



NSFAH Journal



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Youth Participation in Outdoor Activities

Time after time we have seen news stories and study results that tell us our youth are increasingly sedentary and as a result a high percentage of them are classified as obese. We are encouraged to increase their physical activity, get them away from the computer and the TV, get out and get active.

The Federation has long been encouraging its members, and the general public, to get youth involved in healthy safe outdoor activities like hunting and angling.

The Department of Fisheries & Aquaculture, Inland Fisheries Division, recognized an opportunity for them to encourage youth to take up angling and created the Learn 2 Fish (L2F) program. Many of our affiliate clubs participate in the delivery of L2F as well as sponsoring youth "Fish-O-Ramas" during the June free fishing week end which is another initiative by Inland Fisheries to encourage increased participation in angling. The Federation fully endorses these initiatives and congratulates Inland Fisheries staff for their commitment to engaging the youth of our province in a healthy outdoor activity that they can pursue the rest of their lives.

The outlook for youth hunting is not as optimistic I am afraid.

The bright spot is the DNR Youth Hunting Camp. This was the second year for this initiative and it expanded to 2 Camps giving youth an opportunity for hands on experience of hunting activities under the direct

supervision of trainers from our affiliate clubs.

The Federation applauds this initiative and will continue to promote and support it. We hope that DNR will continue to expand the number of camps and continue to reduce the age requirement to participate.

The dark spot is that during our annual meeting with the Minister of Natural Resources he confirmed that our resolution to have the legal age for hunting big game, under direct supervision, lowered to 12 years of age had not received cabinet approval. Mr. Parker said they simply thought 12 was too young.

We will continue to advocate for a 12 year old big game hunt. It is compatible with Federal Firearm Legislation and would be under direct supervision of a qualified hunter, therefore a safe hunt. It would bring us into line with most jurisdictions in North America and give us another tool to lure youth away from the computer, the TV and the sofa! The earlier we can get youth involved the greater the chances are that they will become life-long participants in healthy, safe outdoor activity, which will have a positive impact upon their health.

Wilf Woods
President
Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters

2012 Antlerless Whitetail Deer Draw

The application lines for the 2012 Antlerless Deer Draw will open at 7:00 am on August 2nd. Applications will be accepted 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until August 31st, 2012 at midnight.



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For more information, contact your nearest DNR office or check the NS DNR website at: www.gov.ns.ca/natr/

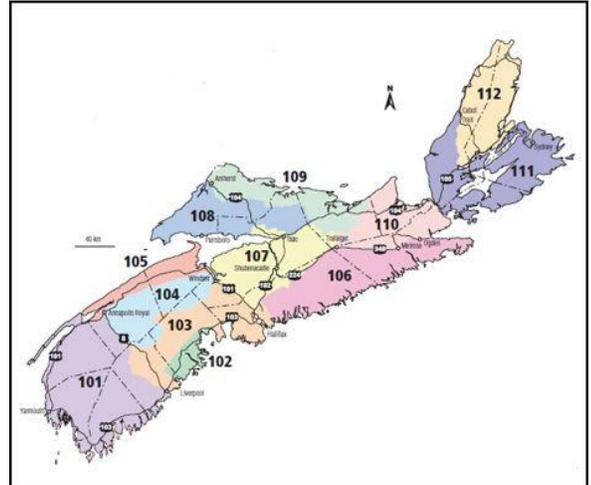
White-tailed deer came to Nova Scotia in the late 1800s as part of a natural expansion of their range. The emigration of deer from a well established population in New Brunswick was augmented by four or five releases of small numbers of deer brought in from New Brunswick. These releases were arranged by individuals and local hunting clubs in Halifax, Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth counties from 1864 to 1910.

Since becoming established through Nova Scotia, the deer population has fluctuated greatly. Notable population peaks occurred in the 1950s and again in the mid 1980s. Deer populations declined following the peaks, due to the large population's pressure on habitat and the onset of more severe winters.

In the mid 1980s numbers reached 120,000 animals with hunter harvest in the vicinity of 66,000 animals. Then came the expected decline and by 1995 the population had dropped to about 42,000. Hunter harvest that year was just over 7,000 with a province-wide "buck law" in effect.

Until 1998, deer hunting in Nova Scotia was managed at a provincial scale with a license valid throughout the province, a bag limit of one and beginning in 1993, restricted to antlered deer only. The full protection of does and fawns, together with more frequent mild winter weather, had the desired effect of building the deer herd. In parts of the province recovery was clearly evident while in other areas, such as Cape Breton Island and northern Mainland, deer numbers remained low.

