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Happy 2013

Well here we go again, another year we start with high hopes for the future.

High hopes that the hunting regulation changes we have been waiting for over the past 3 years will finally arrive. High hopes that the recently purchased "Bower Lands" will be accessible for Hunting, Angling, Trapping and the general enjoyment of all.

High hopes that the wilderness moose hunt in Zone5 will continue to be conducted in the same manner as the other zones, with tags available to all Nova Scotian's through the same lottery draw and under the same conditions.

High hopes that we will see movement toward some of our long standing issues such as Sunday hunting, introduction of wild turkey, spring bear hunt and a reduction of age for big game hunting to 12, under adult supervision of course.

High hopes that the Government will finally accept the scientific evidence that Open Pen Fin Fish Aquaculture poses risks to wild stocks and the environment, and imposes a moratorium on any further expansion until safer methods are identified.

High hopes that the moratorium on "Fracking" will be made permanent.

High hopes that hunters will make the voluntary switch to non-lead ammunition.

High hopes that the new National Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel will provide a real opportunity for our point of view to influence National Policy which impacts upon our activities; such as changes to the Fisheries Protection Act and the Navigable Waters Act.

High hopes that the soon to be released results of public consultation process on our Provincial Park system will result in a renewed focus on park upkeep.

High hopes that the Province will achieve the 12% target for land under protection, and that our opinions and ideas will be included when considering land for protection.

High hopes that 2013 will see an increase participation rate in hunting, angling & trapping, particularly by youth and women.

We all know that "Hoping" won't make it happen.

It's our job to keep these issues in front of our politicians and ensure they are aware of our issues and points of view. The Federation will continue to do this, and keep our membership informed and engaged on these issues. It is only through our collective efforts that we can hope to succeed on any of these issues.

All the best in 2013!

Wilf Woods
President, NSFAH

Safety Recall – Crossbow Cocking Rope

Academy Sports + Outdoors Recalls Crossbow Cocking Ropes Due to Laceration Hazard



Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cocking ropes and return them to Academy for a full refund.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Game Winner® crossbow cocking ropes

Units: About 6,300

Importer: Academy Sports + Outdoors, of Katy, Texas

Hazard: The hooks attaching the cocking rope to the crossbow string can break and cause it to recoil, posing a laceration hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: The Company has received four reports of the hooks on the cocking ropes breaking, causing the rope to recoil. Three of the incidents resulted in lacerations.

Description: This recall involves Game Winner® cocking ropes with model number FSGWAR3018 and UPC 400214726596. The cocking ropes help users get a better grip on the crossbow string and aid in pulling it back. They have an approximately 50-inch long black nylon rope, two black plastic hooks and two t-handles. The model and UPC numbers are located on the instruction card that comes with the product.

Sold exclusively at: Academy stores nationwide and on the company's website www.academy.com between June 2012 and October 2012 for about \$10.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled cocking ropes and return them to Academy for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Academy Sports + Outdoors; toll-free at (888) 922-2336, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT on Sunday, or online at www.academy.com and click on Help + Support and Product Recall Info for more information.

Preparing Resolutions for the AGM

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

Review the Federation Policy Manual to ensure your suggestion is not already a Federation Policy.

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 be.

Check with other clubs in the Federation if the resolution deals with an issue that is within their area of expertise. For example if it's a crossbow issue touch base with the Crossbow Association, if it's a trapping issue touch base with the Trappers Association.



Delegate Responsibility at the AGM

With the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters Annual General Meeting just around the corner, a quick review of the responsibilities of attending delegates is below:

Extracted from the NSFAH Manual 22 Sept 1979

Before the AGM the delegate should:

- a. Familiarize themselves fully with the resolutions that your club has presented for consideration at the AGM.
- b. Familiarize themselves with the stand or viewpoint of the club on various topics.

During the AGM the delegates should be prepared to:

- a. Explain fully the Resolutions your club has submitted for consideration.
- b. Take part in discussions on other resolutions which come before the AGM for consideration and express the views of your club.

- c. Gather data pertaining to the proceedings of the AGM for presentation to his club.

After the AGM delegates should inform his club of the following:

- a. The results of his club's resolutions relative to the AGM
- b. Any other resolutions which were presented for consideration and the result.
- c. The general proceedings of the AGM and what the Federation foresees for the ensuing year.
- d. The results of elections and the names of those elected.



Please note, the Federation AGM will be held in Bridgewater, from March 22-24th, 2013. Information packages will be sent out shortly. Stay tuned for more information.

Wilf Woods
President, NFAFH

Journal Mailing List

In changing over to my new computer the Journal mailing list was lost and I had to re-create it.

