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## Aquatic Invasive Species

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. No one is allowed to release live fish into the waters of the province, except under a license issued by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Unwanted fish species can be accidentally spread by releasing unused live bait. Do not discard bait unless it was caught from the water body in which you are fishing.

Because of the potential threat to local fish populations, it is illegal to use certain species as bait or to possess them for bait (whether alive or dead). These include bass, bullhead, white perch, yellow perch, goldfish, pickerel, or any fish not taken from provincial waters.



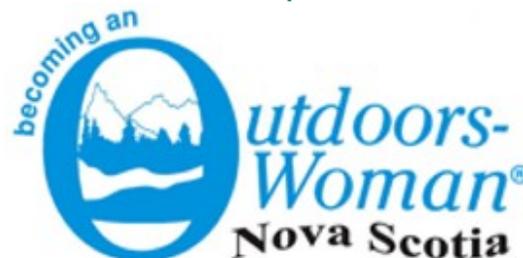
Report any illegal fishing activities or introductions to your local office of the Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-565-2224, or Department of Fisheries and Oceans at 1-800-565-1633, or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-565-TIPS (8477).

You can also report any sightings of introduced species, if possible with date, location and picture to: [XMARinvasive@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:XMARinvasive@mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca) or call 1-888-435-4040.

You can help prevent the spread of these unwanted species.

- Learn to identify invasive fish species that are a threat to Nova Scotia and how to prevent the spread of these unwanted species
- Never buy or keep live invasive fish. If you have any information about the illegal importation, distribution or sale of invasive fish, report it immediately.
- Don't release any live invasive fish into Nova Scotia lakes, rivers or streams. Return or donate unwanted aquarium fish to a pet store or local school
- Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment – remove all plants, animals and mud, and dispose of them on dry land or in the garbage.

## BOW Workshop – Fall 2014



**September 12 – 14, 2014**

Mount Traber Bible Camp  
Cooks Brook, Halifax County  
Registration open late June, 2014.  
Email: [holmangd@gov.ns.ca](mailto:holmangd@gov.ns.ca)  
For more information contact:  
Gail Holman  
1-(902) 662-5068

## Shubenacadie Wildlife Park

### July 5, 2014 Toad & Frog Day



Saturday-1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Regular park admission applies. How can you tell the difference between toads and frogs? You can ask us and hunt for some in their habitat. Learn about their life cycles up close. View the toads and frogs on display at the wetland centre. Come explore our pseudo pond and make a craft. For more information email [legacycentre@gov.ns.ca](mailto:legacycentre@gov.ns.ca) or phone 902-758-5316.

### July 25, 2014 Duck Day in Shubenacadie

Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Shubenacadie Provincial Wildlife Park present Duck Day!

Join us on July 25th from 10am -2pm for a day of family fun celebrating the 10 year partnership between DUC and the Park. We're also celebrating all of you – the community of supporters who share in our successes!



There will be a FREE BBQ, hands on wetland activities, and lots of outdoor family fun!

For more information contact Krista at the DUC office at 902 667 8726, or [k\\_elliott@ducks.ca](mailto:k_elliott@ducks.ca)

### July 26, 2014 Animal Pen Enrichment Day

Saturday - 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Regular park admission applies. Here is an opportunity to watch the park animal's behavioural response to something new added to their pens. We will use organic items such as watermelon to enhance the habitat in some animals' pens and discover if they will interact with the introduced item. This should prove to be a window into the minds of some of our wildlife. For more information of the schedule for the day, email [legacycentre@gov.ns.ca](mailto:legacycentre@gov.ns.ca) or phone 902-758-5316.

## Nova Scotia Hunting & Outdoor Show

Set your sights on the region's most anticipated event for hunting, and recreational outdoor activities – the second annual Nova Scotia Hunting & Outdoor Show!

Taking place in centrally-located Truro – the Hub of Nova Scotia – this show is uniquely positioned to attract visitors from all across the Maritimes! It will be held at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre from September 5-7, just days before the 2014 hunting seasons begin!

Last year's inaugural event welcomed thousands of hunters and outdoor enthusiasts who shopped for a wide range of firearms and tons of other merchandise. Exhibitors were thrilled with the success of the event.

