NOVA SCOTIA
Fisheries and Aquaculture

2017 SALMON REGULATIONS

WHEN FISHING FOR SALMON ONLY SINGLE HOOK BARBLESS OR PINCHED BARB ARTIFICIAL FLIES ARE PERMITTED.

Licence

- All persons, except residents 13 years of age and under, require a salmon fishing licence to angle for Atlantic salmon. A general fishing licence is only required for persons who fish in non-tidal waters for any species other than Atlantic salmon.
  (All fees include H.S.T.)

Non-Residents (all ages)	(Seasonal)	$157.40
Non-Residents (all ages)	(7-Day)	$63.65
Residents (under 16 years)		$12.70
Residents (16 years & over)		$42.00
Residents (13 years & under)		See below

- Included in the fees for all salmon fishing licences (except Resident under 16 years) is a $5.91 surcharge for projects funded under the Sportfish Habitat Program.

- Residents 13 years of age and under have the option of either purchasing their own salmon licence or they may fish under the supervision of a person who is in possession of a valid salmon licence. Please Note: Non-residents do not need a guide to fish for salmon.

Size and Bag Limits

- All salmon caught shall be returned alive to the water immediately. Catch and release only.
- The daily catch and retain limit is ZERO
- The daily catch and release limit is any combination of grilse or salmon totaling four in SFA 18 and two in SFA 19
- The yearly catch and retain limit is ZERO.
- When fishing for salmon, only SINGLE HOOK BARBLESS OR PINCHED BARB artificial flies are permitted.

Notice

- This is a summary prepared for the information and convenience of the salmon anglers in Nova Scotia only, and has no legal force or effect. This should be used in conjunction with the Anglers Handbook issued by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The original Acts and Regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law. These Regulations are subject to change at any time.

- For further information or clarification, please contact the Department of Environment Conservation Officer or the Federal Fisheries Officer in your area.

Stub Return

- By law, the stub return on the salmon licence must be properly filled out and mailed within seven days of the close of the season or fishing privileges may be suspended. This applies even if you didn't catch anything. If no Atlantic salmon were released, you should still record the date and rivers fished. If you did not fish for Atlantic salmon this should be indicated on the card, before mailing it to the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. No stamp is required. This information is critical to the management of Atlantic salmon in our rivers, so your cooperation is extremely important.

- The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (NSDFA) is offering PRIZES for anglers who return their salmon licence stub within seven days of the close of the salmon fishing season. Prizes will be awarded to anglers based on randomly drawn licence stubs they returned through the mail.

- Please fill out one line on the card for each day you fish for salmon. Record the following at the end of each fishing day: date (day and month), river fished, county, number of salmon released, number of grilse released

2017 SALMON REPORT CARD Licence No. 17-000001

(Please Print) ☐ Check here if you DID NOT fish for Salmon

DATE		RIVER	County	Grilse Kept Number	Number released		DATE		RIVER	County	Grilse Kept Number	Number released	
Day	Month				Salmon	Grilse	Day	Month				Salmon	Grilse

Complete ONE LINE for EACH DAY FISHED

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Note: If more than one river is fished in one day, use a separate line for each river. Only record a fish as being released if you intentionally release it by breaking/cutting your line or by removing the hook.

Note: If your Atlantic salmon licence stub return card does not have sufficient space, please continue on the form above. If you complete this additional form, please record your N.S. Atlantic salmon licence number and mail (or fax) to N.S. Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Inland Fisheries Division, Box 700, Pictou, NS, B0K 1H0 (Fax 902-485-4014), or take it to an office of the N.S. Department of Natural Resources or the N.S. Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Aquatic Invasive Species

- The intentional or accidental movement of fish or other aquatic organisms from one river to another can negatively affect Atlantic salmon populations through competition, predation, disease, and changes to the ecosystem. While the threat from invasive species such as chain pickerel and smallmouth bass to salmon is already apparent in some of our rivers, a fresh water algae has been recently documented in several rivers in Quebec including the Matapedia which flows into the Restigouche on the Quebec/New Brunswick border. *Didymosphenia germinata*, or 'didymo' can form extensive algal mats on rocky streambeds under the right environmental conditions and its appearance greatly reduces the esthetic appeal of salmon streams giving the impression the water is polluted. This is not the case as the algae in fact thrives in nutrient-poor water and is non-toxic to human or aquatic life.

- Although not present in Nova Scotia, it is possible this algae could be transferred here by fishing or boating equipment which has come into contact with the microscopic cells from other rivers.