I may have included some people that were not on the original list so if you do not want to receive future copies of the NSFAH – Journal please let me know and I'll remove you from the mailing list.

If you hear from friends that have not received the January 2013 issue tell them to send me an e mail and I'll add them to the mailing list.

Sorry for the inconvenience!

My new e-mail address is:
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Wilf Woods
President, NFAFH

Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia

The Traditional Archers of NS will be holding their Annual General Meeting on January 20, 2013, out at the Sobeys Community room in Truro, at 1:00 PM.

Just take exit 15 onto Robie Street, off highway #102. Sobeys is across the street from McDonalds. All welcome. Clubs interested in hosting the TAANS shoot should attend.

Winter Sport-fishing in Nova Scotia -- 2013

Anglers will have more locations to enjoy sport-fishing throughout the province when the winter season opens on New Year's Day.

Fishing venues are expanding with more lakes open for rainbow trout, brook trout, brown trout, chain pickerel or perch.



*Always remembers this:
Be extremely careful, "Ice
testers are found in the
spring".*

The Cape Breton Highlands Special Trout Management Area will be open for brook trout angling this winter and in the tidal waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes, anglers may now fish for brown trout as well as rainbow trout.

"Winter sport-fishing is one of many winter outdoor experiences that Nova Scotia offers and it is an activity that can be enjoyed by all age groups," said Sterling Belliveau, Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture. "I would like to encourage all anglers to use caution this season when winter fishing from shore, in boats, or through the ice."

A 2012 general fishing license is required to winter fish and can be purchased at Department of Natural Resources offices. Licenses are valid until March 31, 2013. Anglers may also purchase one-day licenses at a reduced rate.

Anglers can take advantage of the annual winter sport-fishing weekend, Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, when residents and non-residents can fish in open winter sport-fishing areas without a general fishing license.

The following is a list of waterways open and restrictions for winter sport-fishing Jan. 1 to March 31 unless otherwise noted:

NOTE: Five areas of the Bras d'Or Lakes are closed to all angling Jan. 1 through March 31 to protect brook trout and Atlantic salmon. They include the areas above the Baddeck River Bridge on Highway 105 (including Cains Pond), inside the East Bay sandbar, above Crowdis Bridge in River Denys Basin, above Black River Bridge in Dundee and above MacKenzie Brook bridge near the south side of River Denys.

Brook trout: bag limit of two trout

Hants County: Meadow Pond and St. Croix Pond

Halifax County: First Lake

Guysborough County: Pringle Lake Queens County: Victoria Lake

Inverness County: Petit Lac

Colchester County: Deyarmont Lake

Brook trout: bag limit of 10 trout

Victoria County: Cape Breton Highlands Special Trout Management Area

Brown trout: bag limit of two trout

Cape Breton: Tidal waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes

Rainbow trout: Bag limit two fish per day

Antigonish County: Cameron Lake and Gillis Lake

Cape Breton: Bras d'Or Lakes (see note), Levers Lake and No. 20 Dam

Cumberland County: Angevine Lake

Digby County: Everitts Lake

Guysborough County: Goose Harbour Lake

Halifax Regional Municipality: Albro Lake, Round Lake, Lewis Lake, Maynard Lake and Penhorn Lake

Hants County: Meadow Pond

Kings County: Silver Lake and Sunken Lakes

Lunenburg County: Sucker Lake

Pictou County: Gairloch Lake

Queens County: Hidden Hills Lake

Richmond County: Eco Trail Pond on Isle Madame

Inverness County: Petit Lac

Chain pickerel: bag limit of 25 fish per day

Colchester County: Shortts Lake

Digby County: Meteghan River, including all lakes and tributaries

Halifax Regional Municipality: Morris Lake, Russell Lake, Fish Lake, Bissett Lake, Grand Lake, Powder Mill Lake, Micmac Lake, Red Bridge Pond and Kinsac Lake

Hants County: Lily Lake (Cogamun Pond)

Kings County: Lake George and Lake Paul

Pictou County: Black Lake and West Branch Lake

Queens County: Louis Lake

Shelburne County: Walls Lake, Lake George, The Ponds in Port LaTour and Bakers Flats on Cape Sable Island

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Predator Hunting

Coyote hunting is one of those few sports that offer the hunter the excitement of chasing a smart cunning animal in the wild. One cannot help, but appreciate the intelligence of the animal, which makes coyote hunting even more fun. Coyote hunting is very popular in North America due to the increase in coyote population and the realization of how challenging they are to hunt. Hunting coyotes can be a very complex and a challenging task to which the hunters are always drawn. In order to capitalize on any presented opportunity, it is important for the hunter to know the habits and territory of the animal.

