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## Annapolis, Hants and Kings Counties

### RECREATIONAL FISHING AREA 5

#### SEASONS

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

Inland and Tidal Waters of RFA 5 - Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section on page 38.

**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 Oct. 31 except Special Bass Management Areas and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section on page 48.

#### **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 TROUT MANAGEMENT AREA

#### **CORNWALLIS RIVER, KINGS COUNTY**

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30. From South Bishop Road bridge downstream to the 101 Highway bridge is closed to angling except with an 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) fish (either brown or speckled trout) which must be 35 cm

(13.8 in) total length or longer.

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

### FINDING SMALLMOUTH - THE CHANGING SEASON

**S**mallmouth bass spend most of their time close to hard structure such as rocks and boulders near shore until the water temperature warms up. Islands, points and shoals are the three preferred spots to begin your smallmouth search in the spring using top water baits and jigs. In the summer, the early morning and evening periods will usually find fish in shallow water aggressively feeding. In fall, smallmouth bass will school farther from shore in deeper water off points and shoals. Try using a marker buoy to locate productive depths. Understanding bass seasonal habitat preferences will increase your success in Black River and Little River lakes, Kings County, Mushamush Lake, Lunenburg County and Grand Lake, Halifax County..

**SPECIAL BASS  
MANAGEMENT AREAS**

Black River Lake, Kings County  
 Little River Lake, Kings County  
 Methals Lake, Kings County  
 Panuke Lake, Hants 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**

Elliot Lake, Annapolis County  
 Gaspereau Lake, Kings County  
 Lake George, Kings County  
 Apr. 1 to Dec. 31. Bag limit - ten (10) bass, only two of which may be over 25 cm (9.8 in).

**SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT**

Ramsey Lake, Annapolis County,  
 May 15 to Oct. 31.  
 Meadow Pond, Hants County.  
 Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 28  
 Sunken Lake, Kings County.  
 May 15 to Oct. 31.  
 Silver Lake (Lakeville), Kings County.  
 Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 28.

**CHAIN PICKEREL**

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except in the following and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section below.  
 Lily Lake (Cogmagun Pond), Hants County.  
 OPEN ALL YEAR.

**WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH**

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except in the following and the waters referred to in the *Waters Closed to Angling* section on page 38.  
 Springfield Lake, Annapolis County.  
 OPEN ALL YEAR.  
 Woodward Sandford Lake, Hants County.  
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## NIGHT FISHING

Smallmouth bass angling at night is permitted during the open season in the following:  
Black River Lake, Kings County  
Little River Lake, Kings County  
Methals Lake, Kings County  
Panuke Lake, Hants County

Brown trout angling at night is permitted during the open season on the following:  
Cornwallis River, Kings County

## OTHER ANGLING SEASONS

See page 9.

### Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site

A National Parks general fishing permit as well as a park entry permit is required to angle in the park. For more information contact the Park Office (see page 26).

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

## WATERS CLOSED TO ANGLING

### KINGS COUNTY

Black River Brook, from its confluence



with Lumsden Pond to a point 400 metres upstream. **CLOSED ALL YEAR.**

Gaspereau River, from a point 152 m (167 yds) downstream from the highway bridge at White Rock to a point 213 m (233 yds) upstream from that bridge, including tributaries. **CLOSED ALL YEAR.**

Gaspereau River, from White Rock power station upstream to the first highway bridge, including tributaries. **CLOSED ALL YEAR.**

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## FILL YOUR MEMORIES, NOT YOUR CREEL



As anglers are becoming more conservation-minded and aware of the growing pressure on Nova Scotia's fishery resources, more of them are releasing part of their catch. This voluntary, and in some cases mandatory, "catch and release" not only gives the angler a sense of satisfaction but it also allows for a much better utilization of a limited resource. Careful handling, as outlined below, will greatly increase the survival rate of your fish.

1. Do not play the fish until it is belly-up. Play and release as rapidly as possible.
2. Keep the fish in water as much as possible. It may fatally injure itself by flopping about on the shore or in a boat. The loss of scales and the protective slime coat on the body may result in infection.