- By adopting some simple measures such as washing your fishing and boating equipment thoroughly in hot water or allowing gear to dry in the sun for at least five days before transporting it to another water body will reduce the chance of spreading aquatic invasive species such as didymo. It has been suggested that felt soled waders are an especially good vector for this organism because they take a long time to dry and provide tiny spaces for the cells to adhere. Placing waders in the freezer overnight is also an effective way to kill didymo. More information on didymo and other aquatic invasive species can be found at: http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/natural_resources/fish/content/Didymo.html

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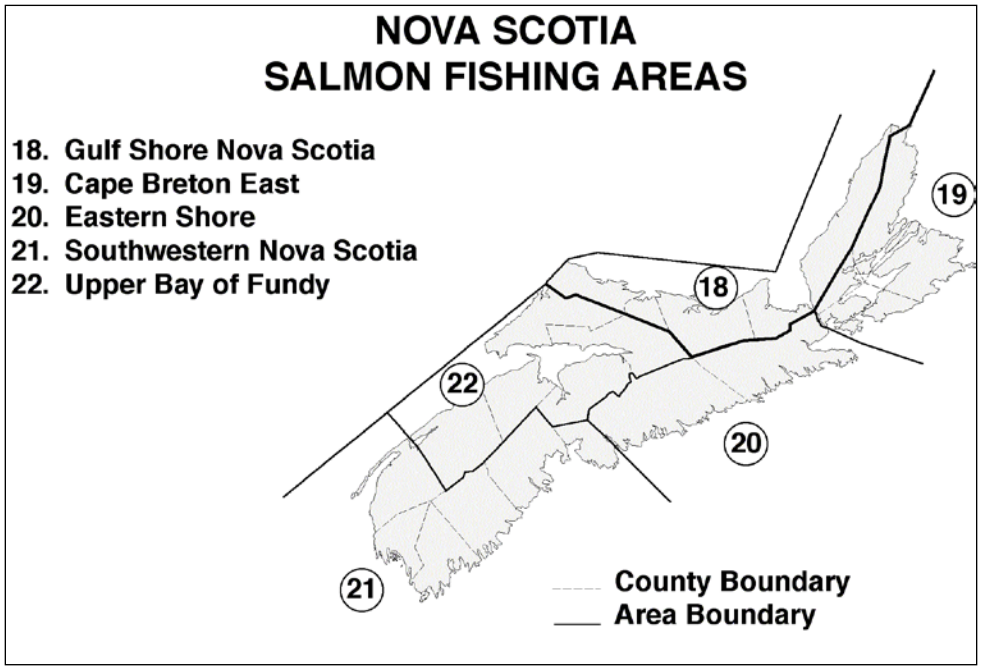
2017 Salmon Angling Seasons

The Regional Director-General, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Maritimes Region, wishes to advise the public of the following changes to seasons and bag limits for Atlantic salmon in Nova Scotia.

The Maritimes Region Variation Orders MAR-VAR-2016-051, 2016-052 and 2016-053 are hereby revoked.



1.

a. **SALMON FISHING AREA 18 (Gulf Shore of Nova Scotia)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area, except the waters referred to in paragraphs **(b)** to **(j)**……..(**catch and release only**) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31

b. East River, Pictou County……..(**catch and release only**) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
c. West River, Pictou County……(**catch and release only**) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
d. River Phillip……..(**catch and release only**) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
e. Wallace River……(**catch and release only**) Sept 1 to Oct. 31
f. West River, Antigonish County……..(**catch and release only)** Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
g. South River, Antigonish County……(**catch and release only**) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31

h. Margaree River, Northeast Margaree River, Southwest Margaree River and tributaries, except the waters referred to in paragraphs (i) and (j)……(**catch and release only**) June 1 to Oct. 15

i. Margaree River upstream from the highway bridges at East Margaree to the Big Intervale bridges on the Northeast Margaree River and upstream to the Scotsville highway bridge on the Southwest Margaree River, not including tributaries……..(**catch and release only**) June 1 to Oct. 31

j. Northeast Margaree River and tributaries upstream from the Big Intervale bridges……**Closed all year**

NOTES FOR SALMON FISHING AREA 18

- The daily catch and retain limit is **ZERO.**
- The daily catch and release limit is any combination o**f GRILSE** or **SALMON** totaling **FOUR (4)**
- The yearly catch and retain limit is **ZERO.**
- When fishing for SALMON, **ONLY SINGLE HOOK BARBLESS OR PINCHED BARB ARTIFICIAL FLIES ARE PERMITTED.**

2.

a. **SALMON FISHING AREA 19 (Cape Breton East)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area, except the waters referred to in paragraphs **(b)** to **(e)**.....**Closed all year**

b. Baddeck River……..(**catch and release only**) Oct. 1 to Oct. 31

c. Middle River……**(catch and release only**) Oct. 1 to Oct. 31

d. North River downstream from the area known as "The Benches" as marked by a Fishery Officer (**catch and release only**) June 1 to July 14 and Sept. 1 to Oct. 31

e. North River upstream from the area known as "The Benches".....**Closed all year**

