



Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou Counties

RECREATIONAL FISHING AREA 2

SEASONS

SPECKLED (BROOK) TROUT, BROWN TROUT, RAINBOW TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON.

Tidal Waters - Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Inland Waters - Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the waters referred to in the listings below.

NOTE: From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 no speckled trout may be retained, and the use of natural bait is prohibited province-wide in inland waters for all trout species and landlocked salmon, including Special Management Areas.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following and the waters referred to in the listings below.

Lansdowne Lake, Pictou County. Apr. 1 to Oct. 31.

Middle River Reservoir, Pictou County, downstream from a point 200m (219 yds) below the Highway 4 bridge to the Middle River dam in Granton. Apr. 1 to Oct 31.

SPAWNING SEASON RESTRICTIONS:

From Apr. 1 to June 2 no smallmouth bass may be retained and the use of natural bait is prohibited for this species. These regulations apply province-wide except for High Harvest Fisheries.

NOTE: The opening dates for the following rivers do not apply to the lakes and tributaries to those rivers unless specified.

ANTIGONISH COUNTY

Brierly Brook, downstream from the bridge on the Schoolhouse Road. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Pomquet River, downstream from the 104 Highway bridge. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

South River, downstream from the bridge that marks the outlet of Loch Katrine (South River Lake) to a point 400 m downstream from the railway trestle. Apr. 15 to Oct. 31.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

Country Harbour River, downstream from the highway bridge on the Borneo Road, including Country Harbour Lake to a point 300 m (330 yds) downstream of the Iron Bridge.

May 15 to Sept. 30.

Ecum Secum River, downstream from the outlet of Judd's Pool near New Chester.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Guysborough River (Milford Haven), downstream from the three bridges at Guysborough Intervale to the Highway 16 bridge near Boylston.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Liscomb River, downstream from the outlet of Big Stillwater Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

St. Mary's River, downstream from a point located 100 meters upstream from Silver's Bridge, and downstream from the highway bridge at Glenelg. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

WINTER RAINBOWS

Gairloch Lake in Pictou County is a great choice for year round angling. The lake is stocked with catchable sized brook trout in the spring and rainbows are stocked in late fall for the winter fishery. Trolling with spinners and a worm (or steamers for the fly fisherman) about 50 meters from north shore of the lake should produce some fish. In the winter, orange or white powerbait fished at about one meter off the bottom is your best bet. Other popular lakes for rainbow trout in the winter are the Bras d'Or Lake, Cape Breton, Cameron and Gillis lakes, Antigonish County, Albro Lake, Halifax County and Meadow Pond, Hants County.

PICTOU COUNTY

Barneys River, downstream from the 104 Highway bridge at Barneys River Station and downstream on West Branch Barneys River from the bridge at Avondale Station. **Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.**

East River, downstream from the highway bridge in Springville to a line drawn from Dunbar Point to Pine Point.

May 15 to Sept. 30.

French River, downstream from the confluence of the East and West branches.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

River John, downstream from the confluence of the East and West branches including the Salmon Hole.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Sutherlands River, downstream from Park Falls. **Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.**

West River, downstream from the 104 Highway bridge. **May 15 to Sept. 30.**

SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

WEST RIVER, ANTIGONISH COUNTY

Downstream from the bridge at the outlet of St. Joseph Lake on the Ohio River and downstream from the outlet of MacEacherns Lake, including the Cameron Lakes, on the Beaver River to a line drawn true North from grid reference 8350 5420 at Williams Point to the opposite shore (Antigonish reference map 11F-12). **Closed Apr. 1 to May 14.**

Open May 15 to Sept. 30. Unbaited lure to which not more than one hook is attached or artificial fly only and the use of natural bait is prohibited. The bag limit is reduced to one (1) trout (either brown or speckled) which must be 35 cm (13.8 in) total length or longer. From **Sept. 1 to Sept. 30** all speckled trout must be released.

Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. Rainbow trout only, artificial fly only. Bag limit of five (5) trout.

SALMON RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

Closed Apr. 1 to May 14.

Open May 15 to Sept. 30.

The bag limit is reduced to three (3) trout on the entire river, not including tributaries.

July 1 to Sept. 30. Downstream from a point 50 m (55 yds) below the Highway 16 bridge at Cooks Cove. Fly fishing only.

From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 all speckled trout must be released.

ST. FRANCIS HARBOUR RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

From the outlet of Goose Harbour Lake downstream to its confluence with Chedabucto Bay. **Closed Apr. 1 to May 14.**

Open May 15 to Sept. 30. Unbaited lure to which no more than one hook is attached or artificial fly only and the use of natural bait is prohibited. The bag limit is reduced to one (1) fish (either brown or speckled trout) which must be 35 cm (13.8 in) total length or longer.

From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30

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Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. Rainbow trout only, artificial fly only. Bag limit of five (5) trout.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT

Bag limit reduced to two (2) rainbow trout from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31.

Cameron Lake, Antigonish County.

OPEN ALL YEAR.

Gairloch Lake, Pictou County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

Gillis Lake, Antigonish County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

Goose Harbour Lake, Guysborough County.

OPEN ALL YEAR.

South River, Antigonish County.

Apr. 15 to Oct. 31.

CHAIN PICKEREL

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following and the waters referred to in the listings by county above.

Black Lake, Pictou County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

West Branch Lake, Pictou County.

OPEN ALL YEAR.

WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following and the waters referred to in the listings by county above.

Cameron Lake, Antigonish County.

OPEN ALL YEAR

Gillis Lake, Antigonish County. OPEN ALL YEAR

Middle River Reservoir, Pictou County.

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31.

NIGHT FISHING

River John, Pictou County, from the West

Branch Bridge downstream to the Welsford Bridge near Welsford. Brown trout angling at night is permitted from Apr. 15 to Aug. 31.

OTHER ANGLING SEASONS

See page 9.

FLY FISHING ONLY

Fishing is permitted with artificial flies only in the sections of the following rivers during the times listed. Other methods are permitted during the remainder of the open season. If in doubt as to the extent of these restrictions, please contact the local federal fishery officer.

ANTIGONISH COUNTY

South River, downstream from the bridge that marks the outlet of Loch Katrine (South River Lake) to a point 400 m downstream from the railway trestle. Oct. 1 to Oct. 31.

West River. Oct. 1 to Oct. 31.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

Liscomb River, from a point 70 m (77 yds) upstream from the highway bridge at Liscomb Mills upstream to a point 23 m (25 yds) downstream from the entrance to the fish ladder, not including tributaries.

June 1 to end of all fishing seasons.

St. Francis Harbour River. Oct. 1 to Oct. 31.

St. Mary's River, upstream from the highway bridge at Sherbrooke to a point located 100 m upstream from Silver's Bridge, and



upstream to the highway bridge at Glenelg, not including tributaries. Apr. 15 to May 25. St. Mary's River, from the highway bridge at Sherbrooke upstream to the Guysborough County boundary on the East River St. Mary's

and upstream to South Brook near Trafalgar on the West River St. Mary's, not including the tributaries of those rivers. May 26 to end of all fishing seasons.

FISHING POLES FOR NEEDY KIDS

Have some old fishing equipment gathering dust in the basement? Why not donate it to a young angler? The Fishing Poles for Needy Kids program, which is co-sponsored by the Conservation Enforcement Officers Association of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Federation of Anglers and Hunters accepts donations of fishing equipment and ensures that it goes to a young angler who needs it. To donate equipment contact your local office of the Nova Scotia Dept. of Natural Resources or the Federation of Anglers and Hunters at 477-8898.



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