### Show Hours

Friday, September 5  
12noon - 9 pm

Saturday, September 6  
10 am - 6 pm

Sunday, September 7  
10 am - 4 pm

### Location

Rath Eastlink Community Center  
Truro, NS

### 2014 Exhibit

#### Categories include:

- Hunting gear & equipment
- Firearms
- Archery
- Guiding and Outfitters
- Taxidermy
- Clubs and Associations
- Wildlife Conservation
- Muzzle Loading and Black Powder
- ATV/UTV
- Boats and outboards
- Power equipment
- Outdoor equipment
- ...and a whole lot more!

## Call of the Wild—Connecting to Nature Camp



### Call of the Wild Participant Info

#### GENERAL INFO

- **DATE:** July 14th - 17th, 2014
- **LOCATION:** Waverley - Salmon River Long Lake Wilderness Area, NS
- **COST:** \$75.00 taxes included
- **Ages:** 15—18
- **Limited number of spaces available**

**Spend three days and two nights  
connecting with nature and outdoor professionals**

#### Participants will have the opportunity to :

- Mentor with staff from NS Depts. of Natural Resources, Environment, & Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Gain skills in trip planning and packing a pack for backcountry excursions
- Practice hands on science and field work
- Explore and hike throughout the Wilderness Area
- Enjoy evening activities and free time by the lake

NOTE: Orientation Session to take place July 14th, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Natural Resources Education Centre located in Middle Musquodoboit.

#### All you need:

- Backpack (suitable for hiking and loading gear)
- Appropriate clothing and suitable footwear
- Toiletries / personal care items
- Sleeping bag / sleeping pad

#### Request a registration package:

Natural Resources Education Centre  
12014 Highway 224  
Middle Musquodoboit, NS B0N 1X0  
Ph: (902) 384-3420  
Email: nrec@gov.ns.ca

#### Program Topics / Themes

Trees, Plants, Lichens,  
Geology, Wetlands, Insects,  
Protected Areas, Water Quality,  
Outdoor Skills, Trip Planning and  
more.

Meet Conservation Officers,  
Foresters, Park Planners,  
Geologist, Entomologist,  
Environmental Educators,  
Fisheries Technicians, and  
Ecologist.

## Nova Scotia Bat Conservation



The bat reporting portal is back for its second year. The goal is to amass the collective knowledge of past and current bat sightings in Nova Scotia to guide conservation and recovery efforts. Your participation is valuable and will be held confidential. If you wish, you do not need to give exact locations of your observations, although this information would increase the value of your report.

Bats are increasingly at risk in Nova Scotia and Canada due to white-nose syndrome caused by an invasive fungus (*Geomyces destructans*). During the winter of 2012-2013, white-nose syndrome was responsible for a decline of 95% of bats in five of Nova Scotia's largest overwintering sites. In the wake of this unprecedented natural disaster, we need to know where bats are located across the province.

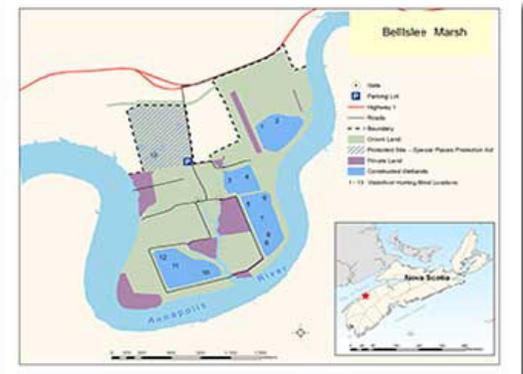


Download the  
[Bat Poster](#)

### Nova Scotians have shown overwhelming support for reporting bat observations

Many thanks to all who took the time to provide valuable details of bat observations in 2013. Amazingly, in just three months, people submitted over 1000 reports, reflecting both current and historic records from across Nova Scotia. One bat report was even sent by cell phone from a ship's mariner far off shore on the open ocean! Nova Scotians on both land and sea have rallied to the bat conservation cause. Through your efforts we are now in a position to better understand the geography of impacts of white-nose syndrome across the province with new insights about regions where bats are yet apparently unaffected. If not for your participation, this level of understanding would not have been possible. [Click here](#) to see a short report summarizing results from 2013.

