



NSFAH Journal



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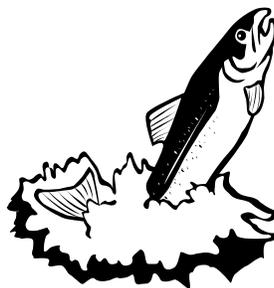
Fish On! – 2014 Recreational Fishing

Anglers will once again enjoy one of the province's favorite pastimes now that the annual sport fishing season has opened, as of April 01.

"We are fortunate to live in a province with an abundance of fishing opportunities," said Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Keith Colwell. "Sport fishing is a great way for families to spend time together and enjoy the outdoors. It also plays an important role in Nova Scotia's economy, contributing \$58-million in direct expenditures each year."

Mr. Colwell said anglers should become familiar with the new regulations for this season. Changes include new management measures, season changes and bag limits to conserve and enhance Nova Scotia's recreational sport fishery.

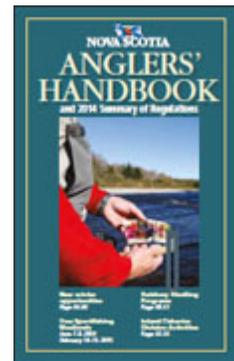
Regulations are included in the 2014 Angler's Handbook and Summary of Regulations, which accompanies each fishing license.



More than 100,000 anglers enjoy fishing every year, including taking part in free fishing weekends each winter and summer, fishing derbies and tournaments, the Learn to Fish program for youth, and outdoor skill programs like Becoming an Outdoors Woman.

Nova Scotia residents can purchase a seasonal license for \$26.73, taxes included. For non-residents, a seasonal license is \$61.73, and a seven-day license is \$33.72. Seniors' fishing licenses are available for \$6.57. One-day licenses, for residents and non-residents, are \$12.71. All anglers 16 or older must purchase a general fishing license.

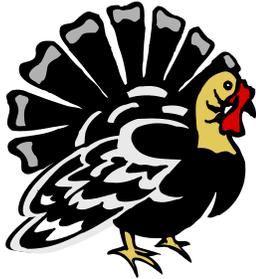
Licenses can be purchased from many gas retailers, hardware, convenience and sporting goods stores, or at any Access Nova Scotia location. They are valid until March 31, 2015. Anglers must return the license stub at the end of the season, when they will be eligible for a prize.



A license is not required to fish in tidal or saltwater in Nova Scotia, but season and bag limits apply. A separate license is required to sport fish for Atlantic salmon.

More information on angling and a list of special regulations by recreational fishing areas can be found by clicking the Handbook image above.

Canadian Wild Turkey Federation



Filling the void since the NWTTF shut down its operations in Canada, the newly formed Canadian Wild Turkey Federation is a Canadian NOT-FOR-PROFIT organization that focuses on the following:

1. To promote the establishment, restoration, preservation and sustainable management of wild turkeys and their habitats in Canada.
2. To develop programs and engage in projects to establish, restore, preserve and enhance wild turkey hunting practices, traditions and heritage.
3. To promote responsible wild turkey hunting practices, traditions and heritage.
4. To work with Governments, organizations and others to develop

programs and engage in projects to protect and enhance wildlife habitat.

5. To promote conservation, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor and wildlife oriented activities.
6. To host, sponsor and promote educational, social, exhibition and other events for members and the public.

CWTF has numerous chapters across Canada and continues to grow and will be holding fund raising banquets. If you would like to become a member or get involved in a local committee, please send us a message on Facebook or visit our website at www.CWTF.ca (under construction) or membership@CWTF.ca



Learn to Camp – Shubenacadie Wildlife Park



Join Emily Gratton from DNR's Parks and Recreation Division for a visual presentation of a Learn 2 Camp workshop. Bring your camping-related questions and play around with some camping gear. We'll also have all details you need to sign up for the 2014 Learn to Camp workshops! Thought about going camping but are unsure about where to start? Nova Scotia's L2C program is an overnight camping experience that is both informative and fun. The program aims to share camping skills so participants feel prepared and confident to embark on a great adventure that will result in lifetime memories.