NOTES FOR SALMON FISHING AREA 19

- The daily catch and retain limit is **ZERO**
- The daily catch and release limit is any combination o**f GRILSE** or **SALMON** totaling **TWO (2).**
- The yearly catch and retain limit is **ZERO**
- When fishing for SALMON, **ONLY SINGLE HOOK BARBLESS OR PINCHED BARB ARTIFICIAL FLIES ARE PERMITTED.**

3. **SALMON FISHING AREA 20 (Eastern Shore)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area……**Closed all year**

4. **SALMON FISHING AREA 21 (Southwestern Nova Scotia)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area……..**Closed all year**

5. **SALMON FISHING AREA 22 (Upper Bay of Fundy)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area.....**Closed all year**

REMINDERS

FOR 2017, ANGLERS ARE REMINDED THAT:

- **SALMON FISHING IS ONLY PERMITTED USING SINGLE HOOK BARBLESS OR PINCHED BARB ARTIFICIAL FLIES.**
- **ALL SALMON MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IN A MANNER THAT CAUSES THE LEAST POSSIBLE HARM TO THAT FISH.**

SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME FOR CONSERVATION REASONS AND SUBJECT TO ABORIGINAL HARVEST AGREEMENTS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FISHERY OFFICER AND REFER TO MARITIMES REGION VARIATION ORDERS 2017-083, 2017-084 AND 2017-085.

Doug Wentzell
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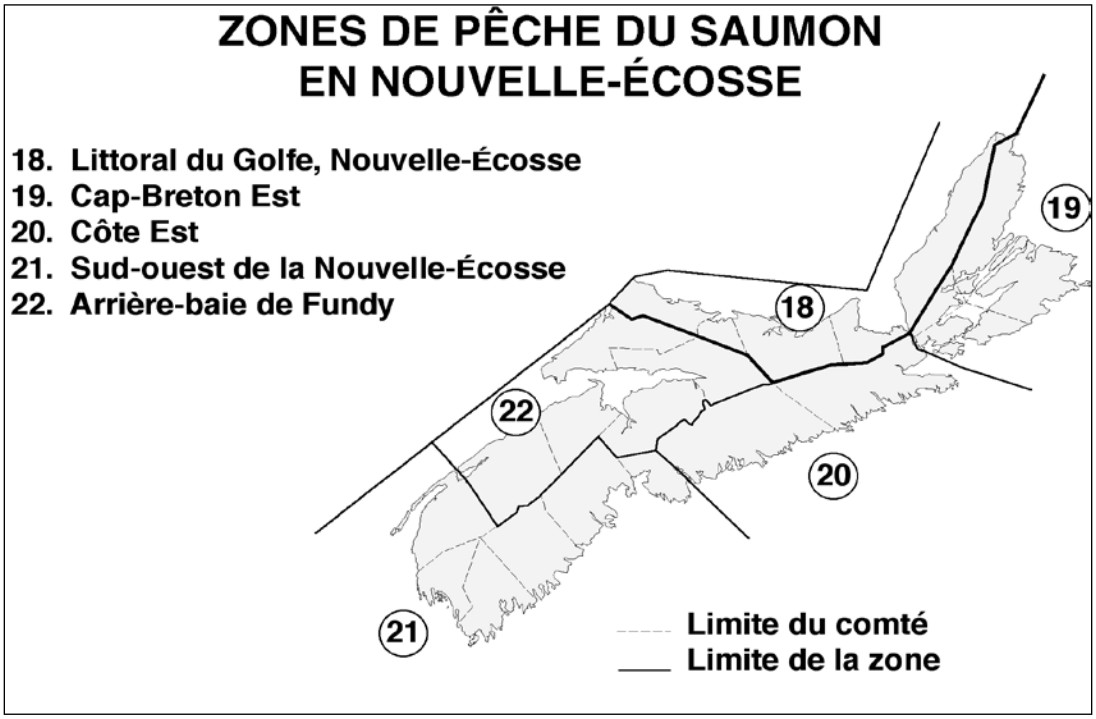
Maritimes Region

Saisons de pêche à la ligne du saumon en 2017

Le directeur général régional de Pêches et Océans Canada pour la région des Maritimes informe le public des changements suivants apportés aux saisons de pêche et aux limites de prises concernant le saumon de l'atlantique en Nouvelle-Écosse.

Les ordonnances de modification dans la région des Maritimes MAR-VAR-2016-051, 2016-052 et 2016-053 sont par la présente abrogées.



