



What is The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters

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Over the past 3 years that I have been President of the Federation I have spent a fair bit of time discussing this question with individual members at various meetings around the Province. Many of those discussions centered on the misconception that the Federation is a separate entity from the Affiliate Clubs and their members. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Federation is a group of likeminded affiliate organizations that was formed to speak on behalf of those affiliates with one voice, expressing the collective policy and positions developed by those clubs through the Board of Directors and by Resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

The Board of Directors is composed of one representative from each affiliate, named to the Board by that affiliate. The Board meets 4 times a year (at the AGM and in June Sept & Dec) to discuss ongoing business of the Federation, table issues and concerns from their club and to provide direction to the Executive Committee and the Executive Director on actions to be taken between Board meetings. The Board member is responsible for reporting the discussions and decisions of the Board back to their home club. They are the vital link between affiliate clubs and the decision making process of the Federation, and the main communications link back to their club.

The Executive Committee is composed of the President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Past President. Every member of the Executive is a member of an Affiliate Club that has stepped up on a voluntary basis to serve the Federation. Every affiliate club can nominate members to serve on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is responsible for carrying out the business of the Federation between Board meetings.

The Executive Director is a paid employee who is responsible for the day to day operations of the Federation. He is responsible for the administrative functions and serves as the contact point for the Federation in dealing with the Executive, the Board, the Members, the general Public and all levels of Government and the Media. He is the public face of the Federation and represents us on numerous committees and panels at the Provincial and Federal level.

We are the Federation; you, me and every member of every affiliate club. However, it is only through participation on the Board and the Executive Committee that we truly become a "Federation".

Wilf Woods
President
Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters

Hunting & Angling Advisory Panel

In May of 2012 Prime Minister Stephen Harper announced the names of organizations that will be a part of a newly created Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel (HAAP), which will help in forming conservation efforts in Canada.

He said at that time that, hunting, angling and trapping are central to the livelihood, recreation and tradition of many Canadians and are an important part of many local and regional tourism industries and that the members of the new Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel will help ensure that future conservation practices – including the protection of endangered species – are based on input from Canadians who have a long tradition of conservation. HAAP fulfils a commitment made by his Government.

The panel – which is made up of 25 representatives from provincial and territorial hunting and angling associations, as well as conservation and related industry associations – will provide advice to the government to help ensure decisions on issues such as endangered species, wetland protection and nature conservation benefit from a balanced perspective.

As a Nova Scotia representative I have attended three HAAP meeting one by teleconference and the other two in person.

The latest meeting was in Ottawa last month and was a one day meeting split between a session with Hon. Gail Shea,

Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Hon. Leona Aqulukkaq, Minister of Environment. It was a pretty tight agenda and future meeting may allow for more time.

In the morning session Dr. Colin Carrie, Parliamentary Secretary to the minister chaired and we dealt with changes to the Fisheries Act, recreational fisheries conservation partnership and the minister brought us up to date on the Federal governments appeal to the World Trade Organization (WTO) on the ban of seal products.

Prior to the start of the morning session I did get an opportunity to speak with Minister Shea about the closure of the Mersey hatchery and to urge her to give the non-profit society willing to run the site a chance to do so. I also brought the matter up during our formal discussion to ensure all the HAAP members were aware of the closure.

In the afternoon we were informed about development of a National Conservation Plan. We also had discussion on recommendations from the 2012 National Fish and Wildlife Conservation Congress final report.

Some of the items on our agenda going forward are Chronic Wasting Disease, Aquatic and Terrestrial Invasive species and reciprocal inter provincial suspensions of hunting and fishing privileges.

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DNR Youth Camps
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Hunting Camp for Youth



March 10 & 11, 2014 - Middle Musquodoboit (Full)
March 11 & 12, 2014 - McGowan Lake, Queens County (Full)
March 12 & 13, 2014 - Guysborough

Chief Enforcement Officer Retiring

After 33 years John Mombourquette, Chief Enforcement Officer is retiring from DNR. His last day of work will be Tuesday February 4, 2014.

His employment with DNR started with a summer job doing fire control, wildlife, and Parks. After attending the Maritime Forest Ranger School and completing Law Enforcement Training he took on the role as a Nova Scotia Game Warden stationed in Cape Breton Island.

