


FISH 2006



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Fish commonly angled in New Brunswick



Atlantic/Landlocked Salmon

Brook Trout



Lake Trout

Smallmouth Bass



Chain Pickerel

White Perch



Burbot

Yellow Perch



Pumpkinseed

Brown Bullhead

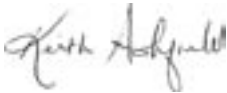


A Message from Natural Resources

We have made several changes to our Fish 2006 publication. I believe it will be easier for you to find the information you need before you go fishing. A copy of these regulations is also available on the web at www.gnb.ca key words Natural Resources.

Please respect the bag-limits and other recreational angling regulations. I also encourage you to wear a life jacket when angling from canoes and boats. Please be safe in and around our waterways.

Thousands of residents and visitors to New Brunswick will take to the waters this year. Please respect the resource and each other. Share your passion for fishing by introducing a young person to this exciting outdoor recreational sport.



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Minister

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Important

This book provides a brief summary of major angling regulations and licence information for the 2006 season. Regulations are subject to change at any time. This book does not cover all the laws contained in federal and provincial acts and regulations. For additional information regarding season dates, bag limits, possession limits, size limits or gear restrictions, contact your local Department of Fisheries and Oceans or Natural Resources office. (See page 39)

Our web address: www.gnb.ca/0078/

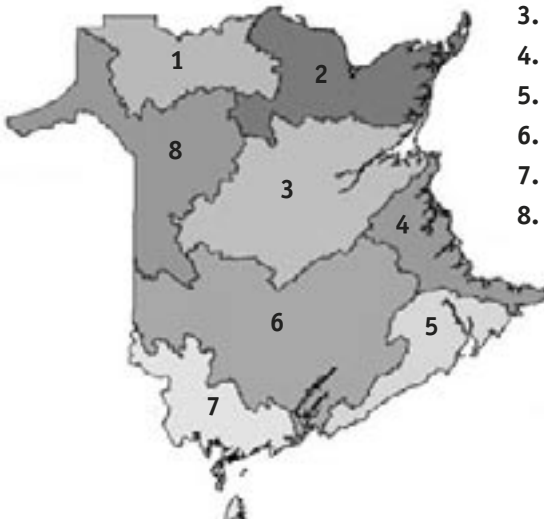
New for 2006

- Quebec's angling licence is now recognized on all border waters of the Restigouche River drainage.
- The Nepisiguit River and California Lake Daily Crown Reserves have new daily bag limits of two trout (See page 8 for details).
- Trolling is now allowed on all Crown Reserve waters.
- The Little Southwest Miramichi River stretch has been removed from Live Release Crown Reserve Waters. This water is now open to residents and non-resident anglers. Live release for all species after July 1.
- On the Shepody River, Albert Co. the trout season now closes September 15 (See page 24).

How to Use this Summary

Six easy steps

1. **Where:** Determine in which Recreational Fishery Area (RFA) you will be fishing (See map below). Go to the section on that RFA.
2. **What Species:** Decide which species you are interested in.
3. **Look Under the Species Name:** to find information on season, bag limit, size limit and exceptions.
4. **Look under Waters Closed to Angling:** Make sure the water where you intend to fish is not closed.
5. **Look under Fly-fishing Only:** Make sure the water is not fly fishing only.
6. **Look under non-sport fish:** for seasons, bag limits and length limits.



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Definitions:

Angling

- Means fishing with a line to which one or more hooks are attached, held in the hand or attached to a rod.

Artificial Fly

- Means a single hook, a double hook or two single hooks dressed with materials likely to attract fish, with no weight, spinning device or natural bait attached.

Boundary Waters

- Boundary waters, are waters forming the boundary between the State of Maine, and/or the Province of Quebec and the Province of New Brunswick.

Bag Limits

- Except for sea-run Atlantic salmon, the possession limit for a particular species is the same as the daily bag limit.

Fly Fishing

- Means to cast and retrieve an unweighted artificial fly attached to an un-weighted line.

Fork Length and Total Length

- Fork length is measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail, used when measuring Atlantic salmon or landlocked salmon.
- Total length is measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail, used when measuring all other fish.

Jigging

- Means manipulating hooks to foul hook a fish in any part of its body instead of its mouth.
- Foul-hooked fish— those fish hooked accidentally in any part of the body except the mouth— must be released unharmed immediately.

Licensed Guides Requirements

- Non-resident anglers require a licensed guide when fishing for sea-run Atlantic salmon, or when angling for any species on Atlantic Salmon Waters after the designated date.
- Non-residents may fish without a guide on Fish New Brunswick Days but require an appropriate licence if sea-run Atlantic salmon will be retained.
- A professional guide (Guide I) is permitted to angle and hook a salmon on behalf of his or her licensed client. The client is considered to have hooked the salmon and may tag the fish, provided it is of legal length. This special tagging provision does not apply to Crown Reserve Waters.
- Professional guides (Guide I) and their clients cannot fish at the same time.

Live Release

- Means capture and immediate release of live fish.

Non-Sport Fish Seasons

- Legal access to non-sport fish species is governed by the season for sport fish on that particular water. If the season for any sport fish is open, then the season is open for non-sport fish. If all sport fish seasons on that water are closed then the non-sport fish season is also closed.

Resident

- a) A person who has resided in the province for a period of six months immediately prior to making an application for a licence.
- b) A person who has resided in the province for a period of two weeks immediately prior to making an application for a licence, where that person was required to take up residence in the province as a result of being transferred to the province by their employer.
- c) A person who is taking educational training of a three-month minimum duration and has been residing in the province for a two-week period immediately prior to making an application for a licence.
- d) A person who resided in the province for a period of six months immediately prior to taking educational training outside the province.
- e) A person who has resided in the province for the purpose of employment for an aggregate period of six months within the last 12 months.
- f) A person who was born in the province and who owns real property in the province.

Sport Fish

- Means sea-run Atlantic salmon, landlocked salmon, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, arctic char, and smallmouth bass.

Trolling

- Means angling with a hook and line that is being drawn through the water by a watercraft propelled by mechanical or manual means.

Fly Fishing Only Waters (Scheduled)

- These waters are fly fishing only.

Activities not allowed while angling:

(Applies to the open water season on inland waters.)

- No person shall angle with more than one fishing line to which more than three hooks are attached.
- No person shall use a set-line for fishing in inland waters.
- No person shall angle for sport fish during the period beginning two hours after sunset and ending two hours before sunrise (see exception page 11).
- No person shall fish for sea-run Atlantic salmon with an artificial fly that has more than two hooks.
- No person shall fish with the aid of an artificial light or light from a fire.
- No person shall use or possess live fish as bait except on tidal waters and on boundary waters between Maine and New Brunswick. The only live fish that can be used or possessed for bait are fish taken from the waters being fished in.
- On boundary waters (between Maine and New Brunswick), tidal waters and all inland waters, dead fish can be used as bait with the exception of the following species: bass, bullhead, sunfish, white perch, yellow perch, other spiny fin-rayed fish, pickerel, muskellunge, goldfish or other carp.

Licence Requirements

- **An angling licence is not required in tidal waters, except if Atlantic salmon are retained.**
- Anglers 16 years of age and older require a provincial licence while angling in inland waters. 10 to 15-year-old resident anglers may obtain a salmon licence if they wish their own bag limit.

- Angling licences must be properly signed and carried at all times.
- Regular angling licences do not entitle the holders to fish on Crown Reserve Waters.
- An angling licence does not authorize the holder to purchase, sell or barter sport fish.
- Day adventure licence available only from Day Adventure Operators (For more information, call 506-453-8757).
- Residents who have not reached the age of 16 and do not wish to purchase a Class 8 licence, may angle for Atlantic salmon only when accompanied by a resident with a valid salmon licence. The licence holder must include the child's catch in his/her daily catch limit.
- Non-residents may purchase any number or combination of Class 2 or Class 3 licences so long as the total number of tags does not exceed eight per year.

