



## NSFAH Journal

March 2013

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**and a whole lot more!**

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## Parks and Protected Areas

On Feb 28<sup>th</sup> the Province released its plan for Parks & Protected places in Nova Scotia.

The Parks Plan incorporates the input from the public during the public consultation on the review of Nova Scotia Parks. It also includes NS DOE plans for proposed Protected Areas. We have until May 01 to tell them what we think of their plan. [Either on line here](#), in person at one of the Public Meetings: The schedule for public [meetings is posted here](#). Mail in responses will also be accepted.

Although there are some proposed road & trail exemptions in the new wilderness areas they are too few to allow vehicle access to the vast majority of the traditional hunting fishing and trapping land that will be designated for motor vehicle exclusion. Although Government says we can continue to hunt, fish & trap in protected areas the exclusion of motor vehicles in fact excludes most of our aging population and persons with mobility challenges from accessing land we have hunted, fished and enjoyed all our lives. In addition to the Protected Areas this plan calls for the creation of 120 new nature reserves (33,690 ha) a designation that brings even more restrictions than Protected Areas. These areas will not allow hunting trapping or fishing at all.

Please tell all your friends and encourage them to tell government what they think about this plan either on line, by mail or in person. Speak up for your right of access!

The following extract from the plan summarizes their intention.

This document is the province's proposed plan to ensure that these areas continue to thrive. The plan delivers on two important government commitments:

1. Update Nova Scotia's park system to secure and strengthen its long-term success.
2. Increase Nova Scotia's legally protected landmass to at least 12 per cent by 2015.

This plan advances Nova Scotia's efforts to protect and conserve the natural landscape, potentially adding 224 properties and more than 245 000 hectares (ha) – a combined landmass equal to nearly one-quarter the size of Cape Breton Island.



### Proposed Protection

This plan proposes to protect more than 13 per cent of our province's outstanding lands. It also includes other lands that could increase that protection once further considerations are taken into account. More specifically, Our Parks and Protected Areas proposes to add, expand, and reassign a number of areas, including the following:

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NO FISHING  
NO NOTHING  
GO HOME**

**Mail your comments to:**

Parks and Protected Areas

Plan

Nova Scotia Environment

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Add

- 4 new provincial parks (960 ha)
- 44 new wilderness areas (126 020 ha)
- 120 new nature reserves (33 690 ha)

Expand

- 12 provincial parks (3940 ha)
- 33 wilderness areas (72 070 ha)
- 10 nature reserves (4330 ha)

Transfer

- In order to create a more effective parks and protected areas system, the plan proposes to transfer 2150 hectares of provincial parklands to protected areas and 1000 hectares of parklands to Crown land, still available for public use.

[See the interactive map here.](#)



## 2013 Atlantic Outdoor Sports and RV Show

### Hours

Fri- Mar 8- 10am - 9pm

Sat- Mar 9- 10am - 7pm

Sun- Mar 10- 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



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.

## Youth Hunting Camps – 2013

Join Department of Natural Resources staff and local experts for a two day, one night hunting and trapping camp. Highlights include how to make and set snares, basic wilderness navigation, opportunity to fire longbows, crossbows, and .22 rifles, dispatching and cleaning a snowshoe hare, guest speakers and more! All locations and camps open to girls and boys between the ages of 12-15. Limited space available, preference given to first-time applicants. **Fee: \$50.00**

[DNR Youth Camp](#)

[Info](#)

[Click here!](#)

## Wild Turkey Hunting Seminars – March 8-10 – RV Show

Seminar schedules will be as follows for the Halifax Outdoor Sports Show, Exhibition Park.

### Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>

12-1pm Turkey Hunting Talk  
4 - 5pm Wildlife Habitat & Food Plots

### Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>

1:30-2:30pm Wildlife Habitat & Food Plots  
4:30-5:30pm Turkey Hunting Talk

### Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>

1:30–2:30pm Turkey Hunting Talk

We have two subjects to talk about: Turkey Hunting Roost to Roast and If You build it, they will come: A Wildlife Habitat Primer for Landowners.

Turkey Hunting Roost to Roast will introduce folks to spring and fall turkey hunting, turkey biology, habitat, scouting, calling and actual hunting techniques to the novice and the advanced hunter. We will discuss "doggin" fall turkeys over hunting dogs which is legal in Maine. The New England Grand Slam turkey hunt will be featured.

