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...and a whole lot more.



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Closed Containment Finfish Aquaculture

At the June 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Wildlife Federation I tabled a resolution seeking the support of the CWF to advocate for a transition to closed containment finfish aquaculture. That resolution was adopted.

The CWF will initiate an information program to inform its 600,000 members and donors of the negative issues associated with open pen finfish aquaculture. In addition CWF will work in cooperation with the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the Wildlife Federations of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia to advocate for a transition to "closed containment finfish aquaculture".

The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters is not opposed to aquaculture. In fact our conservation policy recognizes the role aquaculture plays in supplementing or replacing the traditional supply of food fish from the commercial fishery. The growing human population and falling stocks of wild fish dictate that we create alternate sources of supply and aquaculture is one answer.

However, the Federation recognizes that open pen finfish aquaculture poses a risk in the marine environment and to many species including wild fish stocks, through such issues as the spread of disease, parasites, pollution, as well as the dilution of genetic pools of wild fish due to the escape of farmed fish. All of these risks have been documented in numerous scientific

papers on the subject, and in reviews from independent and esteemed scientific bodies such as the [Royal Society of Canada](#).

The primary species for open pen finfish aquaculture is Atlantic Salmon and wild Atlantic Salmon are listed as an "Endangered Species" in the Bay of Fundy and Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) [see their map at here](#).

Compare that COSEWIC map to the one in Nova Scotia's Aquaculture Strategy showing the sites of existing and proposed [open pen finfish aquaculture sites](#). The similarities may be a coincidence but should give pause for sober second thought and scientific exploration before continuing to support expanding open pen finfish aquaculture, especially at sites in close proximity to traditional salmon rivers.

These open pens do not provide a biological barrier between the farmed fish and the environment or wild species. Therefore the Federation is seeking a moratorium on any further expansion or new licensing of open pen finfish aquaculture, and calls for the Governments of Canada and Province of Nova Scotia to work with the aquaculture industry to make a transition from "open pen" to "closed containment aquaculture". Closed containment will provide a biological barrier which will reduce risks associated with the spread of disease, parasites, pollution, and the dilution of

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North American Model for Wildlife Conservation



*Extracted from articles
written by Shane Mahoney
for the Rocky Mountain
Elk Foundation.*

[Click here to see and read
the complete series of
articles.](#)

The time-tested North American Wildlife Conservation Model is the only one of its kind in the world. In the mid-1800s, hunters and anglers realized they needed to set limits in order to protect rapidly disappearing wildlife, and assume responsibility for managing wild habitats. Hunters and anglers were among the first to crusade for wildlife protection and remain some of today's most important conservation leaders.

The model's two basic principles—that our fish and wildlife belong to all North American citizens, and are to be managed in such a way that their populations will be sustained forever—are explained through a set of guidelines known as the “Seven Sisters for Conservation.” The “Seven Sisters” hold the key to wildlife conservation as we know it today.

Sister #1: The Public Trust

In North America, natural resources on public lands are managed by government agencies to ensure that we always have wildlife and wild places to enjoy.

In the United States and Canada, wildlife is not owned by individuals. Instead, federal, state and provincial governments are responsible for managing all wildlife, as well as their habitat on public lands. This public trust gives you and all citizens the opportunity to view, hunt, fish and otherwise enjoy these natural resources.

Two hundred years ago, American colonists appreciated this unfettered access to the continent's abundant wildlife. Back in Europe in many cases, only nobility and the very wealthy were allowed to hunt. In 1842, the U.S. Supreme Court set a legal precedent by supporting the American ideal that wildlife belongs to everyone.

Sister #2: Prohibition of Commerce on Dead Wildlife.

Conservation laws and their strong enforcement in the United States and Canada saved wildlife from slaughter.

Because we all own wildlife, it is illegal in North America to sell the meat of any wild animal. In some cases the hides, teeth, antlers and horns of game animals and the hides of a select few furbearers may be sold.

However, buying and selling meat, hides, feathers and other wild animal parts was a huge business in the latter half of the 1800s. Excessive hunting severely depleted bison, egrets and elk, and drove other species, such as the passenger pigeon, to extinction. Strong laws written at the turn of the 20th century restricted market hunting and the buying and selling of some wild animals, which allowed many threatened wildlife species to rebound and thrive.

Sister #3: Democratic Rule of Law

You can help make laws to regulate hunting and fishing and conserve wildlife.