Deer Management Zones 2012



Because management of deer involves a high number of Nova Scotian hunters, and is of concern in many homeowners, the agricultural community and the general public, we provided the opportunity, in April 2010, for input by anyone who was interested in doing so.

Equal opportunity to all eligible hunters is the cornerstone of the program.

Deer Management Zone Tag Allotment 2012

Zone	Deer Stamps Available
101	1000
102	N/A*
103	3000
104	1000
105	N/A*
106	500
107	N/A*
108	1000
109	1000
110	1000
111	0
112	0
Total	8,500

*Antlerless deer hunting stamp not required in this zone. May harvest either sex (antlered or antlerless).



Canadian Wildlife Service

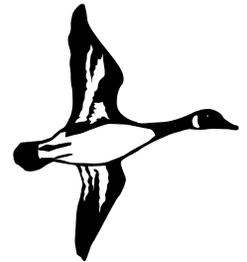
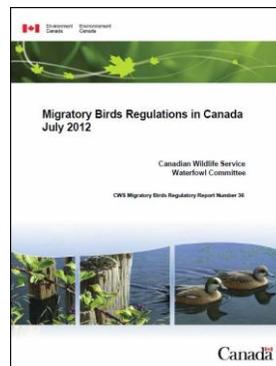
Canadian hunting regulations for migratory game birds are reviewed annually by Environment Canada, with input from the provinces and territories and a range of other interested stakeholders. As part of this process, the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) of Environment Canada produces three reports each year.

The first report, *Population Status of Migratory Game Birds in Canada*, commonly called the November report, contains population and other biological information on migratory game birds, and thus provides the scientific basis for management.

The second report, *Proposals to Amend the Canadian Migratory Birds Regulations (including Regulation Proposals for Overabundant Species)* (the December report), outlines the proposed changes to the annual hunting regulations, as well as other proposed amendments to the *Migratory Birds Regulations*. Proposals for hunting regulations are developed in accordance with the *Objectives and*

Guidelines for the Establishment of National Regulations for Migratory Game Bird Hunting.

The third report, *Migratory Birds Regulations in Canada* (the July report), summarizes the hunting regulations for the upcoming hunting season. The three documents are distributed to organizations and individuals with an interest in migratory game bird conservation, to provide an opportunity for input into the development of hunting regulations in this country.



[Go here to view the reports noted above.](#)

Hants West Wildlife Association

Hants West Wildlife Association will be putting on another exciting hands on Hunter Education Course on August 11 & 12, 2012. We have teamed up with some knowledgeable people and organizations to deliver an exciting weekend of learning opportunities for the participants. It will be a fun & busy weekend for all involved.

DNR has generously allowed us the use of the DNR Rifle Range, in Stanley (Hants County) and some surrounding property for Saturday's activities.

Over the weekend students will be participating in the following hands on activities: small & large caliber target shooting, crossbow shooting, tree stand safety, shooting of skeet over decoys, bow & arrow target shooting, bear

hunting strategies, map/compass & blood trailing. There will also be info sessions on trapping and wild turkeys. Lectures and the exam are also included as part of the experiential & educational experience.



Thanks to all the clubs and individuals who are dedicating their time and resources to putting on this great event!!!

Trappers Association of Nova Scotia

The Trappers Association of Nova Scotia are once again hosting their Annual Summer Rendezvous, August 17, 18, 19, at Twin Lakes Campground, Hibernia Road, Caledonia, NS.

Set-up and a meet & greet will take place on Friday, with a kids fishing derby slated for Saturday.

A ring toss competition and a beaver & muskrat throw will take place on Saturday as well. These contests are open to everyone.

After lunch on Saturday, a coyote trapping demonstration will be put on by trapper Lloyd along with an Archery Shoot hosted by the Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia.

The South Shore Wildlife Association will also be hosting a BB Gun Fun Shoot on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday evening dance to start at 9:00PM, sponsored by the Nova Scotia Guides Association. Music by Dave Irwin.

TANS will also be drawing the winner of their 2012 moose hunt. Got a ticket?

Sundays activities consist of a Plank Walk and a Fly Casting contest. Free coffee and donuts will be available.

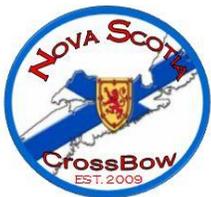


Awards, prizes and trophies will be handed out on Sunday as well. Hope to see you there!

The 2012 moose hunt raffle winner will be announced on Saturday, August 18, 2012.

Winner need not be present to claim prize. TANS will be in touch if you are the lucky winner!

Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters



On August 25, the Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters will be hosting its 3rd meet & greet of 2012. This is a must attend event as the NSACH has invited Helene Van Donnich of the Cobequid Wildlife Rehabilitation Center to speak on the issue of lead fragments in wild game and what it means to you, the hunter. The past few years have seen a lot of discussion on the issue of lead in hunting ammunition, especially rifle bullets. Regardless of who's saying what, most of us want to see the evidence behind an argument. Helene will be on hand to discuss the impact lead ammunition has on the entire hunting community, from hunter to scavenger.

The NSACH will also be drawing the winner of their 2011-2012 fundraiser. One lucky ticket holder will be receiving a brand new Excalibur Crossbow, outfitted with all the necessary accessories to enjoy hunting this fall.

Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters

Meet & Greet

**August 25, 2012
11:00AM-3:00PM**

**DNR Training Center, Shubenacadie
Wildlife Park Entrance**

Light Lunch Provided

RSVP via email if you will be attending. We are expecting a larger than normal crowd so get your seats reserved early.

Email to: nsach@eastlink.ca

Check out the nsach.ca website for more details.

NSFAH Fundraising Banquet & Dinner

The Nova Scotia Federation of anglers and Hunters will hold its **8th Annual Fundraising Banquet** on Wednesday September 12th, 2012, at St. Mary's Boat Club, 1641 Fairfield Rd., Halifax.

Live and silent auction items will be available to bidders. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner is served at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$40.00 single and a table for 8 - \$300.00.

You can purchase your tickets by going to the Federation's web site www.nsfah.ca click the "Donate" button and enter in the amount for the tickets or tables required or contact Tony Rodgers at 477-8898.

To help the Federation, anyone with auction items can call Tony to arrange pick up.

Thank You for your support.

Cape Breton Strutters - NWTF

Cape Breton Strutters Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be holding its Annual Dinner and Auction at the Quality Inn Hotel, Sydney, NS, on August 18th, 2012. Doors open at 6:00PM with the dinner getting underway at 7:30PM.

- ✓ Silent and live auction
- ✓ Door prizes and raffles

Tickets are still available. Corporate tables and sponsorships available.

Lots of guns and an Excalibur Crossbow to be won.

Framed prints, guided turkey hunts and a whole lot more!

Contact **Ken Rogers for Tickets**
902 574 1229

Email: ken@cape-environmental.com

Elephant Stew

Expecting a large crowd and not sure what you'll feed them? Here's your answer, provided from the "New York Conservation Officers Cook Book".

Elephant Stew

1 Elephant (dead)
2 Rabbits (also dead)
Brown Gravy
Salt & Pepper

Cut the elephant into bite sized pieces (This should take about 2 months)
Add enough gravy to cover.
Cook over propane fire about 2 weeks at 165 degrees.
Salt & pepper to taste.

This will serve 3,800 people.
If more is required add the 2 rabbits.
However only do this if necessary, because most people don't like "hares" in their stew.

2012 Belle-Isle Marsh Blind Lottery

The 2012 Belle-Isle Hunting Blind Lottery is ongoing. Applications must be in by August 31, 2012 no later than 4:30PM.

Contact John Stacey for more information.

Email: staceyjf@gov.ns.ca

Draw will take place Tuesday, September 4, 2012. You will be notified by mail immediately following the draw to inform you if your name was drawn and to advise you of the number of your hunting blind.

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The Trading Post – New Feature

The Trading Post is a free service offered by The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters through its monthly electronic newsletter, The NSFAH Journal. The Trading Post acts solely as a communications link between Buyers & Sellers and is not responsible for any agreements reached between Buyers & Sellers, nor is it in any way responsible for the quality, condition or price of goods offered.

The Federation reserves the right to accept or reject any ad at the discretion of the Federation. Ads will not be accepted from commercial operators.

Only goods & equipment related to hunting, fishing, trapping and enjoyment of outdoor recreational activities will be accepted. Buyers & Sellers are responsible for complying with any Federal, Provincial or Municipal law that is applicable to the goods in the transaction

If you would like to place an ad in future issues of the NSFAH Journal, send a brief description of the item and your contact information by e-mail to: wilfredwoods@eastlink.ca

Use the title "Trading Post" in the subject line of the e-mail. Ad must be received at least 5 days before the 1st of the month of publication.

Wanted:

Looking for a Browning left-hand bolt action rifle, in .308 or 30-06. Please contact Ian at shuber@eastlink.ca If you have something of interest.

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For Sale:

*1998 Sun-Lite Camper
Model 955SD Hideaway
9 1/2 ft (fits 8 ft truck box)
Weight 2,239 lb
RIVA certification (6399193)
Excellent condition. Only 2 owners. Stored indoors.
Located in New Glasgow area.
Asking \$5,000
Phone Doug 902 922-2274*

Your Trading Post Ad here

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
Scotian Longbeards Association, 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*