During the habitat workshop we will discuss habitat modifications and techniques to improve lands for deer, woodcock, grouse, and for the eventual introduction of the wild turkey. We will discuss food plots, as well as utilizing forest, water and field to improve wildlife usage on private landowner's holdings. We look forward to lots of questions for our guest speakers:

**Jim Wescott** is a trained wildlife biologist that has been involved in the introduction and estimated growth of Maine's wild turkey populations to its current 60,000 bird population. He has been a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation since the early 1980's holding positions as state chapter president, board member and a

participant on Maine's Wild Turkey working group which guides Maine's turkey conservation policies. He is an ardent hunter, Registered Maine Guide and is a partner in Maine's premier turkey guide service, the Tenth Legion Guides.

In 2011, Jim received the NWTF's prestigious Roger Latham Service award in Nashville, Tennessee for his efforts as a volunteer in Maine's turkey restoration project.

**Robb Cotiaux:** Introduced to the wild turkey while employed as forest land manager for West Virginia University in 1980, Robb has been involved in working with the wild turkey in Maine since 1995. He has been a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation since those early years and in 2010, received the Roger Latham Service award for his work in fostering the efforts of the NWTF in Maine. He is a consulting forester working with Northeast Natural Resource Management a wildlife and forestry land management company and is a registered Maine guide and partner with Jim Wescott in the Tenth Legion Guide Service. Robb also guides upland hunters at Weatherbys lodge in Grand Lake Stream, Maine over his English cocker and English Springer Spaniels.

**Nick Smith:** Nick Smith wears the crown of ownership of the Northeast Natural Resource Management company, a full service forest and wildlife consulting firm with offices in New Hampshire and Maine. He is a registered guide that offers hunting opportunity in Vermont and New Hampshire for deer as well as turkey. Nick has written several books about fishing and duck hunting in New England. He is also a full service dealer for Whitetail Institute products. Nick is a chapter member and supporter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in Vermont. He is a champion turkey caller having competed in the NWTF Nationals in Nashville as well as many New England calling contests. The Bluenose Longbeards Chapter of the NWTF looks forward to your attendance.



## Turkey Terry (Smith)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Terry Smith has never seen a wild turkey within three or four hours of his homeland. And he admits it's possible he never will. But that hasn't stopped the Bedford, Nova Scotia, native from hunting wild turkey and doing all he can to bring Eastern Wild Turkey across the border from Maine.

"It's a challenge," admitted Smith, who often drives at least seven hours to Maine to hunt wild turkey. "It's great for me to be able to take first-time turkey hunters to Connecticut or Maine and show them how to do it. Then it's great watching their smile when they harvest their first turkey."




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For his efforts in building a strong NWTF and wild turkey hunting presence in a province that bans the introduction of the species, Smith received the NWTF's Roger M. Latham Sportsman Wild Turkey Service Award Feb. 16 at the annual NWTF Convention and Sport Show. The prestigious Latham Award is given for commitment to the NWTF mission of the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage.

"Terry Smith's dedication to the NWTF is amazing considering the effort he must make to go turkey hunting," said James Earl Kennamer, Ph.D., the NWTF's chief conservation officer. "His determination he has shown to introduce wild turkeys to the Canadian Maritime provinces is inspirational."

Smith, who became an avid turkey hunter early in life on trips to Connecticut, is not only determined to bring wild turkeys into Nova Scotia, but have hunters ready to harvest them. He's heavily involved in habitat conservation, JAKES events and hunter education in Nova Scotia. In March, he's bringing seven youth and their families from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to an International JAKES Day in Maine.

"We can't wait for the turkeys to come to us," said Smith. "We're bringing kids to the turkeys. We're tired of waiting."

Smith's attempt to have Eastern Wild Turkeys releases in Nova Scotia was turned down in 2002 with the provincial government citing agricultural reasons. But wild turkeys have since crossed into neighboring New Brunswick from Maine. On one of his three fishing and hunting properties, Smith has 14 acres of food plots. He's also planted 400 apple trees and 65 mature apple trees for wildlife on his 368-acre piece of property, one of the first properties in Eastern Canada to become eligible for NWTF Wild Turkey Woodlands recognition.

"He has tirelessly promoted the introduction of wild turkeys into Nova Scotia, but more importantly, focused on habitat improvement and getting kids involved in our mission," said former NWTF regional director Brian Smith.