Every citizen of the United States and Canadian has the right to help create laws to conserve and manage wild animals and their habitats. Government agencies that manage our natural resources provide citizens with public forums to share ideas and opinions about wildlife and habitat. Citizens can also vote for or against ballot measures that impact wildlife.

Although many of the early 20th-century conservationists wanted to protect wildlife, many still wanted to hunt, fish and enjoy wild places. They established laws that regulated those activities. Today, federal, state and provincial game wardens check hunting licenses and tags to make sure people are hunting in permitted areas and only taking the quarry allowed by law. [Read more here.](#)

Shelburne County Fish & Game Association

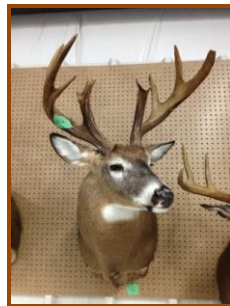
Shelburne Fish & Game held their second antler night on the 16th of June and once again the result was impressive. Over 200 people attended the dinner and awards presentation, including the local MLA Sterling Belliveau and local MP Gerald Keddy.

Those wishing to have their rack scored by the Big Game Society of Nova Scotia brought them to the curling club early and anyone wishing to attend and view the display paid \$5.00. Those wishing to attend the dinner paid \$20.00 and in addition to the awards ceremony were entertained by local comedians.

There were in excess of 200 racks & mounts, an impressive turn out given that this is the second year in a row for the event. Shelburne tells me they intend to take a year or two off to allow for a new crop of antlers to build up.

Awards were presented by random draw of entrants and by “people’s choice”

where each person got to vote for the best deer and the best moose presentation. (Photos by: M.E. Fifield)



Shelburne Fish & Game has offered to provide advice to any other club wishing to mount a similar event in their area. Contact the Federation for more information.

Hants West Wildlife Association

The Hants West Wildlife Association partnered with the National Wild Turkey Federation to bring 14 grade 10 students and their teacher to the Akins Marsh area of Hants County for some expert advice on grafting wild apple trees. This is all part of a wildlife habitat restoration project HWWA has been working on, with youth, for several years.

Students were broken up into groups of two with each group having to perform a grafting on their own – nothing like hands on experience for learning!

Having youth involved in an activity such as this provides an opportunity for youth to gain knowledge, experience and appreciation of our natural world.

The students will have a chance to check their grafting efforts, in a couple of weeks, as they will be returning to perform further work on this habitat project.



HWWA appreciates the conservation & habitat initiatives of the NWTF and thanks NWTF for sponsoring this great day in the woods.



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genetic pools of wild fish due to the escape of farmed fish.

The position of the Nova Scotia Government regarding aquaculture is evident from their recently released Aquaculture Strategy and the announcement of \$25 Million dollars in support for Cook Aquaculture. Although their strategy recognizes that there may be problems with the current aquaculture methods, it espouses a large scale expansion of the industry while these problems are explored. We believe a more prudent approach would be a go very slow approach, with much more emphasis on scientific research of alternate methods, such as closed containment finfish aquaculture, is pursued.

Wilf Woods
President, Nova Scotia Federation of
Anglers & Hunters

There's potential for an additional \$4 million to be forgiven, based on research and development.

Traditional Archers of NS

The Traditional Archers Association of Nova Scotia Shoot will be held on July 7th and 8th this year out at Scotian Bowmen Archery Club, in Oakfield.

Camping on site is available. No compound bows for the TAANS shoot.



There is a silent auction, milk jug shoot and other novelties with great door prizes as always.

Hope to see you there!

Contact [John W.](#), for more information.

Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia

The Bowhunters Association of Nova Scotia will be holding its 28th annual BANS Bang-up on July 21 & 22, 2012.

This years' event, a full Two-day 3D shoot, 2 rounds each, 18 targets per round, will be held at Scotian Bowmen Archery Club, Oakfield, NS.

Registration begins at 8:30AM on Saturday with the first round of shooting beginning at 9:30AM sharp.

FREE Camping available on site with portable toilets available.

Challenging fun shoots for youth and for adults will take place Saturday, following the second round of shooting.

Glow-in-the-dark shoot Saturday evening.

Go to <http://www.bans.ca> for more information.