He spent the first 15 years of his career as a Game Warden, and then moved on to work 19 years as Director.

John's career and mine crossed paths and he was a valued asset to me and the Federation with timely advice, a great listening post and answers to my question on enforcement. One of the key things for me was that John is an angler and a hunter and lived the activities he was enforcing.

I personally would like to wish John all the best in his short retirement because he is soon to start work in a new job. In his position as Manager, Law Enforcement Operations – Atlantic Region, Parks Canada, He will be responsible for enforcement operations/services at the following National Parks:

NFLD and Labrador

Terra Nova
Gros Morne
Torngat Mountains

Nova Scotia

Cape Breton Highlands
Kejimikujik

PEI

Prince Edward Island National Park

New Brunswick

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Nova Scotia Guides Course

Nova Scotia Guides Association will be holding a guides course at White Point Beach Lodge on the weekend of March 28/29/30. The fee for this course will be \$200.00.

It will include both the hunting and fishing guides courses. However, if you are not interested in one or the other you need only to write the test on the course you want but the information is roughly the same on lots of topics.

We will be starting the course on Friday at 9:00 am until 9:00 p.m. Sat. 8:00 am till 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:00 am till 3:30p.m.

The fee includes coffee, a lunchtime meal and there will be a 1.5 hour break for supper.

All applicants need to possess a Wildlife Resource Card, a first aid course with CPR, a gun safety course and a recreational boating certificate.

The instructors for this course are Bradford Crouse, Ron Seney and Vinal Smith. There will be various presentations by different guest speakers on many topics, which should make passing the course a breeze

Check the White Point Web site for information on accommodations. They have a special for us on this weekend so be sure to mention this when making a reservation. To register for this course call or e-mail Vinal Smith at 902-356-2498 or vinalsmith@yahoo.ca or call Brad at 902-354-4777. If you have a proper compass you should bring it, also if you have a handheld GPS it would be good to bring it.

A membership to the NSGA will be given free for the first year.

Broken Brooks

With 64,112 licenced anglers in 2010, 97% of who were residents of the province, Nova Scotians are maintaining their long history of sport fishing in the province.

Despite the continued popularity of sport fishing, the health of fish populations are under continued threat. Through the Broken Brooks Project, initiated in 2007, The Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) has been working to alleviate some of these threats, and restore fish habitat in the Annapolis River watershed.

What is a Broken Brook? It is a waterway where access has been disrupted for migrating fish as the result of poorly constructed water-crossings. Culverts which are improperly installed or maintained can negatively impact fish populations by blocking their passage to habitat that provides food, cool water refuges or spawning grounds.

The 2013 field season of the Broken Brooks Project included watercourse crossing assessments, primarily in the Nictaux and Roundhill areas. CARP field staff visited 78 sites, 34 of which were culverts on fish bearing streams. Assessment of these culverts identified that 79% do not meet provincial guidelines, meaning they act as either a partial or full barrier to fish passage.

In addition to assessments, restoration work was completed at 11 sites, restoring over 23 km of upstream habitat for fish migration and spawning. CARP hopes to continue building on this success in future years.

Middleton Fly Tying Workshop

Tuesday Feb. 11, Middleton Lions Hall, Nictaux Falls

- **Free materials & instruction for shad and trout patterns**
- **Drop in with your own materials/patterns**
- **Bring your own vice (some extras available)**
- **All levels welcome, no experience necessary**
- **Coffee and snacks will be provided**

RSVP to Katie (902)-532-7533 or katiemclean@annapolisriver.ca

The full 2013 Broken Brooks Report is now available to the public, and can be accessed by visiting www.annapolisriver.ca, or contacting CARP directly.

