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and a whole lot more!**



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## Important Changes to Regulations for 2013

The Department of Natural Resources made a number of changes to hunting and trapping regulations which will take effect in 2013. The following is an overview of the significant changes. A complete summary will be provided in the "2013 Nova Scotia Hunting and Fur harvesting Summary of Regulations" to be published this summer, along with the complete text of regulations which will be available on-line. The Wildlife Act and Regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law.

1. The fee for the Wildlife Habitat Stamp has been increased from \$3.15 to \$5.00 to increase the funds available for habitat projects through the Habitat Conservation Fund.

2. The expiry date for the Wildlife Habitat Stamp now aligns with the fiscal year and the annual cycle of all other licences (April 1 to March 31).

3. Two one-week seasons have been added to the existing four one-week seasons in Moose Management Zone 5 (within the Polletts Cove-Aspy Fault Wilderness Area).

4. Hunters of coyotes and other non-protected wildlife may now possess and use a rifle of .23 calibre or less (including centerfire rifles), from October 15 to the end of the season for hunting deer under a General Deer Hunting Stamp (allowing the use of higher calibre, more powerful center fire rifles and ammunition, which had been requested for hunting coyotes during that period). The .22 rim fire only restriction has been removed during period. Rifles of caliber greater than .23 will continue to be permitted for coyote hunting following close of the season for hunting deer under a General Deer Hunting Stamp.

5. The restrictions on the time period for baiting bears for the purpose of hunting or photography have been removed, making those regulations consistent with regulations for placing bait for snaring bears and hunting deer and other wildlife; with its removal there is no longer a need for a special permit to bait for photography purposes prior to Aug 1.

View the entire summary of changes at:

<http://novascotia.ca/natr/hunt/2013-changes.asp>

## Biodiversity Day - Saturday July 20, 2013

Celebrate Parks Day by learning about the biodiversity in NS. Drop in and find out how many species are in and around Shubenacadie Wildlife Park. Do you know why differences in living things are important? You will after you visit us! There will be scavenger hunts, guided nature walks and pond exploration.

### **Did you know?**

--On average, Osprey successfully catch a fish once out of every 4 dives and the average time spent hunting before making a catch is 12 minutes.

--Mosquitos use exhaled carbon dioxide, body odours and temperature to hone in on their prey.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Auction

The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters will be hosting its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raising Dinner and Auction on Wednesday September 11, 2013. It will be held again at the historic St. Mary's Boat Club, 1641 Fairfield Road, Halifax, off Jubilee Road, starting at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.



The Federation is a strong proponent of wildlife and fish conservation in Nova Scotia. Since 1930 it has sought to represent the interests of Anglers and Hunters throughout the province. This amounts to over 120,000 hunters and anglers. The Federation is comprised of 30 associations across Nova Scotia.

The Federation could use your support in a few of ways. One is by providing a gift for our raffle/auction which we will hold during the evening in order to raise funds for the Federation's conservation work.

Two you can help by purchasing a ticket and coming out for night of great food and fun. Bring a group of 8 and have you own table. Individual tickets are \$40.00 and a table of 8 is \$300.00 no change from last year and you can pass this e-newsletter

## Farin - Hickman Award

At the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters Annual General Meeting the awards committee announced that they had selected a winner of the Fair – Hickman award but the name of the winner would be withheld until arrangements could be made to present the award. The presentation took place on June 26.

The Fair – Hickman Award is named after two distinguished past presidents of the Federation, Mr. Hugh Fair and Mr. Joe Hickman. They donated the award and set out the terms for awarding it. The award itself is a Male Bufflehead Duck carved by J. D. Kimber.

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET  
NOVA SCOTIA  
FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS**

***Fundraising Auction***

*Getting better every year!!!*

 <p style="text-align: center;">Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers &amp; Hunters</p>	<p>Wednesday September 11, 2013 Opening: 6:00 PM Dinner: 7:30 PM St. Mary's Boat Club 1641 Fairfield Road Halifax, NS</p> <p>Single Tickets \$40 Table of Eight \$300</p> <p>Visit our web site at <a href="http://www.nsfah.ca">www.nsfah.ca</a></p> <p style="font-size: small;"><i>NSFAH is dedicated to the conservation, preservation and propagation of wildlife and natural habitat in Nova Scotia.</i></p>
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**For more information or for tickets, please call:  
Tony Rodgers at 477-8898 or Email: [tonyrodders@eastlink.ca](mailto:tonyrodders@eastlink.ca)**

around to your list to help spread the word of our dinner. We accept Visa and Master Card, cheques and cash.

