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Winter Sportfishing - 2015

Anglers will have more locations to enjoy sportfishing throughout the province when the winter season opens Jan. 1, as more lakes are open for brook trout, chain pickerel or perch.

Freshwater lakes open for winter will give anglers a chance to fish for brook, brown or rainbow trout, white or yellow perch and chain pickerel. The bag limit for trout is two fish per day, except the Cape Breton Highlands Management Area where anglers can keep 10 fish per day. The daily bag limit for perch and chain pickerel is 25.

"Sportfishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities in Nova Scotia, with about \$56 million in revenue," said Keith Colwell, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. "I encourage all ages to get out and enjoy the winter sportfishing season and remind all anglers about the importance of safety when winter fishing from shore, in boats or through the ice."

A 2014 general fishing licence is required to winter fish and can be purchased at Department of Natural Resources offices. Licences are valid until March 31, 2015 and cost \$26.73. Anglers may also purchase one-day licences at a reduced rate.

Anglers can take advantage of the annual winter sportfishing weekend, Feb. 14 and Feb. 15, when residents and non-residents can fish in open winter sport fishing areas without a general fishing licence.

The following is a partial list of open waterways, and restrictions for winter sportfishing Jan. 1 to March 31, 2015, unless otherwise noted:

Brook trout: bag limit of 10 trout

-- Victoria County: Cape Breton Highlands Special Trout Management Area

Brown trout and Rainbow trout: bag limit of two fish per day

-- Cape Breton: Tidal waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes (see note)

Rainbow and Brook trout: bag limit two fish per day

-- Antigonish County: Cameron Lake and Gillis Lake

-- Colchester County: Deyarmont Lake

--Cumberland County: Angevine (Dewars) Lake, Isaac Lake and Harrison Lake

-- Cape Breton, Levers Lake and No. 20 Dam (Beacon Street Pond)

-- Digby County: Everitts Lake

-- Guysborough County: Goose Harbour Lake and Pringle Lake

-- Hants County: Meadow Pond and St. Croix Pond

-- Halifax Regional Municipality: Albro Lake, Round Lake, Lewis Lake, Maynard Lake, First Lake, Cow Bay Pond and Penhorn Lake

-- Inverness County: Petit Lac

-- Kings County: Silver Lake and Sunken Lakes

-- Lunenburg County: Sucker Lake

-- Pictou County: Gairloch Lake

-- Queens County: Hidden Hills Lake and Victoria Lake

-- Richmond County: Eco Trail Pond on Isle Madame

Go [here for more information](#) on winter fishing regulations.

Preparing Resolutions - 2015

“Resolutions are to be returned to the Federation as soon as possible for evaluation and submission to the 2015 AGM”

This is the time of year that affiliate clubs should be considering what resolutions they would like to see the Federation consider for policy at the 2014 AGM. Using the following guidelines when preparing your resolution will greatly improve the chances of acceptance.

Guidelines for preparation of resolutions for presentation to the NSFAH AGM:

*Review existing Federation Policy to ensure your suggestion is not already included in our policy manual. The Policy manuals are available on our web site, in the members’ area.

*Limit the Resolution to a single topic or idea. Resolutions that try to encompass more than one topic or idea are very confusing and generally quite difficult to deal with.

* Fully explain the problem, or reason for the resolution in the “Whereas” sections. Use as many of these sections as necessary to explain the problem, but try not to overuse them.

*When preparing the Resolution, ensure that you have fairly evaluated other related interests in the topic. Ensure that you feel the Resolution has a reasonable chance of acceptance. “Pie-in-the-sky” resolutions while usually supported by very noble ideals, only serve to waste time and do little to promote the club or the Federation as responsible organizations.

*Ensure you have investigated the problem behind the Resolution fully. On occasion, Resolutions have been presented regarding a supposed problem which later turned out not to exist.

Free Winter Sportfishing Weekend - 2015

Family, friends, beginners, fishing enthusiasts and especially young anglers are encouraged to come out for the fishing on February 14-15, 2015. On those days Nova Scotia residents and non-residents may fish without a general licence. Sportfishing weekend provides a great opportunity to try winter sportfishing and promote family togetherness and healthy, outdoor living.

This weekend is a perfect time for anyone who has ever wanted to fish to come out and see what Nova Scotia offers for winter angling. Please look at your Angler’s Handbook to see all the lakes open for winter angling.

The Hants West Wildlife Association will be hosting their annual Everett Wiles Memorial ice fishing event on Feb 14 On St Croix Pond, for those who want to try ice fishing for the first time or anyone who wants to fish or help out .

This event provides children and families with a great winter sportfishing experience. There are shelters, hot drinks, lots of food, and draws for great fishing prizes.