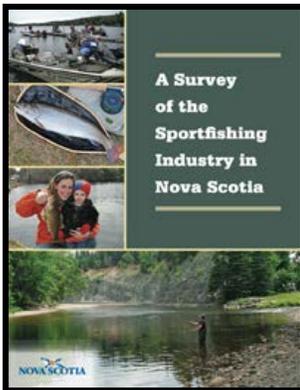


Improper maintenance can cause culverts to become barriers to fish passage

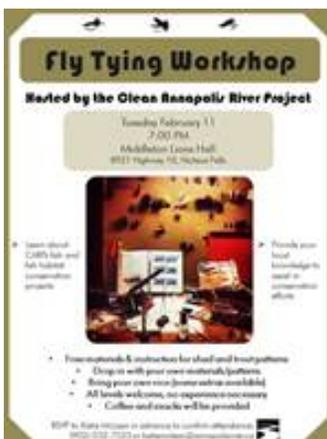
About Clean Annapolis River Project

Clean Annapolis River Project is an environmental NGO that operates throughout the Annapolis River Watershed, with an office in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia. Their mission is to enhance the ecological health of the Annapolis River watershed through science, leadership and community engagement. For more information visit www.annapolisriver.ca

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Click the photo above to open the Sportfishing Survey Results



Trappers Association of Nova Scotia

Trappers Association of Nova Scotia invites all Trappers and Non Trappers to their **Annual Workshop & Convention** at the Royal Canadian Legion River St., Kentville **Feb 27, 28, & Mar 1st, 2014**

Annual Workshop: Thursday Feb 27th & Friday Feb. 28th

General Information:

- \$10.00 Fee for Both Days
- No Pre-Registration Required
- Ladies Auxiliary Meals for Purchase Available:
Thursday Lunch Time, Friday & Saturday Breakfast & Lunch Time
- No Sleeping Arrangements at Legion Anymore!



Convention: Saturday March 1st

- \$2.00 Admission Fee
- **Don't forget your tickets for a Newfoundland Moose Hunt**

Tickets are \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. You will be staying at Moose Creek Lodge - check them out at Moosecreeklodge.com Tickets available at convention or Fred Sweet 90 Walker Rd New Ross B0J 2M0 689-2031

Local Motels

- Slumber Inn, New Minas Exit 12 (902) 681-5000,
- Greenboro Inn - New Minas - 681-3201

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This workshop is not a mandatory part of the Wild Fur Harvester's Education Course (unless you have taken the Fur Harvester Course through Home-study) and does not qualify a participant for their Trappers License, but it will give each participant a wide range of practical "Hands on" experience. The DNR office provides us with animals for you to get hands on experience in every aspect of the fur industry. Thursday you will start the pelt preparation with the skinning, stretching & drying the pelt. Friday covers trap sets, turning the fur and shipping. Many of the Trappers Assoc. of Nova Scotia directors and members will be on hand to assist and pass on any information they can.

Please bring your own knife and apron, if you have them, if not T.A.N.S. will have a few to share. We hope you will come prepared to gain all the experience you can. Saturday is the Annual Convention, the morning is a meet and greet time for everyone, with a pelt competition and many demonstrations going on. There will be trap suppliers, fur buyers, lure supplies and other industry related people present. Late morning the auction will take place, this is the Trappers Association major fundraiser, and donations of new or like new items would be appreciated. The Annual General Meeting goes on in the afternoon and everyone is welcome to attend.

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The NSFah Journal is published monthly, except during hunting season. If you or your club has an article to submit, send along before the 25th of each month to ensure your information is inserted.

We're on the Web!
See us at:
www.nsfah.ca



Are you an angler who has fished the Nictaux?

We want to learn from your experiences and insight...

Fill out our survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LDB2X3B>

Clean Annapolis River Project is currently looking for anglers with past or present knowledge of the Nictaux River to participate in an online survey. The information collected will be used to inform future fish and fish habitat conservation projects.

Paper copies of the survey are available by request. If you are interested in setting up a meeting to share your experience please contact us.

For more information contact:
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CARP is looking for current and historic information on the Nictaux sub-watershed, in order to inform future restoration and conservation efforts.

In addition to the Nictaux River, the sub-watershed includes many other lakes, rivers and streams; some of these include: Big Molly Upsim Lake, McGill Lake, Scragg Lake, Waterloo Lake and River, Shannon River, Zwickers Lake, Oake's Brook, Trout Lake, Beals Brook, East Branch Brook and East Lake.

Anglers are invited to share their experiences with CARP either by filling out an online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LDB2X3B> or by meeting with staff to discuss their past or present experience.



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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