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NSFAH Position on Lead Ammunition

At the September 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors of NSFAH, the Halifax Wildlife Federation tabled a motion asking the Federation to take a leadership role in convincing the hunting community to switch to non-lead ammunition because of the health risks to wildlife and humans posed by lead.

The Board discussed the motion at length. **There was concern expressed that the Government might legislate a change to non-lead ammunition, an outcome that nobody wants.** There was some skepticism about the scientific data and conclusions. There was reference to other scientific studies that lead to different conclusions. Everyone agrees that lead is a poison that has been removed from paint and gasoline and is treated as a hazardous material in industry. If it presents a risk which can be easily avoided why take the chance?

In the end the Board passed the motion and directed the Federation to launch **an information and education campaign** to convince hunters that, given the potential risk factors, switching to non-lead ammunition is a prudent decision. **It was agreed that the decision must be a voluntary decision on the part of the hunter** and the role of the Federation is to present the information that will convince the hunter to reach a non-lead decision.

At that time there was concern expressed with the para phrasing **“Information and Education campaign leading to the elimination of lead ammunition”**

implied that the Federation supported a ban on lead through legislation. That misinterpretation (or intentional misrepresentation) seems to persist in some areas.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The Federation has always supported hunters' rights, witness our long and hard fight against Firearms Registration. The Federation believes that the choice of ammunition is an individual right. Our motion and campaign is aimed at providing hunters with the information they need to make an informed decision.

If it had been our intention to seek legislation banning lead we would have introduced this idea through a Resolution at our AGM. If passed it would have become Federation Policy and under our by-laws would require that we present the problem to Government seeking a solution through legislation. We did not want to involve Government, we did not want legislation, and that is why it was introduced as a motion at a Directors meeting.

The bottom line is that the vast majority of our Directors believed that the Federation should take a leadership role on this issue and get out in front of it before it became an issue for Government. We believe that our role is to provide the information hunters need to make an informed decision

Wilf Woods
President
NSFAH

New Nova Scotia Burning Restrictions

The province is helping reduce the risk of wildfires by changing the way domestic brush burning is permitted.

People no longer need a permit to burn domestic brush. The permit has been replaced with an online burning restrictions map to inform Nova Scotians when it is OK to burn a pile of brush.

Restricted brush burning will start earlier, on March 15 instead of April 1.

The map will show green, red, or yellow in each county, to let Nova Scotians know if it is safe to burn, unsafe to burn, or safe, with restrictions. The map and recorded phone message will be updated daily. The map is online at www.novascotia.ca/burnsafe.

These changes affect brush burning on domestic properties, such as rural residential lots, woodlots, fishing camps and cottage lots. Where municipal burning bylaws exist, such as in Halifax Regional Municipality, they may require additional burning restrictions.

Previously, Nova Scotians needed to travel to a government office to purchase paper permits and pay a fee. The online approach will also save taxpayers' dollars on administration costs and increase fire safety and awareness. The map has been successful in New Brunswick.

Burning — Burning brush (domestic burning) is allowed (counties coloured green)

Restricted — Burning brush is allowed only between 7pm and 8am, for safety reasons (counties coloured yellow)

No Burning — No domestic brush burning, due to high risk of wildfires (counties coloured red)

Domestic brush burning. The rules and dates have changed.

NO PERMIT REQUIRED!

You don't need to pay for a permit for domestic burning anymore. You don't even need to get one! You must check online before you burn.

Check the online **BURNING RESTRICTIONS MAP** at novascotia.ca/burnsafe

It's updated daily to show where burning is:



WILDFIRE-RISK SEASON NOW STARTS MARCH 15.

Domestic burning can lead to wildfires. During wildfire-risk season, March 15 – Oct 15, you must check before you burn brush.

That includes campfires!



Find out if it's safe to burn today at novascotia.ca/burnsafe
Or call 1-855-564-2876 (BURN)



Hours

Fri- Mar 7- 10am - 9pm
Sat- Mar 8- 10am - 8pm
Sun- Mar 9- 10am - 5pm

Admission

Adult \$10.00
Senior \$7.00
Children (5 – 15) \$7.00
Children 4 and under Free

Family Rate \$29.00 Note: includes max. 2 adults with min. 2 children

2014 Atlantic Outdoor Sports and RV Show



Located at 200 Prospect Road, Exhibition Park is located just 15 minutes from downtown Halifax and less than 2 minutes from Bayers Lake Business Park enroute to scenic Peggy's Cove.