Angling Licences

Category	Class	Period	Species	Salmon Tags	Total Cost
Non-resident	1	Season	Atlantic salmon and all other fish	8	\$161.00
Non-resident	2	7 consecutive days	Atlantic salmon and all other fish	4	\$94.30
Non-resident	3	3 consecutive days	Atlantic salmon and all other fish	2	\$50.60
Non-resident live release	13, 14 and 15	Corresponds to Class 1, 2 and 3	Atlantic salmon and all other fish	0	Same cost as corresponding Class 1, 2 or 3
Non-resident	4	Season	All fish except Atlantic Salmon	0	\$63.25
Non-resident	5	7 consecutive days	All fish except Atlantic Salmon	0	\$40.25
Non-resident	6	3 consecutive days	All fish except Atlantic Salmon	0	\$28.75
Resident	7	Season	Atlantic salmon and all other fish	8	\$34.50
Resident 10-15 years or 65 years and over	8	Season	Atlantic salmon and all other fish	8	\$20.70
Resident live release	16 and 17	Season	Atlantic salmon and all other fish	0	Same cost as corresponding Class 7 or 8
Resident	9	Season	All fish except Atlantic Salmon	0	\$23.00
Resident 65 years or over	10	Season	All fish except Atlantic Salmon	0	\$5.75
Non-resident 16 years or over	11	Winter ice fishig	All fish except Atlantic Salmon	0	\$23.00
Resident 16 years or over	12	Winter ice fishing	All fish except Atlantic Salmon	0	\$11.50

"Consecutive days" means consecutive calendar days. For example, June 30, July 1, July 2.

Crown Reserve Waters

General Information

- **Only people who reside year round in New Brunswick may apply to fish in Crown Reserve Waters.**
- There are three types of Crown Reserve Waters – Regular, Daily and Live Release
- On all Crown Reserve waters, a “fishing day” is the 24-hour period extending from 2:00 p.m. on the first day until 2:00 p.m. on the second day.
- Fees are ‘per angler per day’. Tax included. Monies paid for all Crown Reserves are nonrefundable.
- Only fly fishing is permitted.

Different Types

Regular Crown Reserve

Twenty of these special salmon angling waters are located in the Miramichi and Restigouche river systems (See page 7). Fishing rights are awarded annually by computer draw. The season extends from June 10-Sept. 15.

All stretches except Patapedia are valid for a 48-hour period, beginning at 2:00 PM on the first day and ending at 2:00 PM on the third day. Patapedia stretch is valid for three consecutive calendar days.

How to Apply: Application forms are available at all Natural Resources offices and Service New Brunswick. Applicants may also apply electronically on the internet at (www.gnb.ca/0078/fw/index_fw.asp).

Once the draw is held, the successful party chiefs will be notified in writing of the payment deadline. Payment **must** be made at the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Fredericton. **No payments will be accepted at other Natural Resources offices or after the deadline.** Total cost per angler is \$40.25 per day. In addition to a Regular Crown Reserve Angling Licence, each angler must have a Class 7, 8, 16 or 17 Salmon Angling Licence.

Daily Crown Reserve

These fifteen salmon and trout fishing waters provide excellent angling on a day-by-day basis (see page 8). The season extends from June 1-Sept. 15.

How to Apply:

- Apply seven days in advance of the fishing day desired.
- Apply by calling the appropriate District office between 8:30-11 a.m.
- If the call-in date falls on Saturday or Sunday, your application will be accepted on the following Monday.
- If more applications are received than there is space available, a mini draw will be held after 11 a.m. at the issuing office.
- Anglers are limited to two trips per month. The trips shall not overlap month-ends.
- Anglers may apply for vacant water.
- If water is not claimed by 11 a.m. on the call-in date, this vacant water may be applied for, by proper party size, up to 48 hours before the fishing date.
- Within 48 hours of the fishing date, any party size not exceeding the stretch limit will be accepted.
- Application for vacant water not taken by 11 a.m. on the call-in date does not count against an individual’s two-day monthly allotment.

- When the successful party is notified, payment must be made immediately by credit card, Interac, cash, cheque or money order (by phone or in person). **There are no exceptions.** See page 8 for fees.
- At the time of payment, all party members' information must be provided for the issuance of the licence (name, address, date of birth, telephone number and identification).
- In addition to a Daily Crown Reserve licence, anglers on Daily Crown Reserves must have a valid Class 7, 8, 16 or 17 salmon angling licence for salmon stretches, or a valid Class 9 or 10 licence for trout stretches.
- No substitution of party members is permitted. Licences are not transferable or refundable.

Live Release Crown Reserve

Only fly fishing with barbless hooks is permitted. There are five of these reserves in the Miramichi drainage. The season extends from June 1-Sept. 15. See page 9.

How to Apply:

- Same procedures as Daily Crown Reserve (above).
- In addition to a Live Release Crown Reserve Licence, each angler must have a valid Class 7, 8, 16 or 17 salmon angling licence.
- If angling on the Cains River, each angler must have a valid Class 7, 8, 9, 10, 16 or 17 licence in addition to a Live Release Crown Reserve Licence.

Regular Crown Reserve Waters

RESTIGOUCHE DRAINAGE

River	Stretch	Party Size	Camps	Access
Kedgwick	North Branch	2	No	Canoe
Patapedia	Patapedia	2	*	Canoe
Restigouche	Devil's Half Acre	4	Yes	Canoe
Restigouche	Red Bank	4	Yes	Canoe
Restigouche	Three Sisters	4	Yes	Canoe
Upsalquitch	Crooked Rapids	2 or 4	No	Canoe
Upsalquitch	Forks Pool	2	Yes	Canoe
NW Upsalquitch	Craven's Gulch	2	No	Canoe
NW Upsalquitch	Northwest	2 or 4	No	Canoe
SE Upsalquitch	Southeast	2	No	Canoe or wading

* Accommodations for Patapedia stretch available from Quebec Parks and Reserve Service, Matapedia, Quebec

MIRAMICHI DRAINAGE

River	Stretch	Party Size	Camps	Access
LSW Miramichi	Charlies Rock	4	Yes	Wading
Lr North Branch LSW Miramichi	Adams Pool**	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Crawford	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Depot	4	Yes	Wading

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Miramichi Drainage *continued...*

River	Stretch	Party Size	Camps	Access
NW Miramichi	Elbow	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Stony Brook	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Sullivan	2	Yes	Wading
North Sevogle	Groundhog Landing	4	Yes	Wading
North Sevogle	Squirrel Falls	4	Yes	Wading
North Sevogle	Narrows	4	Yes	Wading

**** No retention of brook trout on Adams Pool stretch**

Daily Crown Reserve Waters

Atlantic Salmon

Cost per day is \$40.25, except Lower Patapedia (\$17.25)					
Stretch	Water	Season	Party Size	DNR Office	Tel: (506)
Berry Brook	Upsalquitch R.	June 1-Sept. 15	4	Campbellton	789-2336
Grog Island	Restigouche		2	Campbellton	789-2336
Jardine Brook	Little Main Restigouche		2	Kedgwick	284-3413
Kedgwick Forks	Kedgwick		2	Kedgwick	284-3413
Lower Kedgwick	Kedgwick		2, 4 or 6*	Kedgwick	284-3413
Lower Patapedia	Lower Patapedia	June 3-Sept. 15	2**	Campbellton	789-2336
Cruikshank	North Branch Sevogle	June 10-Sept. 15	2	Miramichi	627-4050

* Lower Kedgwick stretch accommodates six anglers until July 10, four anglers after July 10.

** Lower Patapedia licences valid for two consecutive calendar days. Start dates are June 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27; July 1, 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29; Aug. 2, 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, September 4, 8, 12.