For tickets contact the Federation's office at 477-8898. If you have a raffle items we will make arrangements to pick them up.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. The names of the donors will be displayed in the evening's program. We look forward to your reply.

Tony Rodgers  
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**Executive Director Tony Rodgers and President Wilf Woods present Fair - Hickman Award to Premier Darrell Dexter**

It is awarded annually to the Nova Scotia legislator who has demonstrated the highest level of support for Conservation of Wildlife Habitat during the past calendar year.

In recognition of his leadership in the purchase of what are known as the Bowater lands; A vast resource that will now be held in trust by Government for the use and enjoyment of all Nova Scotians, The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters presented the Fair - Hickman award for 2012 to Premier Darrell Dexter.

Congratulations!

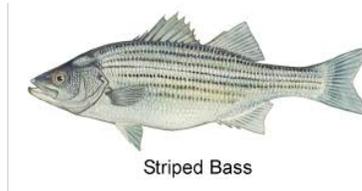
## Striped Bass Anglers Association of Nova Scotia

The Striped Bass Anglers Association of Nova Scotia (SBAANS) was formed in 2009 by fishers passionate about the protection and conservation of Striped Bass in Nova Scotia. The group provides an active voice and representation to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) concerning issues of regulation changes. SBAANS members attend Striped Bass fishing derbies and outdoor markets where they provide awareness and education materials to anglers, information about conservation, and advocate for safe fishing practices. Visit our website at [www.sbaans.ca](http://www.sbaans.ca)!"

### 2013 Executive

Art Redden, President  
Trevor Avery, Secretary  
Greg Carter, Treasurer  
Chris VanSlyke, Director  
Darren Porter, Director  
Jim Duston, Director  
Paul Stephenson, Director

As well, we run a research group called the "Striped Bass Research Team" and a website dedicated to providing research focused information on striped bass, [www.stripedbass.ca](http://www.stripedbass.ca).



Striped Bass

On that website is an Angler Survey. Please feel free to fill it out. A brief description is "The angler survey is meant to gather information on fishing practices, fisher/angler engagement, fishing locations and gear, research/science awareness, and fishing costs (economics). It covers many areas and is important to provide feedback to regulatory agencies, researchers, and the public on your perspectives and what you deem to be important with regard to striped bass fishing."



*Striped Bass Anglers  
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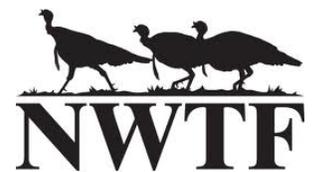
*Membership fee  
\$10.00 per year*

## NWTF Habitat Project



NWTF helping farmers in NS with donated seed for farmers to plant. Here's 16 acres of corn planted near Truro Nova Scotia. NWTF Canada are helping farmers and farmers are helping our wildlife. Deer, pheasants, bears, raccoons and lots of other wildlife will benefit by the cover and food it provides.

Many thanks to Scotian-Gold for the seed donation.



## Canadian Jakes in Maine

Eleven Canadian JAKES members from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and their families participated in the inaugural International Jakes Camp, a four-day event held at Point Sebago Resort, Maine, which opened its gates prior to their official Spring Turkey season opener to provide cabins and meeting facilities for the group.

While many states hold JAKES hunts in the spring and fall, this event offered these youths something they couldn't do at home — hunt turkeys.

Neither province has a strong enough turkey population to support a hunting season. The provincial governments are leery of reintroducing turkeys that were extirpated generations ago because of skepticism that wild turkeys were native to that region, and reintroduction has become a hot political topic during provincial elections. Only a few hours south, turkey populations are booming and provide excellent hunting opportunities on millions of acres of public/private land in Maine. Non-posted land is considered public land in Maine, so hunter-accessible land is abundant. NWTF Maine State Chapter president Robb Cotiaux, 2010 NWTF Roger Latham Award winner, coordinated with others on the state board, including Wescott, 2012 Latham Award winner, and directors in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to put together an event that would allow these youths to hunt turkeys for the first time. Cotiaux had the idea after remembering a Penn's Woods turkey camp he attended in the early 1980s, where he learned about turkey hunting. The JAKES weekend began with an orientation program prior to the hunt. Gibson Award winning call-maker

Niles Oesterle, owner of Eight-Hooter Calls near St. Louis, Mo., discussed the role owl vocalizations play in locating wild turkey gobblers in the spring. He also demonstrated how to use an owl hooter and a box call, giving the kids an opportunity to try the owl calls he gave them. Oesterle also donated a "Special Reserve Grade" box call that was raffled to raise money to support the event. The raffle raised \$800, and volunteer Lisa Godin claimed the prize.