Shubenacadie Provincial wildlife Park

The park will be open the week of March 10 to 14 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM for animal viewing.

As part of our regular winter season, the park will also be open on the weekends of March 8,9 and 15, 16 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. For more information please phone 902-758-5316 or email legacycentre@gov.ns.ca.

Park admission is: \$3.00 for adults, \$1.75 for youth (age 6-17), children 5 and under are free!

March 10, 2014

Reptile Day

March 10, 9:30-12:30--Make a turtle craft for \$2. Do you know the difference between reptiles and amphibians? Find out with our intriguing reptile display. Learn more about snakes by playing our giant Snakes and Ladders game. You do not have to register for this event. First come, first served.



March 11, 2014

Be a Tree Day

March 11, 9:30-12:30. -Join us for a Puppet show about the differences in life; biodiversity. Make a twisted tree craft for \$2 and imagine the many types of wildlife that depend on trees. Play our hands-on tree quiz to win a prize. You do not have to register for this event. First come, first served.

March 12, 2014

Shubenacadie Youth in Nature Club (SYNC)

March 12- SYNC for ½ day. 9:30-12:30.

The best of our day camps with a porcupine theme. Do you want to be in sync with nature? Are you always asking questions about nature? Do you enjoy being outside? Ages 7-12 are welcome to come and enjoy action packed programming from 9:30-12:30. The charge is \$15 per child. Pre- registration is required, contact by phone 758-5316 or email legacycentre@gov.ns.ca.

March 13, 2014

Going Nutty with the Squirrels

March 13, 9:30-12:30 . Learn more about this smart, and amusing animal. How do they survive our Nova Scotia winter? Amaze your friends by making a tricky nut hiding game for \$2.. Play our Squirrel games to understand the daily life of a squirrel. You do not have to register for this event. First come, first served.

March 14, 2014

Insect Day

March 14, 9:30-12:30 Grow a grasshopper or make a water strider for \$2. Try our New Insect identification activity and marvel at our insect display case with its incredible collection. Discover how insects help humans. You do not have to register for this event. First come, first served.

The Park located just off Highway 102, Exit 11 at Stewiacke, just a short 40 minutes away from Downtown Halifax. Why not plan your visit now?

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Poaching or
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Wildlife situations**

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RULES

BIG GAME SHOW ENTRY FEE \$8.00 PER TROPHY

FREE ADMISSION TO SHOW WITH ANTLERS

ENTRIES MUST STAY TO END OF SHOW TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES

DEADLINE FOR SHOW ENTRIES - 1:00 PM SUNDAY

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NSFAH Annual General Meeting - 2014

84th Anniversary Annual Convention and Meetings

"Let's Not Take Nature for Granted"

AGENDA

Friday March 21, 2014

3:00 p.m. - 8: p.m.	Registration
6:00 p.m. - 8: p.m.	Official Opening of the Convention
8:00 p.m. - 9: p.m.	President's Reception
9:00 p.m. - close	Hospitality Room

For more information
on the AGM, please
contact Tony at:
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All delegates must complete
the mailed information
package prior to arrival.

See you in a few weeks!

Saturday March 22, 2014

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Speaker- Hon. Mark Furey for Min. of Fisheries
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Workshops - Mammals, Fish & Birds, Miscellaneous
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Lunch Speaker- Hon. Zack Churchill, Minister DNR
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Resolutions same rooms as workshops
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Special workshop Survey of the Sportfishing Industry
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Cocktails
6 :p.m. - close	Awards Banquet Guest Speaker: Peter Labour Hospitality Room



Sunday March 23, 2014

7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast Speaker- Becky Whitman, CWS
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Resume General Meeting & Election of Officers
10:30 a.m. - Noon	NSFA&H - New Management Committee Meeting

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Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters Affiliate Club Listing

All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia
Archery Association of Nova Scotia
Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia
Bowhunters Instructors Association of Nova Scotia
Bras D'or Wildlife Association

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
Nova Scotia Bear Hunters Association

Mic Mac Rod & Gun Club
Port Morien Wildlife Association
Queens County Fish and Game Association
Bluenose Longbeards Chapter, NWTF
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