Brook Trout

Cost per day - all stretches: \$17.25					
Stretch	Season	Party Size	DNR Office	Tel: (506)	Daily Bag Limit
Peaked Mountain Lakes*	June 1-Sept. 15	2 or 4	Doaktown	365-2001	1
Valentine Lake		2	Doaktown	365-2001	1
Island lake		2	Doaktown	365-2001	1
Kenny Lake		2	Miramichi	627-4050	1
Goodwin Lake***		2	Miramichi	627-4050	1
Caribou Lake		2	Bathurst	547-2080	5
California Lake**		2 or 4	Bathurst	547-2080	2
Nepisiguit River	July 15-Sept. 15	2	Bathurst	547-2080	2

* Access to the Peaked Mountain Lakes requires 4X4 truck and a canoe portage

** Artificial lures and bait prohibited to be in an anglers possession while angling on California Lake

*** Access to Goodwin Lake requires a canoe portage

Live Release Crown Reserve Waters

Cost per day: Upper and Lower Cains \$17.25. All other stretches \$28.75

Stretch	River	Season	Party Size	DNR Office	Tel: (506)
Cains Lower	Cains	June 1-Sept. 15	2 or 4	Doaktown	365-2001
Cains Upper	Cains		2 or 4	Doaktown	365-2001
Lr. North Branch	LSW Miramichi		4	Sunny Corner	836-7009
Palisade	North Pole Stream	July 1-Sept. 15	4	Blackville	843-2908
Sinclair	North Pole Stream		4	Blackville	843-2908

Sea-Run Atlantic Salmon Information

See individual Recreational Fishery Area (RFA) for detailed Atlantic salmon information

Angling Methods

- No person shall fish for sea-run Atlantic salmon except by angling with an artificial fly.
- Anglers may cast or troll using unweighted artificial flies that have single or double hooks.
- Treble hooks are not permitted.

Non-Resident Requirement

- Non-resident anglers require a licensed guide when fishing for any species on Atlantic Salmon Waters after the designated date. (See individual RFA.)

Tagging

- No person shall be in possession of an Atlantic salmon (grilse) that is not properly tagged.
- Where a grilse is caught by angling and retained, the person who hooked the grilse, whether or not that person landed the grilse, shall tag it. See Guide I exemption, page 3.

Daily Live Release Limits

- Once their bag limit is reached, anglers must stop fishing sea-run Atlantic salmon for the day.

HOW TO TAG AN ATLANTIC SALMON

Maximum size limit: less than 63 cm (fork length).

1. Slide tag under gill plate and through mouth.
2. Fully insert tab into locking head.
3. Ensure tag is securely locked.



Restigouche

Recreational Fishery Area



Boundary Description: All lakes, rivers and streams of the Restigouche River and tributaries upstream of the J.C. Van Horne Bridge at Campbellton.

Attention anglers: The Restigouche River main stem is primarily private or leased waters. Permission from the owner/lessee is required to angle on these waters.

Fly Fishing Only and/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing only beginning	Stretch
Gounamitz	N/A	July 1	Gounamitz river upstream to the junction of the North and West Branches
Jardine Brook, Restigouche County	N/A	July 1	Jardine Brook, Restigouche County, from its junction with the Little Main Restigouche river upstream to the Restigouche-Victoria County boundary line
Jardine Brook, Victoria County	N/A	Aug. 1	Jardine Brook, Victoria County, from the Restigouche-Victoria County boundary line upstream to the CN railway bridge
Kedgwick	May 15	May 1	Kedgwick River including North and South Branches
Little Main Restigouche	May 1	May 15	Little Main Restigouche River from its mouth (the junction with the Main Restigouche River and the Kedgwick River) upstream to Cedar Brook
Northwest Upsalquitch	May 15	May 1	Northwest Upsalquitch River upstream to Nine Mile Brook
Patapedia	May 15	May 1	Patapedia River, that portion lying within the province of New Brunswick
Restigouche	May 1	May 15	Restigouche River, from the junction with the Kedgwick River downstream to the junction of the Patapedia River
Restigouche	May 1	April 15	Restigouche River, from the junction with the Patapedia River downstream to the Matapedia CN Railway Bridge
Restigouche	May 1	May 15	Restigouche River from the Matapedia CN Railway Bridge to a line drawn from Copeland Brook (NB) to Ruisseau du Moulin (Québec)

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River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing only beginning	Stretch
Southeast Upsalquitch	May 15	May 1	Southeast Upsalquitch upstream to the first unnamed pool above Boar's Head Pool
Upsalquitch	May 15	May 1	Upsalquitch River

Variation Order NB-2005-034

Restigouche River - trout seasons and fly fishing dates.

Variation Order NB-2005-035

Loch Lomond Lake, Restigouche Co. - Brook trout season open from January 1 to March 31.

ANGLING RULES ON THE BOUNDARY WATERS WITH QUEBEC

Patapedia River and the Main Restigouche River downstream from the Patapedia River to the J.C. Van Horne bridge at Campbellton.

Angling Licences

Angling licences issued by Quebec or New Brunswick will be legally recognized on all common boundary waters of the Restigouche drainage upstream of the J.C. Van Horne Bridge at Campbellton.

Legal Fishing Hours on the Restigouche and Patapedia Rivers boundary waters are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Atlantic Salmon

- Patapedia River Season June 1 to August 31
- Main Restigouche River from the junction of the Patapedia River downstream to the J.C. Van Horne Bridge in Campbellton/Point-a-la Croix (Atlantic Salmon boundary waters):

Season Retention	Quota	Live Release
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April 15 to May 31	0	10
June 1 to August 31	2	4
Sept. 1 to Sept. 30	0	4

- Atlantic salmon maximum length limit for all boundary waters is less than 63 cm. fork-length.
- All Atlantic salmon must be tagged.

Smelt

Upstream of a reference point at a straight line from Copeland Brook in New Brunswick to Ruisseau du Moulin in Quebec Smelt season closed
 Downstream from the reference point to the J.C. Van Horne Bridge Season: April 15 to May 31
 Daily Quota (dip netting or angling).....60

Trout

Stretch	Season	Fly Fishing Date
Patapedia River downstream to Matapedia CN Railway Bridge	April 15-Sept. 30	April 15-Sept. 30
Matapedia CN Railway Bridge to line from Copeland Brook (NB) to Ruisseau du Moulin (Quebec)	April 15-Oct. 31	May 15-Oct. 31
Line from Copeland Brook (NB) to Ruisseau du Moulin (Quebec) to JC Van Horne Bridge	April 15-Oct. 31	N/A

NON-BOUNDARY WATERS

Atlantic Salmon

Open Season	May 1-Sept. 30
Season bag limit.....	8
Daily bag limit	2
Possession limit.....	8
Minimum size limit, grilse retention only	Less than 63 cm (fork length)
Daily hook and release limit (June 1-Sept. 30)	4

Spring salmon (kelt) angling (Non-boundary waters)

Restigouche River, entire New Brunswick main stem, including the Little Restigouche River upstream to Cedar Brook.....	May 1-31
Spring salmon angling on the Restigouche River is live release for salmon and grilse	
Daily live release limit.....	10

Exceptions to open season and /or size and bag limits

Daily bag limit

Entire Restigouche River drainage (Sept. 1-30).....	0
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Little Main Restigouche River from the confluence of the Kedgwick River upstream to, but not including, the pool at the mouth of Jardine Brook..... Resident angling only

Atlantic Salmon Seasons - Restigouche Drainage

River	Spring Kelt	Bright retention	Live release only
Main Restigouche	May 1-31	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
Little Main Restigouche	May 1-31	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
Patapedia	None	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
Kedgwick	None	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
North Kedgwick	None	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
Upsalquitch	None	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
Northeast Upsalquitch	None	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
Southeast Upsalquitch	None	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30
Gounamitz	None	June 1-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-30

Smelt

Open season April 15-May 31
Daily bag and possession limit.....60

Trout

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams May 1-Sept. 15
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs..... May 15-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

Five trout in total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout. These five fish can include any combination of trout species but no more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout. For example, a legal catch would be two lake trout + two brown trout + one brook trout.

Minimum size limit 10 cm total length

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

Restigouche drainage upstream from the junction of the Main Restigouche River and the Kedgwick river, including all tributaries..... May 1-Sept. 30

Daily Bag limit

Restigouche drainage upstream from the junction of the Main Restigouche River and the Kedgwick river, including all tributaries..... 0

Minimum size limit

Brook trout, Gounamitz River, South Branch Kedgwick River not including tributaries ...25 cm

Non-Sport Fish (Yellow perch and white perch)

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams (NB).....April 15-Oct. 31
Lakes (NB)..... May 15-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

Please note - Closed season

No open angling season exists for the following species: smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, muskellunge, and burbot.

