

Licence

- All persons, except residents 15 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.)

Residents (18 years & over) (Seasonal)	\$42.00
Non-Residents (age 18 and over) (Seasonal)	\$157.40
Non-Residents (age 18 and over) (7-Day)	\$63.65
Residents and non-residents (one-day)	\$30.00
Residents and non-residents ages 16 and 17	No charge for any Salmon Fishing Licence

- Included in the fees for all salmon fishing licences is a \$5.91 surcharge for projects funded under the Sportfish Habitat Program.
- More than one 7-day or one-day salmon fishing licence may be purchased during the same salmon fishing season, provided a person is not issued more than one such licence for any of the same (overlapping) day(s).
- **Please Note: Non-residents do not need a guide to fish for salmon.**

Size and Bag Limits and Gear Requirements

- 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 the licensee may be subject to a fine, or fishing privileges may be suspended in future years.** 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.**

- 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

A message from the Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs

Mi'kmaq Salmon Harvesting in Nova Scotia

Why can the Mi'kmaq keep salmon when it is illegal for others to do so? Why can the Mi'kmaq fish using methods considered illegal under federal law? Here's why.

Traditionally, the Mi'kmaq fished for both large and small salmon using spears and snares during the day and night, and have utilized other methods such as trap nets, weirs, rods and gill nets depending on fishing area and availability of the resource. As the first peoples of the ancestral and unceded lands and waters of Mi'kma'ki, we have both Aboriginal (inherent) and Treaty (negotiated) rights. These rights are protected under the Constitution Act (1982, s. 35). Constitutional protection means that when there is a conflict between the fishing practices of the Mi'kmaq and federal and/or provincial law, Mi'kmaq practice supersedes those laws. Conservation of the species is the highest priority; once the conservation of the species is met, priority of access is first to the Aboriginal fishery (R. v. Sparrow, 1990).

Because of the shared concern for the sustainability of Atlantic salmon in Nova Scotia, Mi'kmaq, Federal, and Provincial governments are working together to ensure that conservation targets are met before any Mi'kmaq harvest occurs.



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