3. Handle the fish gently. Avoid touching the gill areas and eyes. Do not squeeze small fish.

4. Unhook quickly and efficiently. Long-nosed pliers work better than numb slippery fingers. Cut the line and sacrifice the hook rather than the fish. Unhook quickly and efficiently. Using barbless or crimped barb hooks may make unhooking a fish easier.

5. Revive the fish if necessary. Hold the fish upright and move it backward and forward in the water, so that water flows through the gills. In rivers and streams, hold the fish with its head facing

into the current. Release when the fish can swim normally.

6. Fishing with live bait (worms, etc.) tends to hook the fish deeply and lowers their chance of survival. Using equipment such as lures without bait or artificial flies increases their chances of survival after they are released.

Warm water holds less dissolved oxygen than does cool water. This increases the metabolic rate of fish, which means they require more oxygen. Warm water also increases the activity of bacteria and viruses. These factors can result in stress and respiratory difficulties.

Landing, reviving, and releasing your fish as quickly as possible and following the above steps will increase the chances of survival.

## WINTER ANGLING OPPORTUNITIES IN NOVA SCOTIA



For those who love the outdoors, ice fishing is an ideal winter sport. Fishing licences for 2006 are valid until March 31, 2007. If you anticipate taking part in a winter fishery, please keep your licence and return your completed licence stub at the end of March. The Winter Fishing Season begins on January 1-March 31, except for the following 3 lakes the season begins on January 1-February 28.

### Exceptions:

**Meadow Pond, Hants County**

(Jan. 1-Feb. 28)

**Silver and Sunken, Kings County**

(Jan. 1-Feb. 28)

The bag limit for rainbow trout during the winter fishery is two (2) per day, and for chain pickerel, white perch and yellow perch, twenty-five (25) per day.

### Rainbow Trout

The tidal waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes  
NOT INCLUDING

(1) waters of the Baddeck River upstream from the Highway 105 bridge; (2) waters Northeast (inside) of the East Bay Sandbar; (3) waters upstream from Crowdis Bridge in River Denys Basin; (4) waters upstream from Black River Bridge in Dundee; and (5) waters upstream from Mackenzie Brook bridge near South Side Basin of River Denys; which remain closed

to all angling.

**Lever, #20 Dam, Cape Breton County**  
**Goose Harbour, Guysborough County**  
**Cameron, and Gillis lakes, Antigonish County**

**Gairloch, Pictou County**

**Albro, Halifax County**

**Sucker, Lunenburg County**

**Hidden Hills, Queens County**

**Meadow Pond, Hants County**

**Silver, and Sunken lakes, Kings County**

**Angevine (Dewars), Cumberland County**

**Everitts, Digby County**

### Chain Pickerel

**Meteghan River, including all lakes and tributaries, Digby County**

**Annis River, including all lakes and tributaries, Yarmouth County**

**Kiack Brook (near Belleville South), including all lakes and tributaries, Yarmouth County**

**Louis, Queens County**

**Walls, Ponds in Port Latour, Bakers Flats on Cape Sable Island, Shelburne County**

**Lily (Cogmagun Pond), Hants County**

**Shortts, Colchester County**

**Black, and West Branch lakes, Pictou County**

**Fish, Morris, Russell, and Kinsac lakes, Halifax County**

### White and Yellow perch

**Angevine (Dewars), Cumberland County**

**Woodward Sandford, Hants County**

**Springfield, Annapolis County**

**Meteghan River, including all lakes and tributaries, Digby County**

**Cameron and Gillis lakes, Antigonish County**

**Albro, Halifax County**

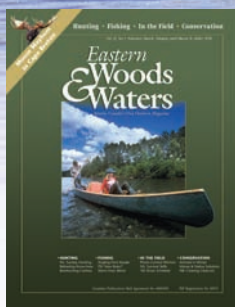
**Shortts, Colchester County**



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