28th Annual BANS BANG-UP

July 21st & 22nd



SCOTIAN BOWMAN ARCHERY CLUB, OAKFIELD

- Two-day 3D shoot; 2 rounds each; 18 targets per round
- Registration: 8:30 a.m. - Shooting begins @ 9:30 a.m.
- FREE Camping available on site – portable toilets
- Cost: BANS Members: \$25.00 Non Members \$30.00
Or, \$15.00 per day
- Lunch available each day at a cost of \$5.00 per person
- Door prizes
- 50 / 50 draw each day
- Challenging fun shoots for youth and for adults will take place Saturday, following the second round of shooting
- Glow-in-the-dark shoot Saturday evening
- Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters inscribed Grohmann Knife will be the prize for one of the fun shoots

This is a BANS sanctioned activity
FCA rules do not apply

NSFAH Fundraising Banquet & Dinner

The Nova Scotia Federation of anglers and Hunters will hold its **8th Annual Fundraising Banquet** on Wednesday September 12th, 2012, at St. Mary's Boat Club, 1641 Fairfield Rd., Halifax.

Live and silent auction items will be available to bidders. Doors open at 6 pm and dinner is served at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$40.00 single and a table for 8 - \$300.00.

You can purchase your tickets by going to the Federation's web site www.nsfah.ca click the "Donate" button and enter in the amount for the tickets or tables required or contact Tony Rodgers at 477-8898.

To help the Federation, anyone with auction items can call Tony to arrange pick up.

Thank You for your support.

Bluenose Longbeards - NWTF

Bluenose Long Beards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will be holding its 10th Annual Dinner and Auction at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch, Bedford, NS, on July 13th, 2012. Doors open at 6:00PM with the dinner getting underway at 7:30PM.

- ✓ Silent and live auction
- ✓ Door prizes and raffles

Tickets are available. Prices as follows:
 Single \$50 includes yearly membership.
 Couples \$65 includes 1 yearly membership
 Youth \$25 includes Jakes membership (bring the kids -- its a great event)
 Corporate tables and sponsorships available.

8 guns and 1 Excalibur Crossbow to be won.

Many many prints and other items.

Contact Terry Smith 497-1611
 Email: tsmith@toalltech.com

NSACH Membership Drive for 2012

Pay now with **PayPal**

Nova Scotia Association of Crossbow Hunters



Win a Trail Camera

Draw date: September 28, 2012

2012 Membership Drive 

Spy Point Tiny-W
Wireless Infrared Trail Camera



8MP Infrared Digital Surveillance Camera

Features

- User friendly
- Low battery indicator
- Kit includes: Black-box (receiver), strap, USB, video cables and user manual

Trail Camera donated by Hnatiuks Hunting & Fishing Supplies, Lantz, Nova Scotia. Big thanks go out to Jim, Doug and the entire staff!



The Rules Are Simple:

Every new member or renewal will have 1 ballot for the draw.
 Current members who sponsor a new member will get 3 ballots for the draw.
 Just write your name on the new member application to be eligible for the draw. It's that easy.

Send in completed applications before the draw date to be eligible to win. Applications can be printed from the main NS Crossbow website or use PayPal to complete the application process right now.

Go to www.nsach.ca for more information

2012 Moose Draw Lottery

The 2012 Moose Draw lottery was held on June 26, 2012 in Cape Breton.

[Go here](#) to see if you were selected to participate in the CB moose hunt this fall.



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See us at:
www.nsfah.ca

The Trading Post – New Feature

The Trading Post is a free service offered by The Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters through its monthly electronic newsletter, The NSFAH Journal. The Trading Post acts solely as a communications link between Buyers & Sellers and is not responsible for any agreements reached between Buyers & Sellers, nor is it in any way responsible for the quality, condition or price of goods offered.

The Federation reserves the right to accept or reject any ad at the discretion of the Federation. Ads will not be accepted from commercial operators.

Only goods & equipment related to hunting, fishing, trapping and enjoyment of outdoor recreational activities will be accepted. Buyers & Sellers are responsible for complying with any Federal, Provincial or Municipal law that is applicable to the goods in the transaction.

If you would like to place an ad in future issues of the NSFAH Journal, send a brief description of the item and your contact information by e-mail to: wilfredwoods@eastlink.ca

Use the title "Trading Post" in the subject line of the e-mail. Ad must be received at least 5 days before the 1st of the month of publication.

For Sale:
Hanging metal tree stand \$40.00
contact wilfredwoods@eastlink.ca

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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
Scotian Longbeards Association, 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