Chaleur

Recreational Fishery Area

Boundary description: All lakes, rivers, and streams draining into the Bay of Chaleur



Fly Fishing Only &/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing Beginning	Stretch
Jacquet	July 1	July 1	Jacquet river from Highway 134 (old Highway 11) bridge upstream to the head of Kettle Hole Pool
Nepisiguit	April 15	June 1	Nepisiguit River from the Highway 11 bridge at Bathurst upstream to Nepisiguit Falls
Southwest Caraqueet	NA	July 15	Southwest Caraqueet River from the Highway 11 bridge upstream to Innishannon Brook

Waters Closed to Angling

- All brooks flowing into Nepisiguit Lake, Northumberland County.
- Nepisiguit River from the head of Pabineau Falls Pool downstream 45 metres.
- Nepisiguit River within 100 metres of the Nepisiguit counting fence.
- Nepisiguit River from its junction with the Big South Nepisiguit downstream to, but not including, White Birch Pool.
- Nepisiguit River from and including White Birch Pool downstream to and including Elbow Pool closed during the periods April 15-July 14, Aug. 16-Sept. 15
- Nepisiguit River from but not including Elbow Pool downstream to Indian Falls Brook.

Atlantic Salmon

Open season	April 15-Oct. 15
Season bag limit.....	8
Daily bag limit	2
Possession limit.....	8
Maximum size limit, grilse retention only	Less than 63 cm (fork length)
Daily live release limit (May 16-Oct. 15)	4

Spring salmon (kelt) angling

Unlimited live release (unless daily bag limit is reached) April 15-May 15

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

Daily bag limit

Nepisiguit River daily grilse retention 1

Closed to spring salmon angling

Nepisiguit River upstream from the Route 134 bridge (at the pulp mill).

Atlantic Salmon Seasons - Chaleur Drainage

River	Spring kelt	Bright retention	Live release only
Bass River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Benjamin River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Caraquet River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Charlo River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Eel River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Jacquet River above Halfway Pool	N/A	June 1-Oct. 15	N/A
Jacquet River Halfway Pool downstream	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Little River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Little Tracadie River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Middle River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Millstream	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	Oct. 16-22
Nepisiguit River Grand Falls Dam to mouth	N/A	June 1-Oct. 15	Oct. 16-22
Nigadoo River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Pokemouche River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
South Caraquet River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 29	N/A
Tetagouche River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 22	N/A
Tracadie River below Lord & Foy	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 29	N/A
Tracadie River upstream of Lord & Foy	N/A	June 1-Oct. 15	N/A

Landlocked Salmon

- Open season May 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit..... 2
Any landlocked salmon equal to or greater than 48 centimetres and less than 63 centimetres fork length requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.
Minimum size limit35 cm (fork length)
Maximum size limitLess than 63 cm (fork length)

Trout

Open season

- Rivers, brooks and streams May 1-Sept. 15
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs..... May 15-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

Five trout in total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout. These five fish can include any combination of trout species but no more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout. For example, a legal catch would be two lake trout + two brown trout + one brook trout.

Minimum size limit

10 cm total length

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

- Nepisiguit (Bathurst) Lake Live release only
Nepisiguit (Bathurst) Lakes thoroughfares connecting the
chain of four lakes Open May 15

Non-Sport Fish (Yellow perch and white perch)

Open season

- Rivers, brooks and streamsApril 15 - Oct. 15
Lakes May 15 - Sept. 30

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

Please note - Closed season

No open angling season exists for the following species: smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, muskellunge, striped bass and burbot.

Miramichi

Recreational Fishery Area

Boundary description: All lakes, rivers and streams draining into Tabusintac Bay and all waters draining into Miramichi Bay north of Point Escuminac.



Fly Fishing Only &/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required date	Fly Fishing only date	Stretch
Bartholomew	June 1	April 15	Bartholomew River from its confluence with the Main Southwest Miramichi River upstream to the Route 8 highway bridge
Bartholomew	June 1	June 1	Bartholomew River, from the Route 8 highway bridge upstream to Leadbetter Brook
Bartibog	April 15	April 15-30, after Sept. 15	Bartibog River from the Highway 11 bridge upstream to the junction with the South Branch and Middle Branch Bartibog River
Beadle Brook	N/A	April 15	Beadle Brook from its junction with North Branch Miramichi River upstream to the junction of the North and South Branches
Big Sevogle	April 15	June 1	Big Sevogle River including north Branch and South Branch
Cains	April 15	April 15	Cains River from the mouth to the junction with Beaver Brook
Dungarvon	April 15	July 1	Dungarvon River from the mouth (at the junction with the Renous River) upstream to a point two kilometres from the line (grid reference 85008130 Tuadook Map 21J/15), between Southesk and Ludlow parishes.
Little Southwest Miramichi	April 15	April 15	Little Southwest Miramichi River
Main Southwest Miramichi	April 15	April 15	Main Southwest Miramichi River upstream from a line drawn at the mouth of Doyles Brook from grid reference 9408 9194 to grid reference 9408 9299, Northumberland County, to the junction of the North Branch Southwest Miramichi River and South Branch Southwest Miramichi River, Carleton County, not including tributaries. Refer to maps - Newcastle 21 I/13 and Juniper 21 J/1

Fly Fishing Only and/or Guide Required Waters *continued...*

River	Guide required date	Fly Fishing only date	Stretch
North Branch Renous	April 15	July 1	North Branch Renous River upstream to North Renous Lake
North Branch Southwest Miramichi	April 15	April 15	North Branch Southwest Miramichi River upstream to the Miramichi dead-water
Northwest Miramichi	April 15	April 15	Northwest Miramichi River from the Red Bank/Sunny Corner highway bridge upstream to a point 200 metres upstream of the junction of the Northwest Miramichi River and the South Branch Northwest Miramichi River
Renous	April 15	April 15	Renous River from its confluence with the Main Southwest Miramichi River upstream to the Route 8 highway bridge
Renous	April 15	July 1	Renous River from the Route 8 highway bridge upstream to its source, the junction of the North and South Branches in Northumberland County
South Branch Southwest Miramichi	April 15	April 15	South Branch Southwest Miramichi River upstream to the highway bridge at Juniper
South Branch Renous	April 15	July 1	South Branch Renous River upstream to Little South Branch Renous River
Tabusintac	N/A	April 15-May 15	Tabusintac River upstream from a line (grid reference 3985 4455, Old Boom Road) directly across the river (grid reference 3972 4465 at Stilson Brook)
Tabusintac	April 15	July 1	Tabusintac River upstream from Becks Brook

Variation Order NB-2006-003

Little Southwest Miramichi River, from and including Big Rock Pool, upstream - Brook trout Live Release after July 1.

Waters Closed to Angling

- Main Southwest Miramichi River from 300 metres upstream and downstream of the Quarryville bridge, including Indiantown Brook upstream to Highway 108. **Closed August 1.**
- North side of the Southwest Miramichi River to a point 100 meters off shore, 100 meters upstream and 100 meters downstream of Wilson Brook, and Wilson Brook upstream 100 meters, defining the area known locally as the Bear Den. **Closed August 1.**
- Dungarvon River, including tributary streams, above the Natural Resources salmon protection barrier.
- Northwest Miramichi River from 200 metres upstream of the junction of the Northwest Miramichi River and the South Branch Northwest Miramichi River.

- Northwest Miramichi River within 100 metres of the Highway 430 bridge.
- Stewart Brook from the Northwest Miramichi River upstream to a point 90 metres above the Miramichi Salmonid Enhancement Centre water supply dam.
- The South Branch - Southwest Miramichi River upstream from the footbridge behind the Juniper Lumber Mill, to the remnants of the old Flemming Gibson dam. **Closed May 1.**
- Northwest Miramichi River, 100 meters upstream and downstream of Sutherland Brook and Sutherland Brook ,upstream to the highway 420 bridge. **Closed August 1.**
- North Branch Main Southwest Miramichi River upstream of Bridge Pool to its source, not including tributaries. **Closed July 1.**
- North Pole Stream from the junction of Lizard Brook upstream to its sources not including tributaries.
- First and Second lakes, Northesk Parish, Northumberland County.

