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Antlerless Permits - 2013

Nova Scotia hunters can apply for a chance to harvest an antlerless deer this fall starting today, Aug. 1. There are 6,600 antlerless deer stamps available this year.

"Each year hunters in Nova Scotia look forward to the annual tradition of the deer hunt," said Natural Resources Minister Charlie Parker. "These antlerless deer licenses allow many Nova Scotians to enjoy the experience."

A zone system determines the number of antlerless stamps for each zone, based on deer population trends. There are 12 deer zones across the province and applicants should review them before applying for the draw.

A computerized random draw will take place Saturday, Aug. 31. Antlerless stamps will be awarded in seven deer management zones. Hunters are allowed to harvest one deer of either sex in zones 102, 105 and 107 without an antlerless deer permit. No antlerless deer permits are available in zones 111 and 112.

For more information on deer zones, check the [DNR website here](#).

Beginning at 7 a.m., today, hunters can [apply online by clicking here](#).

A non-refundable application fee of \$7.83, plus HST, will be charged to the applicant's credit card.

People can also call a 24-hour line at 1-900-565-DEER (3337) to apply from a landline. Cellphones cannot be used. Fees will be charged to the applicant's phone bill. The line will remain open until midnight, Aug. 30.

Results will be available Sept. 3 on the Natural Resources Dept website.

Hunters who do not apply or are not selected in the draw, can still hunt deer where permitted. They will be limited to bucks with antlers at least 7.62 centimetres (three inches) long. The restriction does not apply to zones 102, 105, and 107.

Draw information is available where hunting and angling licenses are sold, or on the department website.

Belle-Isle Marsh Waterfowl Hunting - 2013

The Department of Natural Resources is currently accepting applications for permission to use waterfowl hunting blind sites on **Belle-Isle 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, 2013).

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

Please note: New this year, 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 30, 2013.

Nova Scotia Hunting & Outdoor Show

Planning and preparation is well underway for the inaugural Nova Scotia Hunting and Outdoors Show which is being held at the Rath Eastlink Community Centre in Truro, Nova Scotia on September 6-8, 2013.

This show will be jam packed with the region's leading retailers of hunting gear and equipment, firearms, archery, guiding and outfitters, taxidermist, clubs and associations, ATV/UTV's, boats and outboards and other power and outdoor equipment with plenty of show sales to be had! This event is just in time to gear up for the upcoming hunting season!

Show management is proud to have the endorsement and support of some of the province's most well-known associations including: The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters, the Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters and the National Wild Turkey Federation.

Several exciting features are shaping up including a display from Valley Taxidermy, Jeff Campbell from the Truro Chapter of the Delta Waterfowl Group and two time Canadian duck calling champ will be doing calling demonstrations and showcasing some winning techniques and Ace Boater.com will be providing boat card testing right at the show!

The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia wants hunters to "Show them YOUR Rack!" They will be set up to score and

display some of Nova Scotias most impressive trophies! Make sure to bring yours to the show! It could be one for the books!

Several prizes are available for visitors to the event including beautiful custom knives from Triple X Knives and the Truro Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation is donating a print. Visitors can fill out ballots right at the show!

There are lots more developments in the works that will be announced in the coming weeks but this event will surely be a hit for hunting and outdoor enthusiasts from all over Nova Scotia and beyond!

Admission prices for this event are \$8.00 for general admission, Youth from 10-18 years are \$6.00, a weekend pass is \$15.00 and children under 10 accompanied by an adult are admitted free.

Show hours are Friday, September 6th, from 5pm-9pm, Saturday, September 7th from 10am-6pm and Sunday, September 8th from 10am-4pm.

For more information, visit www.nshuntingandoutdoorsshow.ca

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Nova Scotia Big Game Society

The Big Game Society has been considering having a new Category in our record books for trophies harvested with a crossbow. It is fairly recognizable that it is easier to be successful with a rifle than a crossbow and easier with a crossbow than a compound bow. Our Board arbitrated over this for quite a while before striking the minimums as noted. We have always felt that bears have historically been taken at short range

	RIFLE	CROSSBOW	BOW
TYPICAL-DEER	140	133	125
NON-TYPICAL DEER	165	158	150
MOOSE	170	153	135
BEAR	18	18	18

over bait and therefore allow no deviations in our minimum scores. Since we are putting the finishing touches on our next edition of our record book, this new crossbow category will not appear for several more years, so save those trophies!

To contact the Big Game Society, simply goto their website:

biggamesociety.com

Trail Camera Deer Survey – NS DNR

Submitted by Peter MacDonald, NS DNR

I am looking for volunteers across Nova Scotia who would be interested in participating in a trail camera deer survey for a two week period from **August 25th to September 9th, 2013**.

All over North America, trail cameras are being used more and more by hunters, biologists and wildlife enthusiasts in general. They are proving to be a particularly useful tool for determining deer population estimates, sex ratios and fawn recruitment. We have received offers from hunters and wildlife groups in the past to conduct trail camera surveys, but it was not clear how useful the data would be on this small scale. Now however, I think it is worth exploring to see what the level of interest would be.

The approach to deer management in Nova Scotia for a number of years now has been to focus our deer harvest on males and limit number of females taken. We have a number of datasets which we use to assess the status of our deer herd each year, which is then used in making deer management and harvest decisions. Trail camera surveys could prove to be another important and valuable source of data.

For this year, I am interested in the type of results you get from your current monitoring, and I encourage participants to simply collect information from their camera(s) as usual during the survey period and send the information to the Wildlife Division. Points of interest will be whether bait is used to bring deer to a camera, as opposed to a having a camera set up on a well-used travel way, and whether just one camera or multiple cameras are used. We will likely be looking at developing a standardized method of data collection using trail cameras for late summer in 2014, based on the results of this survey, and from the many references available online.

