



2012 Zone 5 Moose Hunt

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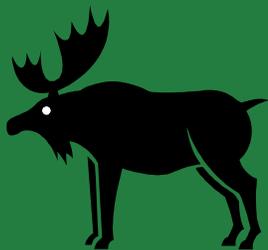
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As I'm sure all the moose hunters in the Province are aware the annual moose draw has not yet been started. A visit to the DNR site will reveal that they are awaiting Regulatory changes to define the boundaries of Zone 5, the number of tags that will be allotted to Zone 5 and the seasons for Zone 5. These changes are expected any day and will be announced on our web site ASAP. The eligibility period to enter the draw will remain open as long as possible

The draw will be held **Tuesday, June 26th at 11:00am at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Center and will be live streamed on the Federation Website for anyone who can't get to the draw (look for an announcement and a link in the "Events" section of our web site as the date approaches www.nsfah.ca)** Tags will be drawn in the normal manner for all Zones and all seasons.

The boundaries issue seems simple enough as zone 5 will be the area defined as the Aspy Fault / Pollets Cove Wilderness Area. That fact must however be confirmed in law before decisions can be made regarding the allocation of tags.

Regarding the allocation of tags it must be emphasized that there will not be any new tags, the total will remain 355 for all zones and all seasons. Tags for zone 5 will be reallocated from Zone 1 because the new Zone 5 is located wholly within the old boundaries of Zone 1.

The tag allocations for Zones 2, 3 & 4 will remain the same as in previous years. I expect, based on previous harvest data, to see between 60 and 80 tags allocated to Zone 5. This will support the traditional harvest in that area and can be accommodated without overcrowding the area with hunters.

During the past two seasons Zone 5 has had 4, one week, seasons, two non-motorized and two motorized. I expect that DNR will propose 4 one week non motorized seasons for zone 5 for 2012 and beyond. This will recognize the need for new non motorized assistance in harvesting and removing a moose from this very challenging terrain. Dividing the tags between 4 seasons will also ensure that the area is not over crowded with the additional people and equipment required to hunt and remove a moose. 2012 will be a challenge for the non motorized hunt in Zone 5. The only things changing are that it will be non-motorized for all hunts in that zone. . The results of this years hunt will have significant influence on the evolution of future hunts in Zone 5.

The Federation will continue to work with DNR / DOE to ensure the rights and interests of all Nova Scotia hunters are given priority consideration in the evolution of the Zone 5 hunt and we will keep you posted on any developments through our web site and this newsletter.

**Wilf Woods
President
Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers
& Hunters**

Talking Turkey In Canada

As turkeys make their way across the Maine-New Brunswick border, some Canadians are pushing for turkey hunting.

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Maine's spring turkey season opens Monday for all hunters. But for sportsmen across the Canadian border, it's a bittersweet reminder of what they don't have.

Since state biologist and sportsmen with the National Wild Turkey Federation reintroduced turkeys here in the 1980s, Maine's flock has proliferated and spread well beyond where anyone imagined including across the New Brunswick border.

Now, with birds crossing into Canada between Calais and Houlton, Canadian hunters want their own turkey population and spring hunt, and are taking steps to get both in New Brunswick.

"Those people are where we were. Their excitement is absolutely amazing," said Rob Cotiaux, president of the National Wild Turkey Federation chapter in Maine.

"I was at a banquet there on Saturday to help raise money for turkeys in the Maritimes. They are wicked excited about it."

Having the birds moving into New Brunswick on their own inspired Canadians this winter to lobby the New Brunswick government to let them bring wild birds to the province, the way sportsmen and biologists did in Maine 30 years ago.

Last week, NWTF chapter presidents met with officials at the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources about their proposal. But Department Minister Bruce Northrup sent the sportsmen away with a list of questions, asking them to find out how the birds will affect crops,

livestock and other wildlife. "The question is, were they here originally? That's the debate," said federation member Leo Moore in Sussex, New Brunswick. "Are we introducing them or reintroducing them?"

"If we do nothing, they will be here in 20 years. We want to help them. I don't know what will happen. All I can tell you is sportsmen who hunt turkeys are giddy with excitement."

Officials at the natural resource department in New Brunswick did not return calls. And some outside the situation aren't sure what Canada should do.

