

Halifax and Lunenburg Counties

RECREATIONAL FISHING AREA 3

SEASONS

SPECKLED TROUT, BROWN TROUT, LAKE (GREY) TROUT, RAINBOW TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON.

Tidal waters of Halifax County (Halifax Harbour and East) - Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Tidal waters of Halifax County (West of Halifax Harbour) and Lunenburg County - Apr. 1 to Sept. 30.

Inland waters of RFA 3 - Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section on page 22.

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.

SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

EAST TAYLOR BAY LAKE, HALIFAX COUNTY

including all lakes and tributaries flowing into East Taylor Bay Lake. Bag Limit - reduced to two (2) speckled trout.

MUSQUODOBOIT RIVER, HALIFAX COUNTY

Bag limit - two (2) speckled trout on the entire river (not including tributaries) upstream from a line drawn across the mouth of Musquodoboit Harbour from Bayers Point to Nauffts Point. From a point 300 m (328 yds) downstream from the Highway 7 bridge upstream to a point 100m (110 yds) upstream from the first Highway 357 bridge (Crawford's Bridge). Closed Apr. 1 to May 14.

Open May 15 to end of all fishing seasons. Fly fishing only.

From a point 300 m (328 yds) downstream from the Highway 7 bridge to Chapel Island, including tributaries. Closed Apr. 1 to May 31.

The inland waters of Musquodoboit River, including all lakes and tributaries are Closed Sept. 30 to end of all fishing seasons.

CATCH AND RELEASE WATERS

The following lakes in Halifax County will be catch and release only, unbaited lure to which not more than one hook is attached or artificial fly only and the use of natural bait is prohibited: Birch Hill Lake, Blueberry Lake, East Duck Lake, Five Island Lake, Five Island Lake Run, Frederick Lake, Holland Marsh Lake, Hubley Big Lake, Jacket Lake, Lizard Lake and Sheldrake Lake and Woodens River (downstream from the outflow of Hubley Big Lake, including all lakes and tributaries).

LAHAVE RIVER, LUNENBURG COUNTY

From Silver Hill Brook, located 825 m (903 yds) downstream from the CN Railway bridge, upstream to the south end of Wentzells Lake, not including tributaries.

Open Apr. 1 to May 25. Unbaited lure to which not more than one hook is attached or artificial fly only and the use of natural bait is prohibited.

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG COUNTY

From the Highway 331 bridge upstream to Hebb Lake, not including tributaries.

Open Apr. 1 to June 14. Unbaited lure to which not more than one hook is attached or artificial fly only and the use of natural bait is prohibited. Bag limit - two (2) trout. From a point 185 m (203 yds) upstream from the Highway 331 bridge upstream to Hebb Lake, not including Fancy Lake or the tributaries to that river. **June 15 to end of all fishing seasons.** Fly fishing only.

The following regulations are in place to protect endangered Atlantic whitefish.

The waters of Minamkeak Lake, Milipsigate Lake and Hebb Lake upstream from the dam at its outlet, including the waters joining these lakes but not including other tributaries to them except the waters of an un-named tributary to Hebb Lake that are downstream from a straight line across that tributary from grid reference 7435 0980 as marked by a fishery officer. **July 1 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.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except Special Bass Management Areas and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section on page 24.

SPECIAL BASS MANAGEMENT AREAS

**Grand Lake, Halifax County,
Apr. 1 to Dec. 31.**

Bag limit - three (3) bass, only one of which may be over 40 cm (15.7 in), all fish 30 - 40 cm (11.8 - 15.7 in) must be released and the use of natural bait is prohibited.

HIGH HARVEST FISHERY

**Banook Lake, Halifax County
Loon Lake, Halifax County (near Waverley)
MicMac Lake, Halifax County
Rocky Lake, Halifax County (near
Waverley)**

Apr. 1 to Dec. 31. Bag limit - ten (10) bass, only two of which may be over 25 cm (9.8 in)

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.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT

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

**Albro Lake, Halifax County. OPEN ALL YEAR.
Sucker Lake, Lunenburg County.
OPEN ALL YEAR.**

CHAIN PICKEREL

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except the following and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section page 24.

**Fish Lake, Halifax County (near Oakfield).
OPEN ALL YEAR.
Morris Lake, Halifax County.
OPEN ALL YEAR.
Russell Lake, Halifax County.
OPEN ALL YEAR.**

WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except the following and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section page 24.
Albro Lake, Halifax County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

NIGHT FISHING

Smallmouth bass angling at night is permitted during the open season on the following:
Banook Lake, Halifax County
Loon Lake, Halifax County (near Waverley).
Micmac Lake, Halifax County
Rocky Lake, Halifax County (near Waverley).