Atlantic Salmon

Open season	April 15-Oct. 15
Season bag limit.....	8
Daily bag limit	1
Possession limit.....	8
Maximum size limit, grilse retention only.....	Less than 63 cm (fork length)
Daily live release limit (May 16-Oct. 15)	4

Spring salmon (kelt) angling

Unlimited live release (unless the daily bag limit is reached) April 15-May 15

Atlantic Salmon Seasons - Miramichi Drainage

Water	Spring kelt	Bright Retention	Live release only
Main Southwest Miramichi River - branches above the forks at Juniper	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 15	N/A
Main Southwest Miramichi River - junction Burntland Brook upstream to forks at Juniper	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 30	Oct. 1-15
Main Southwest Miramichi River - junction Burntland Brook downstream to its mouth	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Main Southwest Miramichi River - tributaries downstream of Cains River not described in this table	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Main Southwest Miramichi River - tributaries upstream of Cains River not described in this table	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 15	N/A
Bartholomew River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Black River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Bartibog River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 29	N/A

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Atlantic Salmon Seasons - Miramichi Drainage *continued...*

Water	Spring kelt	Bright Retention	Live release only
Big Sevogle River - downstream from Square Forks	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Big Sevogle River - upstream of Square Forks	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 15	N/A
Cains River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Clearwater Brook	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 15	Sept. 16-30 (Mouth to Northeast Branch)
Dungarvon River - downstream from Furlong Bridge	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Dungarvon River - upstream of the Furlong Bridge	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 15	N/A
Little Southwest Miramichi River - downstream from Catamaran Brook	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Little Southwest Miramichi River - upstream of Catamaran Brook to Big Rock Pool	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 15	Sept. 16-Oct. 15 (upstream to and including Clelands Pool)
Little Southwest Miramichi River - from Big Rock Pool upstream, including the East and West Branches, not including lakes or tributaries	April 15-May 15	N/A	April 15-Sept. 15
Napan River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Northwest Miramichi River - downstream from Little River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Northwest Miramichi River - upstream of Little River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Aug. 31	Sept. 1-15 (from Little River upstream 200 metres above forks)
Rocky Brook	April 15-May 15	May 16-Aug. 31	N/A
Renous River - downstream from forks of North and South Branches	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 15	N/A
Renous River - upstream from forks of North and South Branches	April 15-May 15	May 16-Sept. 15	N/A
Tabusintac River	April 15-May 15	May 16-Oct. 29	N/A

Smelt

Angling or dip netting

Open season April 15-May 31

Daily bag and possession limit.....60

Trout

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams May 1-Sept. 15
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs May 15-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

Five trout in total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout. These five fish can include any combination of trout species but no more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout. For example, a legal catch would be two lake trout + two brown trout + one brook trout.

Minimum size limit

10 cm total length

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

Lower North Branch, Little Southwest Miramichi,
including tributaries but excluding lakes Live release only, beginning May 1
Cains River above Route 123 bridge, including the North
Branch, upstream to the junction of Beaver Brook Live release only, beginning May 1
Bartholomew River Live release only, beginning July 1
Little Southwest Miramichi River from Big Rock Pool upstream, including East and West
branches, not including lakes or tributaries Live release only, beginning July 1

Non-Sport Fish (Yellow Perch, White Perch)

Open Season

Rivers, brooks and streams April 15 -Oct. 15
Lakes May 15-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

Please note - Closed season

No open angling season exists for the following species: smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, muskellunge, striped bass and burbot.

Southeast

Recreational Fishery Area



Boundary description: All lakes, rivers, and streams draining into the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Northumberland Strait south of Point Escuminac to the New Brunswick/Nova Scotia border.

Fly Fishing Only &/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing only beginning	Stretch
Bouctouche	N/A	July 15	Bouctouche River, from the highway bridge at Coates Mills upstream to the St. Paul Crossroads bridge

Smelt

Angling or dip netting

Open season April 15-May 31
 Daily bag and possession limit.....60

Trout

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams April 15-Sept. 15
 Lakes, ponds and reservoirs..... May 1-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

Five trout in total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout. These five fish can include any combination of trout species but no more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout. For example, a legal catch would be two lake trout + two brown trout + one brook trout.

Minimum size limit

10 cm total length

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

Starting June 15 to Sept. 15, the following waters are live release only:

Northwest Branch, Cocagne River from the junction with the main stem of the Cocagne River upstream to its source, including all tributaries.

South Branch, St. Nicholas River from the lower most road bridge (grid reference 53505525) upstream to its source, including all tributaries.

Hudson Brook from the junction with the Richibucto River upstream to its source, including all tributaries.

Trout Brook from the junction with the Kouchibouguacis River upstream to its source, including all tributaries.

South Branch, Bouctouche River from the junction with the Bouctouche River upstream to its source, including all tributaries.

Weisner Brook from the junction with the Shediac River upstream to its source, including all tributaries.

Non-Sport Fish (Yellow perch and white perch)

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams April 15 - Sept. 15

Lakes May 1 - Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

Please note - Closed season:

No open angling season exists for the following species: Atlantic Salmon, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, muskellunge, striped bass and burbot.

Inner Bay of Fundy

Recreational Fishery Area



Boundary description: All lakes, rivers, and streams draining into the Bay of Fundy eastward of the Saint John harbour bridge to the provincial border between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Fly Fishing Only &/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing only beginning	Stretch
Big Salmon	June 15	June 15	Big Salmon River from Cranberry Brook upstream to Crow Brook
Black	N/A	July 15	Black River, Saint John County, from a point 100 metres upstream from the public wharf in the estuary upstream to Ritchie River
Upper Salmon	N/A	July 15	Upper Salmon River (Alma) upstream from the abutment above the mill dam in Alma

Variation Order NB-2006-004

Shepody River trout season is varied to May 15-Sept. 15

Landlocked Salmon

Open season

Rivers, brooks, streams April 15-Sept. 30

Lakes, ponds, reservoirs May 1-Sept. 30

Daily bag and possession limit..... 2

Any landlocked salmon equal to or greater than 48 centimetres and less than 63 centimetres fork length requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

Minimum size limit35 cm (fork length)

Maximum size limitLess than 63 cm (fork length)

Exceptions to open season and/or bag limits

Daily bag limit

Loch Lomond Reservoir and Second Lake

Any combination of landlocked salmon or brown trout 2

Smallmouth Bass

Open season May 1-Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

May 1-June 30 0

July 1-Sept. 15 2

Sept. 16-Oct. 15 0

Minimum size limit 30 cm (total length)

Smelt

Angling or dip netting

Open season April 15-May 31

Daily bag and possession limit.....60

Striped Bass

Open season (tidal waters)..... July 1-Oct. 31

Open season (inland waters) July 1-Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession limit..... 1

Minimum size limit 68 cm (total length)

Sturgeon

Open season (tidal waters only)..... Jan. 1-May 31, July 1-Dec. 31

Daily bag and possession limit..... No limit

Minimum size limit 120 cm (total length)

Trout

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams April 15-Sept. 15
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs May 1-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

Five trout in total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout. These five fish can include any combination of trout species but no more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout. For example, a legal catch would be two lake trout + two brown trout + one brook trout.

Minimum size limit

10 cm total length

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

Shepody River and its tributaries upstream from the flood gate at
Harvey Bank except McFadden Lake, Fenton and Alcorn ponds May 15-Sept. 15

Bag limit

Loch Lomond Reservoir and Second Lake
Any combination of landlocked salmon or brown trout 2

Minimum size limit

Loch Lomond Reservoir and Second Lake
Brown trout 35 cm

Non-Sport Fish (Pickerel; yellow perch; white perch)

Open Season

Rivers, brooks and streams April 15 - Oct. 15
Lakes May 1 - Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
Pickerel	10	10 cm TL	100 cm TL
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

Please note - Closed season:

No open angling season exists for the following species: Atlantic salmon, muskellunge and burbot.

Lower Saint John

Recreational Fishery Area



Boundary description: All lakes, rivers, and streams of the Saint John River drainage and tributaries downstream from the Covered Bridge at Hartland to the Saint John harbour bridge.

