Valley Bass Club
Apaqtuwaq Fisheries COOP
Bass River Fire Department
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Black River Environmental Committee
Bluenose Coastal Action Foundation
Blue Mountain Fire Departement
Boys and Girls Club of Lower Sackville
Bronzeback Bassers
Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers
Cape Breton Anglers Association
Cape Breton Wildlife Association
Cheticamp River Salmon Association
Children's Wish Foundation
Clean Annapolis River Project
Clean Nova Scotia
Cobequid Salmon Association
Cumberland County River Enhancement Association
Dartmouth North Community Centre
Digby East Fish and Game Association
East Shelburne County River Association
Enfield Volunteer Fire Department
Eskasoni Fish and Wildlife Service
4-H Tatamagouche
Friends of Cornwallis River
Guysborough Fish & Game Association
Habitant River Trout Association
Halifax Wildlife Association
Hants County Wildlife Association
Hants West Wildlife Association
Highland Sport Club
HRM Community, Culture & Economic Development
Inverness Ground Search & Rescue
Inverness Middlewood Fire Dept
Inverness South Anglers Association
Kings County Wildlife Association
LaHave River Watershed Enhancement Foundation
LaHave Salmon Association
Lake Ainslie & Margaree River Heritage Association
Lakeside Smallmouth Bass Club
Lansdowne Outdoor Recreation Development Association
Lunenburg Wildlife Association
Mabou & District Community Development Association
Margaree & District Fire Dept
Margaree Salmon Association
Maitland and District Volunteer Fire Dept.
Medway River Salmon Association
Middle River Watershed Development Association
Mi'kmaw Conservation Group
Mulgrave & Area Lakes Enhancement Project
Mulgrave Recreation Department
Municipality of District of Cumberland
Municipality of District of Lunenburg
Municipality of District of Mt. Marys
New Waterford Fish & Game Association
Nine Mile River Association
North Colchester River Restoration Association
Nova Bassmasters
Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters
Nova Scotia Guide Association
Nova Scotia Salmon Association
Orenda Canoe Club
Paqtknek Fisheries Enterprise
Petite Riviere Association
Pictou County Rivers Association
Pictou Lions Club
Pleasant Bay Fire Department
Port Morien Wildlife Association
Potlotek Fisheries
Queens County Fish & Game Association
Responsible Bass Anglers of Nova Scotia
Richmond Wildlife Association
Rockingstone Heights School
Sackville Rivers Association
Salmon River Salmon Association
South Shore Volunteer Fire Department
Sheet Harbour & Area Ground Search & Rescue
Shelburne County Fish & Game Association
Shubenacadie Watershed Environmental Protection Society
South Shore Wildlife Association
South Shore Bassmasters
St. Mary’s River Association
Stewards of River Denys Watershed Association
Town of Amherst
Town of Mulgrave
Trout Unlimited
Two Rivers Wildlife Park
Unama’ki Institute of Natural Resources
Tusket River Environmental Protection Association
Westchester Volunteer Fire Department
Wildlife Habitat Advocates
Announcing the **2019 Licence of a Lifetime Lottery** from the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters. This year, we will be awarding two (2) lifetime licences to two (2) lucky applicants.

That's right, you could hunt and fish from Sydney to Yarmouth, from Amherst to Canso – all over the province, every year, for the rest of your life. And best of all, you’ll never have to buy another Fishing*, Small Game** or Deer‡ hunting licence.

**Again this year** you can buy a ticket as a gift for a friend or relative by entering their name in the “Gift for” section of the ticket **at the time of purchase.**

**NEW PRICES FOR 2019 TICKETS: $2 each or 3 for $5**

It’s easy to enter: just copy and complete the attached form and mail it along with your entry fee **To NSFAH, PO Box 654, Halifax NS, B3J 2T3.** We will fill out your tickets and send you the stubs. Enter as often as you like, and good luck!

**Please send me #_________ Tickets.**

**Name:** ________________________________

**Address:** ________________________________

**City/Town:** ____________________________ **Postal Code:** ____________________________

**Telephone:** ____________________________ **Wildlife Resources Card #:** ____________________________

**A Gift for:** ____________________________ **Phone number:** ____________________________

You may pay by – Cheque (enclosed) payable to Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters

**Credit Card No:** ____________________________ **expiry:** ____________________________ **cvv:** ____________

**Rules**

- Open to Nova Scotia residents only.
- Entry forms are to be completely filled out in ink or typed.
- The licencee is subject to the laws respecting hunting in the same manner as with any hunting licence.
- This licence is not transferrable, and may be cancelled, suspended, or forfeited in accordance with the law.
- Incomplete, illegible, or improperly filled out entries will not be accepted, and entrants will not be notified or have fees refunded.
- All entries must be postmarked no later than December 5, 2019 – entries postmarked after December 5, 2019 will be included in next year’s draw.
- All entry fees are non-refundable – do not send cash
- Make cheque or money order payable to: Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters, P.O. Box 654, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2T3.
- Draw date is December 12th, 2019.
- Not including salmon—sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Not including migratory birds
- The Deer and Small Game Licences are sponsored by the Nova Scotia Department of Lands & Forestry.