1.

a. ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 18 (littoral du Golfe, Nouvelle-Écosse)
et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent, à l'exception de celles qui sont indiquées aux alinéas (b) à (j)……du 1er sept. au 31 oct.
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)

b. rivière East, comté de Pictou……..du 1er sept. au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement**)

c. rivière West, comté de Pictou……du 1er sept. au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement**

d. rivière Phillip……du 1er sept. au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement**)

e. rivière Wallace……du 1er sept. au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement**)

f. rivière West, comté d'Antigonish……du 1er sept. au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement**)

g. rivière South, comté d'Antigonish……du 1er sept. au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement**)

h. rivières Margaree, Northeast Margaree, Southwest et leurs tributaires, à l'exception des eaux indiquées aux alinéas (i) et (j)……du 1er juin au 15 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulemen**t)

i. rivière Margaree, en amont des ponts routiers de la East Margaree jusqu'aux ponts de Big Intervale, sur la Northeast Margaree, et en amont du pont routier de Scotsville, sur la Southwest Margaree, à l'exclusion des tributaires……du 1er juin au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulemen**t)

j. rivière Northeast Margaree et ses tributaires, en amont des ponts de Big Intervalle…….**pêche fermée toute l'année**

REMARQUE CONCERNANT LA ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 18 :

- **la limite quotidienne de prises qu'un pêcheur est autorisé à garder est ZÉRO.**
- **la limite quotidienne de prises qu'un pêcheur peut capturer et remettre à l'eau est de quatre (4) madeleineaux ou de quatre (4) saumons ou encore de quatre (4) madeleineaux et saumons confondus.**
- **la limite annuelle de prises qu'un pêcheur est autorisé à garder est ZÉRO.**
- **dans la pêche du saumon, seules les mouches artificielles à hameçon simple sans ardillon ou à ardillon rabattu sont autorisées.**

2.

a. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 19 (Cap-Breton est)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent, à l'exception de celles qui sont indiquées aux alinéas (b) à (e)…….**pêche fermée toute l'année**

b. rivière Baddeck…….du 1er oct. au 31 oct.
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)

c. rivière Middle…….du 1er oct. au 31 oct.
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)**

d. rivière North, en aval de l'endroit connu sous le nom de « The Benches »,selon les écriteaux apposés par un agent des pêches…….du 1er juin au 14 juillet et 1er septembre au 31 octobre
(**pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement**)

e. rivière North, en amont de l'endroit connu sous le nom de « The Benches »……**pêche fermée toute l'année**

REMARQUE CONCERNANT LA ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 19 :

- **la limite quotidienne de prises qu'un pêcheur est autorisé à garder est ZÉRO.**
- **la limite quotidienne de prises qu'un pêcheur peut capturer et remettre à l'eau est fixée à deux (2) madeleineaux ou à deux (2) saumons ou encore à un (1) madeleineau et un (1) saumon.**
- **la limite annuelle de prises qu'un pêcheur est autorisé à garder est ZÉRO.**
- **dans la pêche du saumon, seules les mouches artificielles à hameçon simple sans ardillon ou à ardillon rabattu sont autorisées.**

3. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 20 (côte est)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent……**pêche fermée toute l'année**

4. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 21 (sud-ouest de la Nouvelle-Écosse)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent……**pêche fermée toute l'année**

5. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 22 (Partie supérieure de la baie de Fundy)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent……**pêche fermée toute l'année**

RAPPELS :

LES DISPOSITIONS SUIVANTES S'APPLIQUENT EN 2017:

- **SEULE EST PERMISE LA PÊCHE DU SAUMON À LA MOUCHE ARTIFICIELLE À HAMEÇON SIMPLE SANS ARDILLON OU À HAMEÇON DONT L'ARDILLON A ÉTÉ RABATTU.**
- **IL FAUT REMETTRE À L'EAU TOUS LES SAUMONS EN VEILLANT À LES ENDOMMAGER LE MOINS POSSIBLE.**

À NOTER QUE TOUTES LES SAISONS DE PÊCHE ET LES LIMITES DE PRISES PEUVENT ÊTRE MODIFIÉES À TOUT MOMENT POUR DES RAISONS DE CONSERVATION ET EN FONCTION DES ENTENTES RÉGISSANT DE LA PÊCHE DES AUTOCHTONES.

POUR TOUT RENSEIGNEMENT COMPLÉMENTAIRE, PRIÈRE DE COMMUNIQUER AVEC L'AGENT DES PÊCHES LOCAL ET DE SE REPORTER AUX ORDONNANCES DE MODIFICATION DE LA RÉGION DES MARITIMES 2017-083, 2017-084 et 2017-085.

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