## Belleisle Marsh Waterfowl Hunting Blind Lottery



Report Fires,  
Poaching or  
Emergency  
Wildlife situations

1-800-565-2224

The Department of Natural Resources is currently accepting applications for permission to use waterfowl hunting blind sites on Belleisle Marsh, Annapolis County. Anyone in possession of a Nova Scotia Wildlife Resources Client Card is eligible to enter the draw for a blind site on constructed wetlands during the first three days of the waterfowl hunting season, (October 1, 2 & 3, 2014).

[CLICK HERE](#) to download the Belleisle Marsh Waterfowl Hunting Blind Lottery Application Form (fill-in pdf)

Please note: Applicants may fill in the application form, save the application form and [submit via email](#).

**DEADLINE: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2014**

## Time for a Tick Check!

There are 16 different kinds of ticks in Nova Scotia, but only two types frequently bite people: dog ticks and blacklegged ticks.

Blacklegged ticks, or deer ticks, can carry the bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, that cause Lyme disease. Since 2002, there have been 120 confirmed and probable cases of Lyme disease in Nova Scotia.

Blacklegged ticks are very small (smaller than dog ticks), and their looks change during their life cycle.

The larvae and nymphs (baby and teenager stage ticks) are roughly the size of a poppy seed or sesame seed when fed.

Unlike adult dog ticks, blacklegged ticks do not have white markings on their backs. And dog ticks are typically larger than blacklegged ticks. Like most types of ticks, the bite of a blacklegged tick is usually painless, so it's easy not to feel them biting.

It may be difficult to tell the difference between a dog tick and a blacklegged tick. So, if you have spent time outdoors, it is important to carefully check your skin and clothing when you get home. Do a thorough tick check on yourself, your partner, children, pets and clothing. Pay special attention to pets or small children who may have wandered into suitable tick habitat, like wooded or grassy areas.



## 2014 Junior Guide School

The Nova Scotia Guide's Association is host to a five-day Junior Guide School which trains youth (ages 12-17) in:

- **Conservation and ecology**
- **Fishing and hunting basics**
- **GPS, map, and compass**
- **Wilderness survival and first aid**
- **Canoeing and water safety**
- **Tenting and outdoor cooking**
- **Woodlore and woodsmen sports**

The 2014 Junior Guide School will be held from Sunday, July 13th - Friday, July 18th.

Please join us for the "Junior/Intermediate Guides Competition 2014" July 19th & 20th with registration from 6 - 7pm Friday July 18th. A weekend of friendly competition using some of the skills taught during the Guide School Week.

The Junior Guide' School is a popular program and space is limited. Registration is \$126.50 HST included. Completed application forms should be received by the Association no later than June 30, 2014.

For more information on the Junior Guide School, or to receive a printed application form please contact Clifton Wamboldt by phone at (902) 682-2934. You may also contact Terry Hatt at (902) 354-4239 or by email at [tjhatt@eastlink.ca](mailto:tjhatt@eastlink.ca).



Please mail your completed application form, along with cheque or money order to:

**Nova Scotia Guides Association**  
**C/O Clifton Wamboldt**  
**RR#1**  
**South Brookfield, NS B0T 1X0**

[Click here to download 2014 Jr. Guide School Application PDF format](#)

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## Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters Affiliate Club Listing

*Archery Association of Nova Scotia  
Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia  
Bowhunters Instructors Association of Nova Scotia  
Cape Breton Wildlife Association*

*Conservation Enforcement Officers Association of Nova Scotia  
Delta Waterfowl Association  
Digby East Fish & Game Association  
Halifax Wildlife Association*

*Hants West Wildlife Association  
Kings County Fish & Game Association  
Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers  
Lansdowne Outdoor Recreation Development Association  
Lunenburg County Wildlife Association*

*Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters  
Nova Scotia Guides Association  
Nova Scotia Houndsmen Association  
Mic Mac Rod & Gun Club*

*Port Morien Wildlife Association  
Queens County Fish and Game Association  
Bluenose Longbeards Chapter, CWTF  
Shelburne County Fish & Game Association*

*South Shore Wildlife Association  
The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia  
Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia  
Trappers Association of Nova Scotia  
West Pictou Wildlife Association*