"The sounds produced by our neophyte callers on the first day were, as expected, not the best," admitted Oesterle. "By the opening day of the youth hunt, however, all participants were capable of calling in a gobbler." Regional champion turkey caller Nick Smith advised them to take the temperature of a gobbler before calling loudly to him. "You can tell if a bird is hot or cold by how he responds to your calls," he said. Smith talked to the participants about turkey calls, when to use specific sounds and what the sounds mean. A professional forester, Smith has spent 23 years chasing turkeys as a guide and hunter in Maine. He also explained proper shot placement and tracking techniques for the two bow-hunting youths in the crowd. Additional lessons included identifying turkey sign, hunting dust bowls and other scouting techniques by Bruce White and Wescott; Turkey Hunting 101 by NWTF Regional Biologist Grant Mecozzi; gun safety from Nova Scotia Chapter president Gary Marlborough; and careers in wildlife biology from Mark Caron, a wildlife biologist with the Maine Department Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

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**The Call of the Wild Awaits**

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## EXCLUSIVE EDITION MATRIX 380 CRT FOR CHARITY

### Beginning July 01

Kayla Baker, daughter of Frank Baker who works at Excalibur's factory as a machine operator is much like any 15 year old except that she has more strength, courage and inspiration than most adults.

Kayla was admitted to SickKids Hospital in Toronto on March 13 and was surviving on a machine that provided life support because her lungs were failing, diagnosed at age 11 with Pulmonary Fibrosis, a rare disease causing the stiffening of the lungs. This disease is the consequence of chemotherapy she received when she battled cancer, starting at the age of 18 months old. While on a 2 year waiting list for a double lung transplant she began a long relationship with SickKids Hospital. Kayla has become a young ambassador for The Hospital for Sick Children's SickKids Foundation as well working to promote the issue of organ and tissue donations, joining organizations like Local Life Donation Awareness Association. Kayla's wish has been to raise \$50,000 for the Sick Kids Hospital.



Excalibur Crossbow Inc, is excited and honored to announce that they have created an exclusive edition Matrix 380 CRT that will be auctioned for Kayla, who has become an ambassador for the Hospital for Sick Children's SickKids Hospital.

All proceeds will go towards the charities of Kayla's choice.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

1. Participate in the Live Auction on E-Bay, July 01.
2. Send along a donation to the NSACH, noting Kayla Baker as the recipient.
3. Donate online at [www.runalung.ca](http://www.runalung.ca)

Any donations sent through to the NSACH will be forwarded on the SickKids hospital on your behalf by July 15, 2013.



Bidding Starts at \$100.00  
Auction ends July 10th at 7pm

Join the NSACH before July 15 and we will donate \$5.00 and match on your behalf



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Youth day opened on Saturday and the teams hit various woodlots around the county, but no one tagged a tom by the noon cut off.

"Turkey hunting is really fun," Georgia said. "The woods are my favorite place. Hunting with Dad and seeing how he acts in the woods was something — I'd never seen him act like that before." Georgia and her dad didn't connect with a bird during the Monday hunt, either, but two others did. Spencer Shebib, 12, of Millville, Nova Scotia, took a Jake for his first bird, and Anthony Rae, 14, of Brookfield, Nova Scotia, killed a tom.

"I hope the camps spread across the United States," Cotiaux said. He also hopes these youths will someday grow up to mentor someone else. "It is the greatest achievement I have been involved with at NWTF," he explained. "Three Latham award winners [Terry Smith, 2013 winner from Nova Scotia, Cotiaux and Wescott] and a Gibson Award winner at one event with a mission to bring the kids into the tradition of the spring."

Contact NWTF today, for more information.

**Bluenose Longbeards Chapter, NWTF**  
<http://www.nwtf.org>

## Deer Chops in a Hurry

You will need:

2 pounds deer chops (venison)  
1 cup ketchup  
1/2 cup water  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1/2 cup packed brown sugar  
1 (1 ounce) envelope dry onion soup mix

Directions:

Thinly slice the deer chops and brown them in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Transfer the meat to a slow cooker. Mix in the ketchup, water, onion, brown sugar, and dry onion soup mix. Cook on LOW for 6 hours or until tender. If you want to cook it in a roaster, bake at 350 degrees F, for 1 hour.

Serve with your favorite side dish.



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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**