Understanding the coyote can help you a lot in your hunting success and therefore, it is important that you collect as much information about the animal as possible. Coyotes are found all over North America, throughout Mexico as well as Panama, and the best thing about coyotes is that they are adaptable to any kind of environment which simply means that the coyote can easily change its habits according to what the environment demands from it, which again proves how intelligent the animal can be. The coyote dens are usually very hard to find since the coyote continues to dig until it can make it big enough for its litter.

In order to become the best coyote hunter, it is important that you learn some tips as well as develop some. One of the most important things that you should remember while hunting coyotes is that always camouflage yourself according to your surroundings. Being spotted by a coyote could blow your chances of a successful hunt.

The hunting equipment that you choose plays an important role while coyote hunting.

One of the most important aspects of coyote hunting is the coyote call. Every hunter should learn to coyote call. These calls can determine the outcome of your hunt to a great extent. For those who are

hunting learning the sport, calling devices such as enclosed reed models would just be ideal since they are tuned in advance so that you don't have to give much thought to the tuning process. This pre-tuned coyote-calling device has the ability to produce all of the required screams and cries that would come across as a distress signal to a coyote, to which the coyote will instinctively respond. Coyote calling may just be the most important tip that the hunter has to master. The trick for using it is that you should be moderate. The sound produced should be just right in order to lure the coyote. With respect to producing the perfect coyote calls, you can either use some electronic calling device or simply use your mouth, though you have to be really adept to produce the sound in the latter case. Currently, electronic calling devices are legal for hunting moose, coyotes, bear, turkey and deer in some areas.

Masking your body odour is another important tip that you should never forget to do. Coyotes have a very sensitive nose and if they smell something different in their territory, you might as well give up the hunt for the day.

Choosing the gun could be pretty confusing although many hunting enthusiasts swear by the advantages of Mini Bolt .22. Using a varmint rifle like a .17 center fire, .223 or a 22-250 could be a great coyote hunting cartridge. A flat shooting rifle with a good range like a .243 Winchester could be another option. If you're one of those hunters who prefer hunting using a bow and arrow or crossbow, an 85 grain+ broad-head is suggested. It is strongly advised that you use the same setup that you use for hunting deer. No sudden movements should be made while hunting any animal, let alone a coyote. This strategy can take you a long way since it can help you sneak up to the coyote to get the perfect shot. Setting up a tree stand over a regularly traveled coyote route can prove effective as your scent and movements are above the prey.

You have to develop the skills to perfect the art of coyote hunting and take proper care



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Winter sport-fishing continued.....

Yarmouth County: Annis River and Kiack Brook (near Belleville South), including all lakes and tributaries

White and yellow perch: bag limit of 25 fish per day per species

Annapolis County: Springfield Lake
Antigonish County: Cameron Lake and Gillis Lake
Colchester County: Shortts Lake
Cumberland County: Angevine (Dewars Lake).

Halifax Regional Municipality: Albro Lake, Bissett Lake, Fish Lake, Grand Lake, Micmac Lake, Red Bridge Pond, Powder Mill Lake, Lewis Lake and Maynard Lake

Hants County: Woodward Sanford Lake and Lily Lake (Cogmagan Pond)

Kings County: Lake George and Lake Paul

Shelburne County: Lake George

Digby County: Meteghan River, including all lakes and tributaries.

For more winter sport-fishing information visit
www.gov.ns.ca/fish/sportfishing/angling/winterangling.shtml .

Predator Hunting continued.....

with respect to the equipment that you choose, i.e., rifle, cartridges, coyote calling devices, etc. All these tips will help you get closer to bring down the wily coyote that you encounter in the wild, but you have to act fast since coyotes are known to get away when you least expect it.

Submitted by Justin Ott

While hunting "Other Harvestable Wildlife" or coyotes in Nova Scotia, you may possess:

- a shotgun loaded with shot
- a bow and arrows with or without broad-heads;

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- a crossbow and bolts or arrows with or without broad-heads; or
- a rim-fire rifle of .22 calibre or smaller or a muzzle loaded rifle of .40 calibre or less from October 15 to the last day of March of the year following.

After the close of the open season for hunting deer, until March 31 of the year following, a person may, while hunting coyote use a center-fire, rim-fire or muzzle loaded rifle or shotgun with slugs or ball.

Anyone who holds a valid hunting licence may, during the open season for big or small game, hunt "Other Harvestable Wildlife" with any weapon or ammunition permitted during those open seasons.

Contact your nearest Natural Resources office for more information.

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