



NSFAH Journal

March 2012

2012 Annual General Meeting

82nd Annual Convention & Meetings
of the

Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters

Anglers & Hunters – The Building Blocks of Sustainable Wildlife

March 23, 24, 25, 2012

Days Inn & Conference Centre

50 North Street, Bridgewater, NS

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday March 23, 2012

Registration	3 PM to 8 PM
Official Opening	6 PM to 8 PM
Presidents Reception	8 PM to 9 PM
Hospitality Room (Sponsored by Labatt Breweries)	9 PM to Close

Saturday March 24, 2012

Breakfast	
Speaker, Don Maclean, Inland Fisheries	7 AM to 8:15 AM
Workshops	
Mammals, Fish & Birds, Miscellaneous	8:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Lunch	
Speaker, Sara Jane Snook DM Environment	11:45 AM to 1:15 PM
Resolutions	
Same Rooms as workshops	1:30 PM to 3 PM
Special Workshop	
Rod Cumberland, NB Deer Biologist, Big Buck Hunter will present his Findings based on combination of Traditional lore and biology.	3 PM to 4:30 PM
Cocktails	5:30 PM to 6 PM
Awards Banquet	
Speaker: Honourable Peter MacKay Minister of Defense	6:00 PM
Hospitality Room, Labatt Breweries	10 PM to close

Sunday March 25, 2012

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

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...and a whole lot
more.

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that simple!



Nova Scotia Outdoor Sports & RV Show

March 09-11, 2012

Hours

Fri Mar 9-10 am - 9 pm
Sat Mar 10-10am – 8 pm
Sun Mar 11-10am – 5 pm

Admission

Adult \$9.00
Senior \$6.00
Children (5 – 15 yrs) \$6.00
Children 4 and under Free
Family Rate \$25.00 Note:
includes max.
2 adults with
min. 2 children

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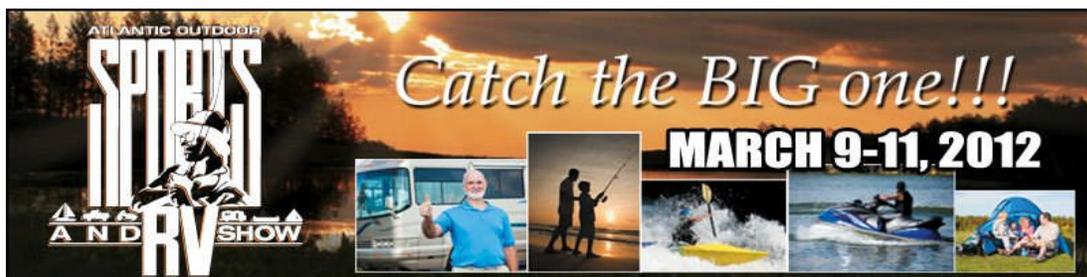
At the 29th Annual Atlantic Outdoor Sports & RV Show you will find the entire outdoor sports and RV world under one roof. If it has anything to do with the great outdoors, we have it!

Visitors to the show know that the Atlantic Outdoor Sports & RV Show offers the best of the outdoors including entertainment for the entire family. There are sport-fishing and fly fishing manufacturers displaying and demonstrating the latest equipment. Hunting gear for every interest; from bow

hunting and backpacking to ATV's and the latest ultra-modern outdoor equipment. Visitors learn from the outdoor experts how to make the most of their outdoor adventure experience. Drop by the Crosman Air Gun Booth or the NSFAH Information booth and say hello.

How to get to the show.

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.



Hants West Wildlife Association

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Get Together

Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 1:00 PM

596 Bog Road, Falmouth, NS



This invitation is extended to existing members, new members and anyone wishing to learn more about the programs HWWA delivers.

Stop in and say hello, discuss our existing programs, bring your own ideas along for discussion.

We hope to see you this Saturday afternoon.