"They're not so sure the turkey population won't be a nuisance. They've really researched this hard, the issues pertaining to disease that livestock might get. But I think the draft plan raised more questions than it answered. I get the impression it's in a holding pattern," said Brad Allen, the bird study leader with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Like officials in the Canadian government, Allen questions the history, and said Maine's historical research indicates that Mt. Desert Island is the farthest eastern point where turkeys existed in colonial times.

He said Canadians must decide if they want turkeys even though turkeys may not have been there before.

"In our mind, we restored them because we once had them.

"Should you be promoting an introduction of a non-native species? But turkeys in Eastern Maine are already in New Brunswick. It's an interesting debate."

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Welcome Aboard!

The Mic Mac Rod & Gun Club has applied for affiliate status with the Federation and will be officially received at the June meeting.

The club was founded in 1952 and established headquarters at Wentzells Lake , Highway #10, Lunenburg County where they have facilities for their monthly meetings and an indoor range which accommodates 22 calibre and centre fire hand guns. The club has 6 Certified Range Officers and requires at least one Office be present during any shoot.

The club currently has 55 members, everyone seeking membership must be sponsored by a current member and if accepted must participate in the club's initiation ceremony, designed as a fun introduction of new members to the club's history and the other members.

Like most Federation clubs Mic Mac is discussing how they might attract younger members to their club and the shooting sports.

Each year Mic Mac Rod & Gun sponsors an antler contest for anyone wishing to enter and offers 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. They also hold an annual " Ham Raffle" fund raiser where tables of 8 play 45's to win hams.

Mic Mac has nominated Scott Sarty as their representative to the Federation Board of Directors and we all look forward to meeting Scott at the June Board meeting and welcoming Mic Mac Rod & Gun Club to the Federation.

Wilf Woods
President
Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers & Hunters



Hants west Wildlife Association

Our Learn 2 Fish schedule, with grade 4 classes, from Hants West School District are below. All L2F fishing will take place at the St Croix pond – the pond next to the ball-fields that can be seen from Hwy 101 just Halifax side of Windsor. Anyone wishing to drop by to see how this program is run is more than welcome.

April 30 – Brooklyn School
 May 01 – Brooklyn School
 May 07 – Falmouth School
 May 08 – Three Mile Plans School
 May 14 – Newport School
 May 15 – Arthur Hines School
 May 22 – Windsor School
 May 28 – Windsor Forks School
 May 29 – Cherry Dill's Youth Group

It's hard to tell who has more fun at these L2F days – the kids or the volunteers.

Also, coming up – HWWA is putting on our hands version of the Hunter Education Course on the weekends of May 5/6, June 2/3 and August 11/12. These Courses include several outdoor activities including shotgun shooting at skeet, map/compass, emergency shelter building, treestand safety/techniques and blood trailing.

The August course is a special one where we partner with other outdoor groups and add rifle shooting, crossbow shooting, bear hunting tactics plus we have a few new surprises/activities that will be added to the mix. For those wishing to come from afar (and several participants do) to participate in these courses there is a Provincial camping park close by if you are interested.

Contact Gary at 902-866-0944
 or Mike at 902-798-3684
 for more information.



Federation Executive Committee for 2012

Federation Board of Directors members are elected each year while attending the Annual General Meeting and shall serve a 1 year term, with the exception of the Executive Director.

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Thanks to each member of the executive for volunteering your valuable time.

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Bob Erikson, a National Wild Turkey Federation biologist in New Jersey who advises federation members in the Maritimes, agreed the debate is complicated.

"There is some resistance. There is no concrete evidence turkeys were there in pre-colonial days," Erikson said. "But now with the mosaic of forest and agriculture, there is more turkey habitat. That's why they're doing so well in Maine."

However, the Canadian hunters' enthusiasm, like the turkeys' migration north, knows no bounds.

Rob Wilson, another federation chapter member in New Brunswick, believes turkey hunting will be introduced there.

He said for years, people in Canada have been raising wild turkeys and letting them go -- supplementing the wild population moving in from Maine.

"I feel there is a very good chance. We have turkeys everywhere. Champlain had them when he stopped his ship in Quebec. He was eating them on St. Croix Island," Wilson contends.

In fact, wild turkeys exist today in every state but Alaska, as well as in Ontario.

And the turkey federation members in New Brunswick are not alone in their turkey love. Their neighbours in Nova Scotia want turkeys, too.

Terry Smith of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been hunting turkeys in Maine for 14 years. He thinks it's time to hunt them out his back door.

"For 13 years we've been trying to do it in Nova Scotia. We're very persistent. We're not giving up. Sooner or later, we'll have turkeys here," Smith said.