Since he was introduced to wild turkey hunting 14 years ago by former Latham Award winners Rob Cotiaux and Jim Wescott, Smith has taken dozens of Canadians on their first turkey hunting trips.

"The matches he ignites has fanned the NWTF flames in Nova Scotia," said Cotiaux, the NWTF Maine State Chapter president.

"If you speak to Terry about the outdoors, the conversation will quickly turn toward the NWTF, turkeys and introducing turkeys to our fine province," said NWTF Nova Scotia State Chapter president Gary Marlborough. Smith said he expects New Brunswick to allow the transfer of wild turkey soon. He hopes Nova Scotia will follow soon after.

"It's an uphill battle with the government, but we'll keep fighting it," Smith said. "There's turkey talk every day in Nova Scotia."

For more information about the Roger M. Latham Sportsman Wild Turkey Service Awards or other convention highlights, call (800) THE-NWTF, visit [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) or go to [www.facebook.com/theNWTF](http://www.facebook.com/theNWTF).

## Freshwater Grow-out Trial

The Atlantic Salmon Federation (ASF) and TCFFI believe that land-based closed-containment systems are a cost-effective and environmentally friendly farming method, with the potential to eliminate the use of vaccines, antibiotics, pesticides, and other harsh chemicals in salmon farming. Our goal with this technology is to provide fish farmers and entrepreneurs an opportunity to choose an innovative, alternative method to grow fish – a method which we believe is not only better for the environment, but for business as well. We recognize, however, that many challenges exist in

promoting positive change in the aquaculture industry, and that overcoming the status quo and its inherent resistance to paradigm shifts may take considerable time. Nonetheless, we hope that the myriad benefits of closed containment, water recirculation technologies will speak for themselves, and that industry will embrace these innovations following successful, commercial-scale demonstration of their feasibility.

[Please see the attached report](#) for full information on this project.

Larry Shortt  
NSSA



## NSFAH Annual General Meeting - 2013

83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention & Meetings  
of the  
Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters  
March 22, 23, 24, 2013  
**Days Inn & Conference Centre**  
50 North Street, Bridgewater, NS

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### Friday March 22, 2013

Registration 3 PM to 8 PM  
Official Opening 6 PM to 8 PM  
Presidents Reception 8 PM to 9 PM  
Hospitality Room 9 PM to Close

#### Saturday March 23, 2013

**Breakfast**  
7 AM to 8:15 AM  
**Workshops**  
Mammals, Fish & Birds, Miscellaneous 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM  
**Lunch**  
11:45 AM to 1:15 PM  
**Resolutions**  
Same Rooms as workshops 1:30 PM to 3 PM  
**Special Workshop**  
3 PM to 4:30 PM  
**Cocktails** 5:30 PM to 6 PM  
Awards Banquet 6:00 PM  
Hospitality Room 10 PM to close

#### Sunday March 24, 2013

Breakfast 7 AM to 8:15 AM  
Resume AGM & Election of Officers 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM  
Meeting of new executive 10:30 to Noon  
Meeting Adjourned 12:00 PM

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

See you in a few weeks!

## Canadian Wildlife Service – Waterfowl Proposals

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[www.nsfah.ca](http://www.nsfah.ca)

Proposed Changes to Hunting Regulations for the 2013–2014 Season are now available for your viewing.

[Proposals to Amend the Migratory Bird Regulations click here.](#)

CWS and the provinces and territories have jointly developed the regulatory proposals presented. Other proposals consistent with these may be sent to the appropriate CWS Regional Director by any interested organization or individual. To facilitate the comparison of changes proposed in this text with current regulations, the summaries of the 2012–2013 Migratory Birds Hunting Regulations are included in Appendix C.

The CWS has proposed to implement the following changes for Nova Scotia:

- ✓ implement the International Harvest Strategy for American Black Duck in Nova Scotia
- ✓ implement the International Harvest Strategy for American Black Duck through prescribed regulatory packages.
- ✓ increase the season length for ducks (other than Common and Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Harlequin Ducks, eiders and scoters) and snipe to 106 days during the regular duck season.
- ✓ increase the season length for Common and Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed ducks, eiders and scoters to allow hunting season opening and closing dates (October 1 and January 14, respectively) coincident with that for other duck species

Your voice counts. Send your comments to CWS today!

For more winter sport-fishing information visit  
[www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/angling/winterangling.shtml](http://www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/angling/winterangling.shtml) .

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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**