Instructors are outdoor pros and eager to share their knowledge about topics such as selecting camping gear, setting up tents, starting campfires and outdoor cooking.

Held in the DUC Greenwing Legacy Interpretative Centre

April 26, 2014

1:00-2:30 pm

Please phone 902-758-7094 after 10:00 am on the day of the presentation to confirm it is not cancelled due to inclement weather. For general inquiries call 902-758-5316 or email: legacycentre@gov.ns.ca

Moose Hunting Lottery Opens

Nova Scotian hunters have until midnight, May 31, to apply for a coveted moose hunting license.

Applications can be sent by phone, online or regular postal mail.

The draw will take place at 11 a.m., June 25 at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre and winners will be notified by mail. The draw is also broadcast on the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters website at www.nsfah.ca.

"Moose hunting is very popular in Cape Breton and a boost for the local economy," said Natural Resources Minister Zach Churchill. "The moose draw is an important part of our strategy to manage the herd and it gives every applicant a fair chance to win."

Moose hunting is only available in Victoria and Inverness counties, and for seven one-week moose hunting seasons between Sept. 29 and Nov. 8. A special three-day season in part of Inverness County, is scheduled Dec. 9-11. Moose hunting is not allowed on Sundays.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a resident of Nova Scotia, have a valid Nova Scotia Wildlife Resources Card and be at least 18 years old.

Hunters who held a moose hunting license between 2009 and 2013 cannot apply for a license this year.

Hunters can apply online at <http://novascotia.ca/natr/> by following the Hunting key topic. Hunters can also call 1-900-565-3337 from a landline and the application fee will automatically be added to their phone bill. The phone option does not work with cellphones and it cannot be billed to a different phone number. It costs \$7.83 (plus HST) to apply for a license online or by phone.

Applications can also be paid by cheque and submitted by mail, using a form from the Natural Resources website. It costs \$11.35 (plus HST) to apply by mail. Cheques should be made payable to HMC Communications Inc.

Each license is valid for one season and in one geographic zone. Hunters must pick their season and zone when they apply.

Detailed information about the seasons, the five hunting zones and restrictions on the use of vehicles, is explained on the website.

In 2013, there were 10,827 applications for 345 licenses.



Spend a few minutes by clicking [here](#) to take a look at the wealth of audio, video and print materials that reside on the campaign web pages.

Brook Trout Fishing Tips

Fragile, moody and easily spooked brook trout present one of the more challenging fishing opportunities. Success, measured in catches of rare, beautiful and tasty fish come to the fishermen who exercise patience and persistence.

Brook trout are normally caught by spin casting or still fishing. A light weight flexible rod with spin-casting or spinning reel and never more than 6 pound test line is ideal. A variety of small artificial lures (not more than 2 inches long) including gold and silver spoons or Mepp's spinners are good.

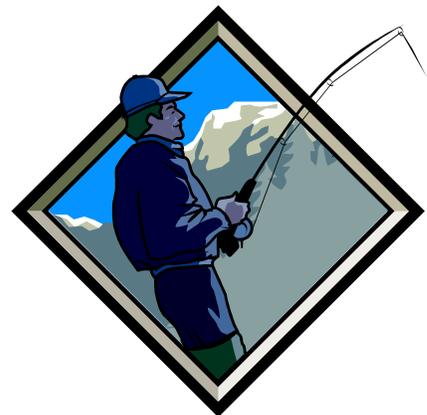


The old standby silver spinner with a couple of split shots for weight and a small hook baited with a part of a worm is illustrated. Brook trout can be frightened by large presentations such as big plugs or even large wads of worm embedded on a hook and these should be avoided.

In lake environments, brook trout are normally caught in 10 to 30 feet of water usually in sheltered bays or along sections of shoreline where submerged boulders and fallen trees provide cover. The fisherman needs to approach these areas with a minimum of disturbance, wait a little and then begin fishing. Try a technique of casting toward shore or along the shore followed by slow and partial retrieval of the bait allowing the bait to slowly sink to a near vertical position before reeling in. If you are using worms, each cast can evolve into a brief episode of still-fishing or gentle jiggling.