The main objective of this Free Winter Sportfishing Weekend is to encourage everyone to give winter outdoor recreation a try. Many people may not think of angling during the winter months, but as long as you are dressed for it and keep safety in mind, this outdoor active can fun and rewarding. Studies show that when people get involved in the outdoors they are more aware of their natural surroundings and are more likely to take an active role in protecting and enhancing the resource.

Please keep in mind that bag limits and all other sportfishing regulations will still apply.



**Everett Wiles Memorial
Catch the Rainbow
free fishing event**

Feb 14, 2015

8AM – 12PM

St Croix Pond

St Croix, NS



Woodland Management – Home Study Program

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Groundhog Day – February 02, 2015

Celebrate Monday, February 2, 2015 Groundhog Day and World Wetlands Day, starting at 7:00 am with Shubenacadie Sam making his appearance and prediction at 8 am sharp. Will we have an early spring?

Discover his message and have a free hot drink. From 8 am to 12:00 pm there will be lots of activities including crafts, face painting and wetland games. We will be joined by our partners: Clean Nova Scotia, NS Department of Natural Resources, Environment, Agriculture plus Ducks Unlimited, the Maritime Aboriginal Aquatic Resources and the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.

The wildlife park is a window into the world of wintering animals in Nova Scotia. The animal enclosure area will be open from 8:15 am to 12:00 noon and free to all visitors. Please call 902-758-5316 after 6:30 am to ensure the facility is open as inclement weather or unsafe conditions may cause events to be cancelled.

For more information email: legacycentre@gov.ns.ca or phone 902-758-5316

Enjoy this window into Sam's world as he and his crew prepare for February 2nd. Sam's handlers will be interacting with him throughout the day and feedings are at 8 a.m., 11:45 a.m. and 4 p.m.



[Shubenacadie Sam Webcam](#)

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Hnatiuk's Training Division oversees the provision of the Non-Restricted, Restricted and Hunter Education courses across Nova Scotia.



Natural Resources Youth Camps - 2015



2015
HUNTING
CAMP FOR YOUTH

March 16 & 17
McGowan Lake

March 17 & 18
Chaswood

March 18 & 19
Guysborough County

Join the Department of Natural Resources and local hunters and trappers for a two day, one night hunting and trapping camp.

Youth Aged 12-15, limited space available (Fee \$60.85)

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- Shooting longbows, crossbows and long guns
- Dispatching and cleaning a snowshoe hare
- Building survival kits and shelters
- Making and setting snares
- Wilderness navigation
- Fun evening activities

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Canadian Geographic – National Bird Contest

There are more than 450 species of birds across Canada, but not one of them has been designated as Canada's national bird — a title that for too long hasn't been made official. It's time to change that. Click the banner now to vote!



Two Hunters Win 2014 Licence of a Lifetime Lottery

Two Nova Scotian hunters are the winners of this year's Licence of a Lifetime lottery, giving them free, life-long hunting and fishing licences.

This is the 22nd year the province and the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters have jointly offered the prize.

Deputy Minister of Natural Resources Frank Dunn and the Federation's president, Ian Avery, randomly selected the hunters' names on Dec. 15. This year's winners are James Collins of Stewiacke, Colchester Co., and Jason Pickles, Meaghers Grant, Halifax Co.

"Hunting and fishing opportunities in Nova Scotia helped shape our provincial heritage and made us world-renowned as a destination for healthy, outdoor activities," said Mr. Dunn. "Mr. Collins and Mr. Pickles can now enjoy those opportunities free of charge, every year."

Each winner receives a general fishing licence, a small game hunting licence, and either a deer hunting, bear hunting, bear snaring or fur harvester licence.

"With the province's generous support, we're able to give two Nova Scotian hunters a lifetime of fishing and hunting," said Mr. Avery. "We congratulate the winners and wish them good, safe hunting and angling experiences."

The Licence of a Lifetime is a fundraiser to support the Federation's education and advocacy programs. The names of hunters and anglers who purchased tickets were entered into the annual draw.

All holders of hunting and fishing licences in Nova Scotia must first have a wildlife resources card and appropriate training. Information about the card is available at the [Department of Natural Resources](#).

**Report Fires,
Poaching or
Emergency
Wildlife situations**

1-800-565-2224



Elections at the Federation AGM - 2015

In June of 2013 a motion was passed changing the election process as follows:

C7.4.5 Term of Office

(Approved by the Board in June 2013)

Officers elected to The Board of The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters shall serve 2 year terms, with no more than 2 consecutive terms in any position. Election of officers at the Annual General Meeting & Convention shall be staggered over odd and even calendar years, with the

following being elected in *Even Years*:

President
Treasurer
2nd Vice President

and the following in *Odd Years*:

1st Vice President
Secretary
3rd Vice President

Therefore in March of 2015 we shall be electing a 1st Vice-President, Secretary & 3rd Vice-President to 2 Year terms. Nominations for these positions should be submitted ASAP.

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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
Lays Lake Outdoor Recreation 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, 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