We would like to receive the following information from each participant after

reviewing their photos from the 2 week period:

Name and address of observer

Location of camera (community)

GPS coordinates of camera (to be kept confidential)

Number of cameras used

Camera density (example: 1 camera/50 acres)

Using or not using bait

Type of bait used

Total number of fawns, does and bucks photographed

Number of unique fawns, does and bucks

Number of unknowns (example: only part of the body seen)



A pdf data collection sheet will be posted on the DNR Wildlife Division website later on in August at: <http://novascotia.ca/natr/hunt/> before the start of the survey period. When your survey is completed just fill in the form, save the file and attach it to an email message and email to: wildlife@gov.ns.ca. Photographs are definitely welcome as well, if you are willing to share, but they aren't essential. **As a thank-you for participating in our trail camera survey, all participants will be entered into a raffle, with an opportunity to win a new trail camera, donated by the Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters.**

Please contact me with any questions at: macdonpr@gov.ns.ca or call (902) 679-6091.

Peter MacDonald.

**Report Fires,
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1-800-565-2224

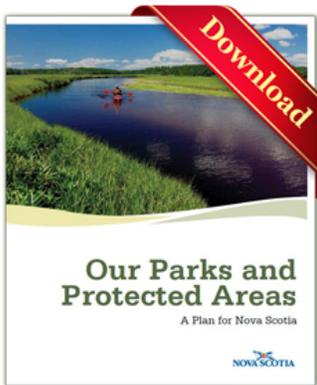
Questions?

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Province to Surpass Land Protection Goal



Nova Scotia families will benefit from new and expanded provincial parks and more land than ever will be protected for future generations as part of the province's Parks and Protected Areas Plan released today.

Environment Minister Sterling Belliveau and Natural Resources Minister Charlie Parker said the plan will protect 13 per cent of the province's lands by 2015. It will also ensure that provincial parks continue to offer the high quality experience visitors expect.

"Four years ago, the province set an ambitious target to move from having one of the poorest land protection records to being a national leader," said Mr. Belliveau. "I thank the many organizations and people who contributed to not only meeting, but surpassing, our 12 per cent goal."

Careful planning and land purchases from 2009-13 will protect more than 200,000 hectares of additional lands by 2015, designate 44 new wilderness areas and expand 31 more, and create 118 new nature reserves and expand 11 more.

The plan will also add four new provincial parks, and expand 12 more.

"We need to maintain a balance between recreation, research and commercial use of our lands if we are to see the full benefits of our natural resources," said Mr. Parker. "I believe this plan helps us work toward finding that balance."

Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq were consulted to ensure historically sensitive areas are protected and traditional activities and access can continue.

"Protecting our lands and resources has always been important to the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia," said Chief Rod Googoo, Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs. "This plan not only ensures this protection, but also respectfully takes into consideration our traditional use and access."

Environment groups applauded the province's actions on land protection.

"This is a monumental achievement for nature conservation in Nova Scotia. Preserving and protecting these critical wilderness areas will benefit wildlife and citizens for decades to come," said Raymond Plourde, wilderness coordinator with the Ecology Action Centre. "We commended the government enthusiastically for their hard work and steadfast support for conservation. Today, Nova Scotia is a national leader."

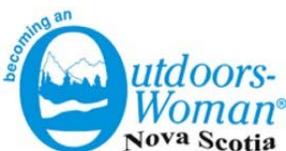
"The sites that will be protected are some of the most ecologically significant areas remaining in the province and include large intact forests, long stretches of coastline, rare species habitat and significant wetlands and waterways," said Chris Miller, national conservation biologist for the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

Extensive public consultation was conducted on protected areas and provincial parks.

To see the plan and interactive maps, visit

www.gov.ns.ca/parksandprotectedareas/

Becoming an Outdoors Woman



2013 Fall Becoming an Outdoors-Woman® Workshop
September 13 - 15, 2013
Mount Traber Camp - Cooks Brook,
Halifax County, NS

2014 Winter Becoming an Outdoors-Woman® Workshop
February 21 - 23, 2014
The Gaelic College, St Ann's, Cape Breton

[Click here for more BOW info!](#)

Para- Sporting Clays

Nova Sporting Clays in partnership with the National Wild Turkey Federation (Bluenose Longbeards) are pleased to host the first of a series of Wheeled Sportsman events in Nova Scotia. The first event will be

Sporting Clays :

Sporting Clays Course consists of usually 10 stations that offer a wide variety of shots.

Nova Sporting Clays try to change the layout of their course every couple of weeks so that they can show shooters a range of presentations. This helps to improve shooting ability by throwing many combinations of targets.

You'll never know when you will see a "Jumping Grouse," an "Overhead Goose" or that "Running Rabbit."

When: August 24th 2013

Where: Nova Sporting Clays. Participants will be required to **pre-register** By August 12th and asked to meet at the Tim Hortons in Elmsdale Exit 8 Hwy 102 at 9:00 am the morning of the event.

Cost: There will be no charge for this event.

Contact: Stephen Whitman at armsport26@gmail.com



Please pre-register with
**Stephen Whitman by August
12th 2013 .**

armsport26@gmail.com

- The course is accessible and you are encouraged to bring your own shotgun but arrangements can be made to borrow a gun for the event . Instruction will be given before entering the course the morning of, and there will be a BBQ and prizes given out after everyone has completed all 10 stations.
- The event is intended to be fun, educational (for participants and organizers), and give people the opportunity to meet new people and try a great outdoor sport.

It's going to be a Blast!!



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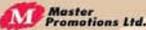
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Bras D'or Wildlife Association

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

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Kings County Fish & Game Association
Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers
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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