Fly Fishing Only &/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing only beginning	Stretch
Hammond	July 1	July 15	Hammond River from the CN railway bridge at Nauwigewauk upstream to McGonagle Brook
Kennebecasis	June 15	July 1	Kennebecasis River upstream from the bridge on the Bloomfield Station Road to the bridge at Goshen
Keswick	N/A	July 1	Keswick River from the Highway 105 bridge upstream to the CN railway bridge at Barton
Nashwaak	June 15	July 1	Nashwaak River upstream from the highway bridge at Penniac to the East Branch, Nashwaak River

Variation Order NB-2006-002

Palmer Brook, live release angling upstream to the Stock Farm Road - entire season.

Waters Closed to Angling

- Nashwaak River, 150 metres downstream from Porters Brook upstream 30 metres above Porters Brook..... After June 15
- Nashwaak River, Big Basin Pool After June 15
- Nashwaak River within 15 metres of Youngs Brook at the Route 107 bridge at Nashwaak Bridge After June 15
- Palmer Brook from the Hammond River upstream 200 metresAfter July 1
- Saint John River from the highway bridge at Grafton to the railway bridge at Upper Woodstock..... After June 15
- Saint John River downstream from the Mactaquac dam to a line drawn across the river from the mouth of Springhill Brook (Hart Island Camp Ground) to the western limit of the city of Fredericton on the north side of the river Closed

Landlocked Salmon

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams April 15-Sept. 30

Lakes, ponds and reservoirs May 1-Sept. 30

Daily bag and possession limit..... 2

Any landlocked salmon equal to or greater than 48 centimetres or less than 63 centimetres fork length requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

Minimum size limit35 cm (fork length)

Maximum size limit Less than 63 cm (fork length)

Smallmouth Bass

Open seasonMay 1-Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

May 1-June 30 0

July 1-Sept. 15 2

Sept. 16-Oct. 15 0

Minimum size limit30 cm (total length)

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

- The Meduxnekeag River and all tributaries (including the North Branch, Meduxnekeag River) from the railway bridge (grid reference 064127, Woodstock Map 21 J/4) upstream to the international border with the State of MaineCloses to bass angling Sept. 15
- Tidal portion of the Saint John River, including tidal portion of all tributaries, from Crocks Point downstream to the Saint John Harbor Bridge Closes to bass angling Nov. 30
Daily bag and possession limit, Sept. 16-Nov. 30 0

Striped Bass

Open season (tidal waters)..... July 1-Oct. 31

Open season (inland waters) July 1-Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession limit..... 1

Minimum size limit68 cm (total length)

Sturgeon

Open season (tidal waters only)..... Jan. 1-May 31, July 1-Dec. 31

Daily bag and possession limit.....No limit

Minimum size limit 120 cm (total length)

Trout

Open season

Rivers, brooks and streams	April 15-Sept. 15
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs.....	May 1-Sept. 15

Daily bag and possession limit

Five trout in total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout. These five fish can include any combination of trout species but no more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout. For example, a legal catch would be two lake trout + two brown trout + one brook trout.

Minimum size limit

10 cm total length

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

Live release only

Kennebecasis River from the road bridge at McCully Station (grid reference 11737051) upstream to the junction of Ketchums Brook, Kings County.

Artificial lures and flies onlyApril 15-June 30

Fly fishing onlyJuly 1-Sept. 15

Palmer Brook from the Hammond River upstream to the Stock Farm Road (excluding the closed section beginning July 1)..... April 15-Sept. 15

Meduxnekeag River

Mouth to the junction of North and South Branches

Brook trout - Bag limit 1-minimum length (total length) 25 cm

Brown trout - Bag Limit 1-minimum length (total length) 35 cm

North and South Branches - live release only

Gear Restrictions - Meduxnekeag River

Red Bridge to junction of North and South Branches - Artificial lures only

North and South Branches - Fly fishing only

Smelt

Angling or dip netting

Open season April 15-May 31

Daily bag and possession limit.....60

Non-Sport Fish (pickereel; muskellunge; burbot; yellow perch and white perch)

Open Season

Rivers, brooks and streamsApril 15 -Oct. 15

Lakes May 1 - Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
Pickereel	10	10 cm TL	100 cm TL
Muskellunge	10	10 cm TL	170 cm TL
Burbot	10	10 cm TL	100 cm TL
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

Exceptions to the general season and/or size and bag limits

Pickereel

Tidal portion of the Saint John River, including tidal portions of all tributaries, from Crocks Point downstream to the Saint John harbor bridge. Closed November 30

Please note - Closed Season

No open angling season exists for the following species: Atlantic salmon.

Fish New Brunswick Days

Fish New Brunswick Days will be held on June 3 and 4. Anglers may fish for all species without purchasing a licence. Licences will be required if anglers want to retain Atlantic salmon. Non-residents may fish without a guide on those days. Individuals whose angling privileges have been revoked cannot fish anywhere in the province.



Southwest

Recreational Fishery Area



Boundary description: All lakes, rivers, and streams draining into the Bay of Fundy westward from the Saint John harbour bridge to the international border between the Province of New Brunswick and the State of Maine.

Fly Fishing Only &/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing only beginning	Stretch
St. Croix	N/A	April 15	St. Croix River from the old Union Mills bridge remnants upstream to the power house dam at Milltown

Landlocked Salmon

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open Season	Rivers - April 15-Sept. 30 Lakes - May 1-Sept 30	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit	2	2
Minimum size limit (Fork length)	35 cm	35 cm
Maximum size limit (Fork length)	Less than 63 cm	Less than 63 cm

Any landlocked salmon equal to or greater than 48 centimetres or less than 63 centimetres fork length requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

Smallmouth Bass

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open Season	May 1-Oct. 15	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit	May 1-June 30.....0 July 1-Sept. 15.....2 Sept. 16-Oct. 15.....0	April 15-June 30.....1 July 1-Sept. 30.....3
Minimum size limit	30 cm	25 cm

Exceptions to open season

- St. Croix River, from Grand Falls, downstream to the Milltown Bridge Live release, season closes Oct. 31
- Unbaited lures only Oct. 1-Oct. 31
- Diggity Stream, First Lake, Palfrey Lake and Spednic Lake..... Live release only
 - Grand Manan Island open season all waters..... April 15-Oct. 15
- Bag and possession limit April 15-30..... 0

Smelt

Angling and dip netting

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open season	April 15-May 31	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit	60	200

Exceptions to open season and/or limits

- Silff Lake, including tributaries Closed to smelt fishing

Striped Bass

Open season

- Tidal waters July 1-Oct. 31
- Inland waters July 1-Oct. 15
- Daily bag and possession limit..... 1
- Minimum size limit 68 cm (total length)

Sturgeon

Open season (tidal waters only).....	Jan. 1-May 31 and July 1-Dec. 31
Daily bag and possession limit.....	No limit
Minimum size limit	120 cm (total length)

Trout

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open season:		
Rivers, brooks and streams	April 15-Sept. 15	April 15-Sept. 30
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1-Sept. 15	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit		
Total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout	5*	The lesser of 5 trout or 3.5 kg plus one fish.**
Minimum size limit:		
Arctic char, brook trout, or rainbow trout	10 cm	15 cm
Lake trout	45 cm	45 cm
Brown trout	15 cm	15 cm

* No more than 2 lake trout and/or 2 brown trout.

** No more than 2 lake trout and/or 2 brown trout. The five fish must weight less than 3.5 kg unless the last fish caught weighed enough to go over the 3.5 kg limit.