For their part, turkey federation members in Maine are rooting for their neighbours to the north.

"We'll do everything we can, offer moral support and advice," Cotiaux said.

And Allen, too, said he will offer technical support, if needed. He just wants the Canadians to be certain they want turkeys if they choose to grow a population there.

"I don't know what Samuel Champlain had for supper. Just because he had some barbecue in 1604 doesn't mean turkeys came from the province. I think it's questionable," Allen said.

By Deirdre Fleming
Staff Writer
The Portland Press Herald



Halifax Wildlife Association

Halifax Wildlife Association presents the 20th Annual McNamara Trout A Rama held on Nova Scotia Sport Fishing Weekend.

Date: Saturday June 2, 2012
Location: Cunard Pond - Williams Lake Rd. (behind Cunard Junior High School, Jollimore)
Time: 9 AM to 2PM (Registration 8 AM to 11AM)

NO LICENSE NEEDED AND NO ENTRY FEE TI"S FREE

Open to all children up to 16 years old. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

FISHING BAG LIMIT OF 5 FISH APPLIES

Rods available and bait supplied (If you have a rod please bring it along)

Trout up to 1.5 Kilograms available

Prizes & Trophies for the largest and most tagged fish

FREE LUNCH ! (Hot Dogs & Drinks)

Bring your children and introduce them to recreational fishing and conservation awareness.

Join us and have a family fun day.

Please note this is a " *Rain or Shine*" event.

For more information on this fun filled day, feel free to contact Bob Blom at 902-477-0178 or 902-499-0338



Canadian Association of Smallmouth Anglers

CASA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2012

ICEBREAKER – Morris Lake

Sunday, May 13, 8:00 AM to 2 PM

Grand Lake

Sunday, July 15 (From Oakfield Park) 7AM to 1 PM

Shortts Lake

Sunday, Aug 19, 7AM to 1PM

Panuke Lake

Sunday Sept 9, 7AM to 2PM

IRONMAN – Grand Lake

Sunday Oct 14, 8AM to 2PM

Boats must have suitable live-well or cooler with aerator. Contact us prior to tournament.
Maximum \$60 per boat.

Check CASA website prior to tournament for scheduling changes and weather related notices.

www.casa-website.com

ALL ANGLERS WELCOME! ALL BOAT TYPES WELCOME!

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Pan Fried Trout With Garlic and Lemon

People from all over North America come to fish for Nova Scotia trout.

This most prized fish with its delicate pink flesh swims the rivers and streams of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia -- but Nova Scotia is the place where the trout are legendary.

Trout's subtle flavor is best left to speak for itself. This recipe's flavors are simple - - garlic, lemon juice and a little butter is all that's required.

The Trout filets are served with buttery mashed potatoes and roasted cherry tomatoes.

Ingredients:

2 x 200 grams trout filets
1 Tbsp of olive oil
2 Tbsp of lemon juice
2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped
1 Tbsp of finely chopped parsley
4 large yellow potatoes, peeled and quartered
1/4 cup of milk
1 Tbsp of butter
1 tsp of sea salt
1 cup of cherry tomatoes
Olive oil for drizzling
Sea salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1/4 tsp of lemon zest

Preparation:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 375F.
2. Place the tomatoes in a baking dish. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle on salt and pepper. Sprinkle on the lemon zest and then cover dish with foil. Roast for 25 minutes.
3. Add the potatoes to a pot of cold water. Boil the potatoes until soft (about 20 minutes.) Drain and then add milk, butter, salt and pepper. Mash well and then cover and set aside.
4. Meanwhile, in a medium fry-pan heat the olive oil over a medium heat. Add the garlic and sauté for 30 seconds. Now, fry the fish skin side down for 5 minutes.
5. Turn the filets over and then fry for two minutes. Turn them over skin side down again and turn off the heat. Squeeze the lemon juice over the filets and add about 2 tsp of butter. Sprinkle on finely chopped parsley. Season with salt and pepper.
6. Serve fish with a side of mashed potatoes and roasted tomatoes.

Do you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with our readers? Please send along your favorite to nsfah@eastlink.ca, and just write Journal in the subject line.

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Archery Association of Nova Scotia
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Bowhunters Instructors Association of Nova Scotia
Bras D'or Wildlife Association

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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
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Scotian Longbeards Association, NWTF
Shelburne County Fish & Game Association

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