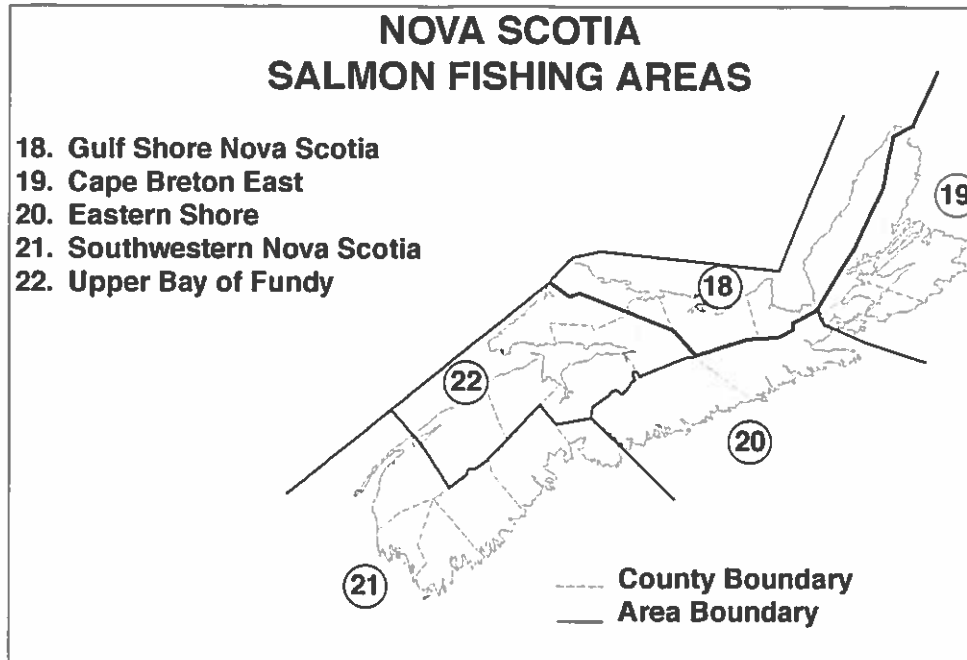




2018 Salmon Angling Seasons

The Regional Director-General for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 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-2017-083, 2017-084 and 2017-085 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 of **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 of **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 2018, 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 2018-057, 2018-058 AND 2018-059.

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