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limit

Grand Manan Island, all watersOpens April 15-Closes Sept. 15

East Musquash Reservoir

Minimum size limit, brown trout35 cm (total length)

Whitefish

Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine

Open season April 15-Sept. 30

Daily bag and possession limit 8

Non-Sport Fish (pickerel; muskellunge; burbot; yellow perch and white perch)

Open Season

Rivers, brooks and streamsApril 15 -Oct. 15

Lakes May 1 - Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
Pickerel	10	10 cm TL	100 cm TL
Muskellunge	10	10 cm TL	170 cm TL
Burbot	10	10 cm TL	100 cm TL
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

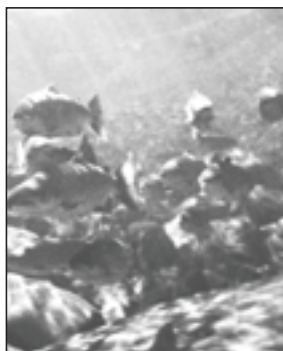
Please note - Closed season

No open angling season exists for the following species: Atlantic Salmon

ATTENTION

Tips on Releasing Fish

- Consider using artificial lures and barbless hooks.
- Treble hooks and flies will reduce hooking mortality in young fish.
- Retrieve your catch quickly. Use appropriate size tackle to quickly land the fish or break off large fish.
- Release the fish immediately by gently placing it in calm water.
- Keep your fingers out of the gills and eyes.
- Avoid squeezing the fish.
- Use both hands to evenly support the fish's weight.
- Keep the fish in the water as much as possible.
- Cut the line and leave deeply imbedded or swallowed hooks in the fish.
- A fish that can be legally kept should not be released if it is bleeding heavily. Its chance of surviving is very low.



Upper Saint John

Recreational Fishery Area



Boundary description: All lakes, rivers, and streams of the Saint John River drainage, upstream from the Covered Bridge at Hartland.

Fly Fishing Only &/or Guide Required Waters

River	Guide required beginning	Fly Fishing only beginning	Stretch
Aroostook	N/A	July 1	Aroostook River upstream to the Maine-N.B. border
Little Tobique	July 1	July 1	Little Tobique River upstream to Nictau Lake
Mamozekel	N/A	July 1	Mamozekel River
Right Hand Branch, Tobique	July 1	July 1	Right Hand Branch, Tobique River (Campbell River)
Saint John	July 1	July 1	Saint John River from the Hartland bridge upstream to a point 0.8 kilometres downstream from the Beechwood dam, including the following tributaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becaguimec Stream, Stickney Brook, Shikatehawk Stream and Monquart Stream upstream to their respective highway bridges on Highway 105 • Big Presque Isle Stream upstream to the Highway 103 bridge • White Marsh Creek, upstream to the Highway 2 bridge
Saint John	N/A	July 1	Saint John River from the mouth of the Aroostook River upstream to the dam at Grand Falls
Salmon River		July 1	Salmon River, Victoria County, from the junction of the Saint John River upstream to the junction with Sutherland Brook
Serpentine	July 1	July 1	Serpentine River upstream to the mouth of Salmon Hole Brook
Tobique	July 1	July 1	Tobique River upstream from the upper end of the Tobique headpond marked by a Fisheries Officer

Waters Closed to Angling

- Right Hand Branch, Tobique River from Mamozekel River upstream to the mouth of Tom Pole BrookAfter June 1
- Saint John River from Beechwood dam downstream 0.8 kilometres Closed
- Saint John River from 50 metres below the Upper Guisguait Brook to 50 metres above the Upper Guisguait BrookAfter July 1
- Tobique River (Atlantic salmon release site) from the mouth of Finnemore Brook at Gladwyn upstream to a point marked by a Fisheries Officer After June 15
- All brooks flowing into Nictau Lake..... Closed

Boundary Waters with Quebec

Anglers should note that seasons, bag limits, length limits and bait restrictions are dissimilar to New Brunswick regulations. Although New Brunswick licences will be recognized during Quebec's open seasons on these boundary waters, anglers should obtain a summary of Quebec's regulations if wishing to fish the Quebec portion of these waters.

Landlocked Salmon

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open season	May 15-Sept. 30	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit	2	2
Minimum size limit (Fork length)	35 cm	35 cm
Maximum size limit (Fork length)	Less than 63 cm	Less than 63 cm

Any landlocked salmon equal to or greater than 48 centimetres or less than 63 centimetres fork length requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

Exceptions to open season and/or size and bag limits

Nictau Lake

Bag limit..... 1

Baker Lake

Open season May 15-Sept. 15

Green River, Madawaska County

Minimum size limit 50 cm (fork length)

Maximum size limit Less than 63 cm (fork length)

Smallmouth Bass

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open season	May 15-Oct. 15	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit	May 15-June 30.....0 July 1-Sept 15.....2 Sept. 16-Oct. 15.....0	April 15-June 30.....1 July 1-Sept. 30.....3
Minimum size limit	30 cm	25 cm

Exceptions to open season:

Tobique Headpond May 1-Oct. 15

Beechwood Headpond May 1-Oct. 15

Smelt

Angling and dip netting

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open season	April 15-May 31	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit	60	200

Trout

	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Open season		
Rivers, brooks and streams	May 1-Sept. 15	April 15-Sept. 30
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 15-Sept. 15	April 15-Sept. 30
Daily bag and possession limit		
Total of: arctic char, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout or rainbow trout	5*	The lesser of 5 trout or 3.5 kg plus one fish.**

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	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine
Minimum size limit		
Arctic char, brook trout, or rainbow trout	10 cm	15 cm
Lake trout	45 cm	45 cm
Brown trout	15 cm	15 cm

* No more than 2 lake trout and/or 2 brown trout.

** No more than 2 lake trout and/or 2 brown trout. The five fish must weigh less than 3.5 kg unless the last fish caught exceeds 3.5 kg limit.

Exceptions to open season or size and bag limits

All Rivers and Streams (not lakes) upstream from the falls at Grand Falls, excluding Boundary Waters

Brook trout daily bag and possession limit10 (No more than 2 lake trout and/or 2 brown trout)
 Open Season May 1 – Sept. 30

First Green Lake

Unique Lake

Open SeasonMay 15 – Aug. 31

Roulston Lake

Open SeasonJune 15 - Aug. 31
 Brook trout daily bag and possession limit 2

Nictau Lake, Restigouche County

Brook trout Minimum length limit25 cm
 Daily bag limit 2

Whitefish

Boundary waters between N.B. and Maine

Open season April 15-Sept. 30
 Daily bag and possession limit 8

Non-Sport Fish (pickerel; muskellunge; burbot; yellow perch and white perch)

Open Season

Rivers, brooks and streams (NB).....May 1 -Oct. 15
 Lakes (NB)..... May 1 - Oct. 15

Daily bag and possession, length limits

Species	Daily Quota	Minimum Length	Maximum Length
Pickereel	10	10 cm TL	100 cm TL
Muskellunge	10	10 cm TL	170 cm TL
Burbot	10	10 cm TL	100 cm TL
White perch	25	10 cm TL	50 cm TL
Yellow perch	100	10 cm TL	50 cm TL

Please note - Closed Season

No open angling season exists for the following species: Atlantic Salmon

For further information, contact your nearest Natural Resources office

Bathurst 506-547-2080	Gordonsville 506-392-5105	St. George 506-755-4040
Blackville 506-843-2908	Hampton 506-832-6055	St. Laurent 506-776-3830
Boucher 506-735-2043	Kedgwick 506-284-3413	Saint-Léonard 506-423-3010
Buctouche 506-743-7300	Miramichi 506-627-4050	Saint-Louis de Kent 506-876-3409
Campbellton 506-789-2336	Nackawic 506-575-6005	Saint-Quentin 506-235-6040
Canterbury 506-279-6005	Nash Creek 506-237-3212	Stanley 506-367-7677
Chipman 506-339-7019	Perth-Andover 506-273-4797	Sunny Corner 506-836-7009
Coles Island 506-362-2705	Petitcodiac 506-756-3152	Sussex 506-432-2008
Dieppe 506-856-2344	Plaster Rock 506-356-6030	Tracadie-Sheila 506-394-3636
Doaktown 506-365-2001	Rogersville 506-775-2002	Welsford 506-486-6000
Fredericton 506-453-2345	Sackville 506-364-4088	

Public Service Desk, Fredericton 506-453-3826

Fish and Wildlife Branch, Fredericton 506-453-2440

Licences and permits may also be obtained at the following Service New Brunswick centres

Bathurst 506-547-2077	Grand Falls 506-473-7708	Saint John 506-658-2500
Campbellton 506-789-2300	McAdam 506-784-6809	St. Stephen 506-466-7378
Caraquet 506-727-7013	Miramichi 506-627-4040	Sussex 506-432-2002
Edmundston 506-735-2085	Moncton 506-856-2204	Woodstock 506-325-4476
Fredericton 506-453-2834	Richibucto 506-523-7610	

Mercury Contamination of Freshwater Fish

Eating fish caught in New Brunswick's lakes or rivers could increase the level of mercury in your body. The following guidelines apply to the consumption of brook trout, lake trout, landlocked salmon, smallmouth bass, perch, fresh water cusk, pickerel, striped bass and catfish, but exclude Atlantic salmon:

1. Women of child-bearing age and children under eight years of age should limit consumption of brook trout measuring less than 29 centimetres (12 inches) to one meal per month. Avoid consumption of all other species, including brook trout measuring 29 centimetres or more. Pregnant women should avoid consumption of all freshwater fish noted in this advisory.
2. For children eight years of age and older, male adults and women past childbearing age, there is no restriction on consuming brook trout under 29 centimetres. Consumption of brook trout measuring 29 centimetres and more should be limited to one meal per week. Consumption of all other New Brunswick freshwater fish listed above should be limited to one meal every two weeks.