Programs HWWA currently delivers

- ✓ Learn 2 Fish Program
- ✓ Nesting Box Program
- ✓ Woodland Restoration Program
- ✓ Fish Friends Program
- ✓ Annual Ice Fishing Event
- ✓ Canadian Firearms Safety Course
- ✓ Atlantic Provinces Hunter Education Course
- ✓ Stocking of Rainbow & Brook Trout
- ✓ Annual Trout Fry Release Day

Trappers Association of Nova Scotia

Annual Workshop & Convention
at the
Royal Canadian Legion
River Street, Kentville, NS
March 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2012

Workshops on Thursday March 1st and Friday March 2nd
NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$10 fee for both days.

Convention starts at 8:00 AM Sharp on Saturday.



Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources

Have you seen bats out recently flying in the daytime?

If you have, NS Department of Natural Resources would like to know about your sightings.

Recently White-Nose Syndrome (caused by the fungus *Geomyces destructans*) was found in Nova Scotia bat populations. This causes them to come out of their hibernation state and burn excessive energy to keep warm.

As a result they are often seen flying during the day and as a result they often perish of starvation.

You can help! Reporting sightings of day flying bats will help NSDNR and academic researchers track the impact of White-Nose Syndrome in our province.

Find your local office at this link:

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp>

West Pictou Wildlife Association

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12th Annual

Gun Show

April 14th & 15th, 2012

Admission is \$5.00

Come out and celebrate the 12th West Pictou Gun Show



*Lots of great guns.
Lots of great deals.
Lots of great people.*

New Location

***Northumberland Regional High School
104 Alma Road
Alma, Pictou County, NS***

Contact Ken at 902-396-3403

Or

Don at 902-485-8107

For more information.



The Nova Scotia Big Game Society was established in 1988 and is a non-profit voluntary society dedicated to the preservation and conservation of big game in Nova Scotia. The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia maintains record books that are issued approximately every 5 years. They contain the official scorers records on Moose, Bear, typical and non-typical Deer. The NSBGS also participate in the Big Game Youth Hunter Scholarship Program where they sponsor candidates in their pursuit of outdoor life skills and the required safety courses through the Provincial and Federal Agencies.

The Big Game Society of Nova Scotia

24th Annual Big Game Show

March 09-11, 2012

**At The Atlantic Outdoor Sports & RV Show
Exhibition Park, NS**

Over \$800 Worth of Draw Prizes

Awarded by Boone & Crocket Measuring

100 Feet of Awesome Displays!

Deer Antlers – Moose Antlers – Shed Antlers – Bear Skulls

Entry fee is \$5 per trophy

Free Admission to RV Show with Antlers.

All entries must be registered by 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 10, 2012.

For more information, please visit www.biggamesociety.com

Black Bear Hibernation

Knowing black bear hibernation habits is useful to anyone who hunts them or is just interested in these creatures.

Hibernation is the ability of these animals to slow down their metabolisms and go into a restful mode during the winter, which is a time of low food supply. Raccoons, skunks, chipmunks, hamsters, bats, bears and some other creatures have the ability to hibernate.

Black bears can hibernate for as long as five or six months in some areas. Those bears located in the colder northern areas hibernate longer than those in the warmer south. These bears go through a series of phases every year that lead to hibernation.

In midsummer, when the berries and other plants begin producing fruit, the bears start eating large quantities. They can eat up to 20,000 kcal per day while fattening up for winter, in comparison to their normal 5,000 to 8,000 kcal during their active season.

Black bear hibernation cannot begin successfully unless the bear has gone through a transition period. They will eat less, but drink a lot of water to help clean out their systems.

They will find a **den** of some sort to call their own. This could be a small cave, a hole in a tree, a hollow between rocks, or even just a pile of leaves and branches on the ground.

Dens offer very little insulation. The bear relies on their layer of fat and their thick coat to stay warm. The importance of the den is to offer some protection from predators. They are rarely much larger than the bear itself.

They will begin to rest 22 or more hours out of the day. The heart rate lowers in black bear hibernation, changing from 80 to 100 beats per minute to 50 to 60 beats per minutes.