Brook trout tend to be active during brief periods and it is not uncommon for all of the action to occur in a half hour interval during the day or evening. Here, persistence is the key to success. Brook trout also go crazy during fly hatches and at these times the fly fisherman gets all the action. Fly hatches normally occur in late May and June but the precise timing and intensity of the hatches are difficult to predict from one year to the next with the result that it is hard to plan a fly-fishing trip coincident with a hatch.

Fishing for brook trout in streams requires the same light tackle as that recommended for lake fishing. In addition, the stream fisherman requires a light pack for his spare tackle and bait and a pair of old sneakers to carry him down the river bed, over gravel bars and through brush on the banks. Brookies prefer to remain under cover in streams such as in white-water pools, under submerged logs or along banks.



The fisherman needs to approach these places cautiously, indeed with stealth and to entice the trout by casting a tasty tidbit of worm close as possible to the hiding place. He may be rewarded by the sight of a fleeting shadow in the water and a tug on his line. Unfortunately, these hiding places are normally festooned with overhanging branches and submerged obstacles so slightly misplaced casts result in a snag. These are the joys and tribulations of stream fishing.

Western Crown Lands Forest Roads Closed

Forest roads on western Crown land formerly owned by Bowater will be closed to all motorized vehicles as of Thursday, April 3, to protect drivers and roadbeds.

The road closures are temporary. They are part of the province's ongoing management of the western Crown lands, to protect the roadbeds during the spring softening period, and as a safety precaution, to protect vehicle drivers.

Travel on roads in wet spring conditions can cause severe damage that is expensive to repair. Closing the roads temporarily gives roadbeds time to dry as weather grows warmer. It will also help protect against vehicles getting stuck in remote wooded areas where cellphone coverage is weak and personal safety could be at some risk.

The former Bowater lands, now owned by the province, have 2,500 kilometres of forest roads, many of them gated. Many of the gates will be closed by Department of Natural Resources until further notice. Provincial Crown land policy allows Nova Scotians access to all provincially-owned land except where restricted for appropriate reasons, such as ecological protection, and in the interest of roadbed protection and the safety of road users.

To view an updated map of western Crown forest road gates that will be closed until further notice, visit, www.novascotia.ca/natr.

The gates could be closed for several weeks and will be reopened when conditions allow. The reopening will be announced.

NSFAH Funding Lottery Winners - 2013

The winners of the 2013 NSFAH Funding Lottery are:

Merle Watson, Shubenacadie, NS
Boat Motor and Trailer

Phil Sprague, Liverpool, NS
\$400.00 cash prize

V. Dale Ashfield, Lake Loon, NS
\$300.00 cash prize

Chris Geldart, Debert, NS
Wildlife Print,

Glenn Gilbert, Charlottetown, PEI
Wildlife Print

Corey White, Lakeview, NS
Wildlife Print,

Congratulations to all the winners this year. Contact the Federation for more information and ticket availability for next years draw.

2014 Eastern Woodland Conference

Full day conferences; hear experts and woodland owners talk about woodland issues. Learn about resources that can help you better understand and manage woodland sustainably, for various objectives such as harvesting timber, providing wildlife habitat, exploring non timber forest products, and maintaining forest health. Pre-register to win a prize, plus, the grand prize to give away at the end of the day is a chain saw!

To pre-register, please call 1-855-624-6670 or register online at <http://www.woodlotinfoshop.ca/>

Eastern Nova Scotia – Saturday, April 5th, 2014 at the St Mary's Lions Club in Sherbrooke

Registration starts: 8:30am

Wrap up: 4:00pm

- [Download](#) conference flyer.

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- Bowhunters Instructors Association of Nova Scotia*

- Lunenburg County Wildlife Association*
- Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters*
- Nova Scotia Guides Association*
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- Cape Breton Wildlife Association*
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- Kings County Fish & Game Association*
- Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers*
- Lansdowne Outdoor Recreation Development Association*

- South Shore Wildlife Association*
- The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia*
- Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia*
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