An occasional meal which exceeds the guidelines should have no adverse health effects. This advisory applies only to wild fish caught in the province's lakes and rivers. Fish from commercial trout ponds and aquaculture operations are considered safe to eat.

For information on freshwater species: **Public Health Services - Health and Wellness, (506) 453-2323.**

For information on commercial fish: **Canadian Food Inspection Agency.**

Angling Ethics and Humane Treatment of Fish

Ethical anglers are those who appreciate New Brunswick's natural culture and its history. Ethical anglers protect our natural resources. They fish in a responsible manner. They respect the rights of others. And they handle their catch in a humane manner.

Anglers should:

- Respect our fish as a valuable resource.
- Treat fish in a humane manner.
- Appreciate the environment and our aquatic habitat. Keep it clean and leave it in better condition than you found it.
- Understand the need for a personal code of ethics or unwritten laws. There are some things that the law can not or should not cover.
- Know and obey the angling regulations which protect the resource and share its recreational value with all users.
- Learn proper handling techniques to ensure released fish do survive.
- Cooperate with and be courteous to all resource users, including other anglers, swimmers, boaters and property owners.
- Ensure quality angling for future generations. Limit your catch, rather than catching your limit

Humane Killing of Your Catch

Anglers are reminded that all fish should be treated humanely, whether they are retained, released or used as bait.

- Decide before landing the fish whether you intend to keep it.
- If you have decided to keep the fish, kill it quickly.
- Do not kill fish that you do not intend to use.

Unacceptable Practices

- The use of tailers or gaffs to land fish.
- Snagging, jigging, spear fishing, or bow and arrow as a method of capturing fish.
- Use of stringers or live wells to cull fish.

Invasive Species

Stop the Zebras!

What is the problem?

- The zebra mussel, a black and white striped clam-like animal is spreading from the Great Lakes region and could invade New Brunswick.
- A tiny animal, it measures three centimetres long or smaller.
- This aquatic hitchhiker, along with other exotic animals and plants, can cause significant harm to our ecosystems and fish populations.
- When you fish, you may unknowingly carry unwanted species to new areas.
- Once they are here, it is virtually impossible to get rid of them.

How can I help?

- As you leave the water, remove all mud, plants, etc. from fishing gear, boots, boat and any items that you have used.
- Dry equipment and remove water from live-wells, bilge and transom wells.
- Use hot (40° C) or salt water to clean your equipment before using it in another water body.
- Kill harmful aquatic life by soaking items in 100% vinegar for 20 minutes or 1% table salt solution for 24 hours.

Protect our Native Fish

What is the problem?

Well-meaning-but ill-informed anglers sometimes introduce or move fish without approval.

- A new species can disrupt the natural ecosystem and impact native fish
- It may introduce diseases and parasites that affect wild fish populations.
- Introduced species may compete with and prey on salmon and trout.

How does this happen?

Humans often spread unwanted species by:

- releasing a ship's ballast water that contains exotic organisms.
- introducing aquaculture, sport or aquarium fish.
- boating, bait handling, water transport and releasing fish from ornamental ponds.

How can I help?

- Stop stocking or moving fish.
- Do not release or put fish, plants or other animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.
- Be aware of bait regulations. It is illegal to use live fish as bait in most New Brunswick waters. Where use of live bait is legal, use bait from the body of water you are fishing.

It is illegal to transfer or stock any fish in New Brunswick without approval.

New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund

Fishing Projects Approved in 2005

Atlantic Salmon Federation Status of Rainbow Trout in New Brunswick Watercourses	\$20,000.	Fort Folly Habitat Recovery Assessing the Remnant Wild and Live Gene Bank Smolt Populations In the Big Salmon River	\$17,000.
Gestion du saumon de la Restigouche et ses tributaires MSRT Hatchery Facility	\$5,000.	Nashwaak Watershed Association Inc. Satellite Rearing and Gene Banking Operations	\$10,000.
Charlo Salmonid Enhancement Centre Inc. Operation of the Charlo Hatchery	\$28,500.	Miramichi Watershed Management Committee Inc. Operation of the North Branch- Main Southwest Miramichi River Atlantic Salmon Barrier	\$15,000.
Nepisiguit Salmon Association Nepisiguit Salmon Assessment & Enhancement	\$20,000.	Miramichi Headwaters Salmon Federation Inc. Operation of Satellite Rearing Station	\$15,000.
Belledune Regional Environment Association Inc. Jacques River Atlantic Salmon Conservation Project	\$30,000.	Restigouche River Watershed Management Fungus Reporting Campaign	\$480.
Le Club Chasse et Pêche Grande Rivière Inc. Restoration of the Frank Hyde Stream, Phase II	\$10,000.	Restigouche River Watershed Management Compilation of Fisheries Data for the Restigouche Watershed	\$8,000.
Comité Sauvons Nos Rivières Neguac Inc. Rivières des Caches Restoration and Verification of Former Restoration Work on the McKnight Stream	\$8,000.	Association des Bassins Versants de la Grande et Petite Rivière Tracadie Rehabilitation of the Gaspereau Stream in Pont-Landry and Assessment of phase 2	\$3,200.
Miramichi Salmon Association Inc. Miramichi Salmon Association Electrofishing Program	\$8,000.	Les Ami(e)s de la Kouchibouguacis Restoration of Salmon Populations in the Kouchibouguacis River	\$9,600.
Miramichi Salmon Association Inc. Miramichi Salmon Smolt Studies – 2005	\$17,000.	Groupe du Bassin Versant de la région de Cap-Pelé Fish Habitat Restoration in the Tedish River	\$6,880.
Miramichi Watershed Management Committee Inc. Miramichi River Salmon Restoration – Stocking 2005	\$20,500.	Fort Folly Habitat Recovery Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon Tracking	\$12,000.
Northumberland Salmon Protection Association Atlantic Salmon Smolt Production from the Northwest Miramichi River	\$9,500.	John Roff, Acadia University Identification of Causes of Low Marine Survival of Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon	\$6,400.
Richibucto River Association Richibucto River Water Quality Improvement 2005	\$10,000.	Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee Trout Creek Restoration Project 2005	\$12,000.
Southeastern Anglers Association The Impact of Fine Sediment on Atlantic Salmon Population In Chockpish, Bouclouche and Cocagne Rivers	\$10,000.	Tobique Salmon Protective Association Inc. Tobique and Saint John Wild Salmon Stabilization and Recovery	\$8,000.
Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee Upper Kennebecasis River Restoration Project	\$20,000.	Alyre Chiasson, UdeM The New Brunswick Muskellunge Cleithrum Project: Information for the Management of Muskellunge in New Brunswick	\$6,400.
Hammond River Angling Association Juvenile Salmon Density Survey	\$10,000.	Salmon River Association Inc. Salmon River Trout Enhancement and Youth Education Initiative	\$4,000.
Dr. Don McAlpine, New Brunswick Museum Historical Scale Collections of Endangered Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon: Databasing for DNA and toxicological studies	\$11,865.		
Dr. Matthew K. Litvak, University of New Brunswick Ecology and Status of the Atlantic and Shortnose Sturgeon on the Saint John River System	\$17,000.		