OTHER ANGLING SEASONS

See page 9.

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

WATERS CLOSED TO ANGLING

HALIFAX COUNTY

East River, Sheet Harbour from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans barrier dam upstream to Malay Falls, including tributaries. Closed Apr. 1 to Apr. 14.
East River, Sheet Harbour, from the Powerhouse at Ruth Falls downstream 200 m (219 yds), including tributaries. Closed June 1 to Sept. 30.

Ingram River, from a point 23 m (26 yds) downstream from the Highway 3 bridge to a point 23 m (26 yds) upstream from that bridge, including tributaries.

CLOSED ALL YEAR.

Kirby River, from a point 15 m (17 yds) downstream from the Highway 24 bridge to 15 m (17 yds) upstream from that bridge, including tributaries.



Closed June 1 to Sept. 30.
West River Sheet Harbour, upstream from the Killag Road bridge. Closed June 1 to Sept. 30.

LUNENBURG COUNTY

Fancy Lake. Closed Apr. 1 to Apr. 14.
Gold River, the Dipping Pool located

NOVA SCOTIA'S PANFISH

White perch angling is a great choice for family orientated angling and beginners. Nicknamed Nova Scotia's panfish, white perch are relatively easy to catch, easy to clean, and are amazing to eat. This species can be found province wide. Cameron & Gillis lakes (Antigonish County), Albro Lake (Halifax County), Springfield Lake (Annapolis County), Woodward Sanford Lake (Hants County), Angevine (Dewar) Lake, (Cumberland County), and Shortts Lake, (Colchester County) are open to year round angling. In the last two weeks of May try the West River (Pictou County) for some large white perch action in the backwaters and then nearby Middle River reservoir in June and July. White perch prefer small spinners and spoons retrieved quickly or streamers that imitate bait fish. Trolling can be very effective to locate active schools.

between the Cable Pool and the Kill Devil Pool, including tributaries. **Closed May 10 to Aug. 15.**

Gold River, Lunenburg County, from a point 200 m (219 yds) upstream from the Highway 3 bridge upstream to the Larder River, including tributaries. **Closed Apr. 1 to May 9.**

Wallace Brook, from Petite Riviere at Crousetown, upstream 180 m (197 yds), including tributaries. **Closed Apr. 1 to Sept. 30.**

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.

HALIFAX COUNTY

Little Sackville River, from the confluence with the Sackville River upstream to the outlet of Feely Lake, not including tributaries.

June 1 to the end of all fishing seasons.

Moser River, upstream from the highway bridge at Moser River, not including tributaries. **May 26 to end of all fishing seasons.**

Sackville River, from a point 50 m (55 yds) below the Shore Drive Bridge, near Bedford, upstream to a point 200 m (219 yds) upstream from the Lucasville Road bridge, not including tributaries. **June 1 to the end of all fishing seasons.**

West River Sheet Harbour, from the concrete piers located downstream of the Highway 7 bridge upstream to the Killag River, not including tributaries. **May 26 to end of all fishing seasons.**

LUNENBURG COUNTY

Gold River, from the Highway 3 bridge upstream to the Larder River, not including tributaries. **May 26 to end of all fishing seasons.**



LaHave River, from Silver Hill Brook upstream to New Germany Lake; upstream to Sherbrooke Lake on the North Branch LaHave River; and upstream to Rhyno Lake on the West LaHave River, not including lakes on those rivers or lakes and tributaries to those rivers and not including the waters commonly known as the Shad Hole between Bruhm's Bridge and Shingle Mill Brook (see below). **May 26 to end of all fishing seasons.**

LaHave River, in waters commonly known as the Shad Hole, between Bruhm's Bridge and points on either side of the river marked by a fishery officer approximately 200 m (219 yds) upstream near the mouth of Rhodenizer Brook (Shingle Mill Brook).

May 26 to June 15. Unbaited lure or artificial fly only and the use of bait is prohibited.

June 16 to end of all fishing seasons.
Fly fishing only.

Nova Scotia Recreational Fishing Areas

To allow management on a regional basis, the province is divided into six Recreational Fishing Areas (RFA). Each RFA has a Recreational Fisheries Advisory Council that is open to the public and consists of anglers and volunteer sportfishing organizations with participation from other government agencies. Inland Fisheries Division meets twice yearly in each RFA to present research and discuss and develop regulations and enhancement and fisheries sportfishing resource initiatives.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (Provincial) Inland Fisheries Division

PO Box 700, Pictou, NS B0K 1H0
Phone: (902) 485-5056, Fax: (902) 485-4014
E-mail: inland@gov.ns.ca
Website: <http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/sportfishing>

Report illegal fishing activities to your local office of the Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-565-2224, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans at 1-800-565-1633, Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-565-TIPS (8477).

Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Federal)

<http://www.mar.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/e/genpub.htm>

133 Church Street
Antigonish Mall, Antigonish, NS B2G 2E3
Phone: (902) 863-5670

215 Main Street, Yarmouth, NS B5A 1C6
Phone: (902) 742-0885

PO Box 1085, Sydney, NS B1P 6J7
Phone: (902) 564-3935

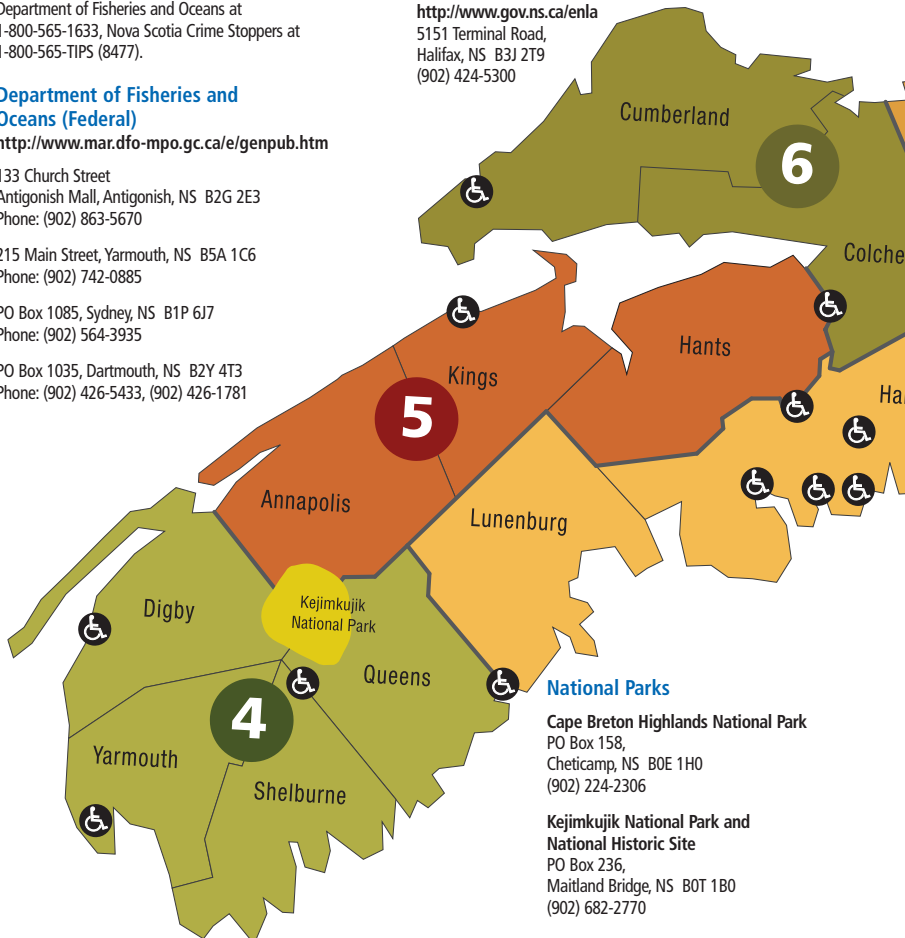
PO Box 1035, Dartmouth, NS B2Y 4T3
Phone: (902) 426-5433, (902) 426-1781

Department of Natural Resources Enforcement Division

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr>
PO Box 698, Halifax, NS B3J 2T9
(902) 424-5254

Department of Environment and Labour (Provincial)

<http://www.gov.ns.ca/enla>
5151 Terminal Road,
Halifax, NS B3J 2T9
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National Parks

Cape Breton Highlands National Park
PO Box 158,
Cheticamp, NS B0E 1H0
(902) 224-2306

Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site
PO Box 236,
Maitland Bridge, NS B0T 1B0
(902) 682-2770

BARRIER FREE SPORT FISHING SITES

Barrier Free sites provide elderly and handicapped anglers access to various sportfishing opportunities. To learn more about these sites contact the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries or visit our website www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/sportfishing



LAKE INFORMATION

The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has information sheets on over 1000 lakes in the province. Each sheet contains a map of the lake (with depth contours) as well as data on water quality, fish species in the lake, and the recent stocking history. These information sheets are available at a cost of \$1 each (including taxes).

A free copy of the index and 46 popular lakes are available on our website, or you can specify which county(ies) you are interested in and write to:

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