The following is happening during hibernation: the heart beat continues to decrease to 8 to 21 beats per minute, breathing slows until they are taking approximately one breath every 45 seconds and blood flow to the extremities is reduced by 45%

Some bears are difficult to rouse during hibernation. Mother bears with cubs are in a lighter state of sleep, so the mother bear can attend to her cubs needs.



Whitetail Management in Nova Scotia

Tony Rodgers and I had a conference call on the 28th of Feb with Bob Petrie, Director of the Wildlife Division, Mike O'Brien, Manager of Sustainable Wildlife Use and Peter MacDonald, Large Mammal Biologist of the Department of Natural Resources. This call was a continuation of the ongoing discussions and subsequent questions raised by our members regarding the management of the whitetail deer herd.

Over the past year, DNR has been partnering with outside academics to conduct a deeper analysis of harvested species data that will better inform future wildlife harvesting policies. This work started with furbearers, however DNR hopes to continue this same approach with whitetail deer harvesting. This is part of their ongoing work to adapt and improve management models to reflect current knowledge about how multiple factors combine to influence the health of the whitetail deer herd.

This work will help inform their review of the assumptions, factors and methodology that have been used for the past 20 years to assess the size and health of the herd, and set harvest numbers and policy.

We also discussed the issue of better communication of these factors to the hunters of the Province to ensure a full understanding of how and why decisions are made. We discussed the role the Federation could play in developing and delivering these messages.

DNR has committed to keeping us advised of the progress of their review and discussing their findings to allow us to provide feedback on behalf of the hunting community during the development process. To begin this process Peter MacDonald will present a review of the current process and some insights into where and how their review will proceed to the Mammals Room at our AGM.

As the Review progresses we will keep you updated via the NSFAH Journal and our web site www.nsfah.ca

We must all work together to ensure future generations enjoy the right to Fish, Hunt, Trap or otherwise enjoy the wildlife resources of Nova Scotia. **Together we can make it happen!**

Wilf Woods
President
NSFAH



New Online Hunter Education Course Available

New hunters in Nova Scotia can now go online to take a required hunter education course. The interactive course provides improved training, greater convenience, and is easier to follow. The new process is made simpler by the web-based, interactive course and tests that are completed and submitted online. A new hunter taking the online course must appear in person at a government office only when writing the final exam.

Hunters can now also pay for and obtain their Nova Scotia wildlife resources card online or through phone options. The card certifies that the hunter successfully completed the hunter education course and allows the hunter to apply for a hunting license.

The hunter must also have a federally-regulated license to acquire and use a firearm. The fee for the wildlife resources card is \$7.14.

The new online hunter education course is available for those who are at least 14 years of age, and up.

Future hunters will have the option of the new online course or the classroom course that is currently being offered around the province.

12 & 13 year old participants will be required to participate in the classroom course only.

Check out the main NS DNR website for more information.



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See us at:

www.nsfah.ca

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Interested in becoming a member of the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters? Now, with *PayPal*, it's a whole lot easier. Simply head over to the Federation website, click the *PayPal* button then simply follow the prompts. It really is that easy.

Online Memberships

Become a member by completing our [Online Registration Form](#). Adobe Acrobat required.

Purchase Memberships

Individual \$20.00 CAD

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To support our conservation work on behalf of the Anglers, Hunters and Trappers of Nova Scotia

Volunteers needed during the Outdoor Sports & RV Show, March 09-11. Contact Tony if you have some time to volunteer at the main NSFAH info booth or over at the Crosman Air Gun Booth.



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March 12 & 13 – Middle Musquodoboit

March 15 & 16 – McGowan Lake

Congratulations!

The 2012 Youth Hunting Camps are full.

Have fun and be safe.

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

Lunenburg County Wildlife Association
Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters
Nova Scotia Guides Association
Nova Scotia Houndsmen Association
Nova Scotia Bear Hunters Association
Port Morien Wildlife Association
Queens County Fish and Game Association
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