

Nova Scotia Recreational Fishing Areas

To allow management on a regional basis, the province is divided into six Recreational Fishing Areas (RFAs). 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. The Inland Fisheries Division meets twice yearly in each RFA to present research and discuss and develop regulations, enhancement opportunities and other sportfishing initiatives.

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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)

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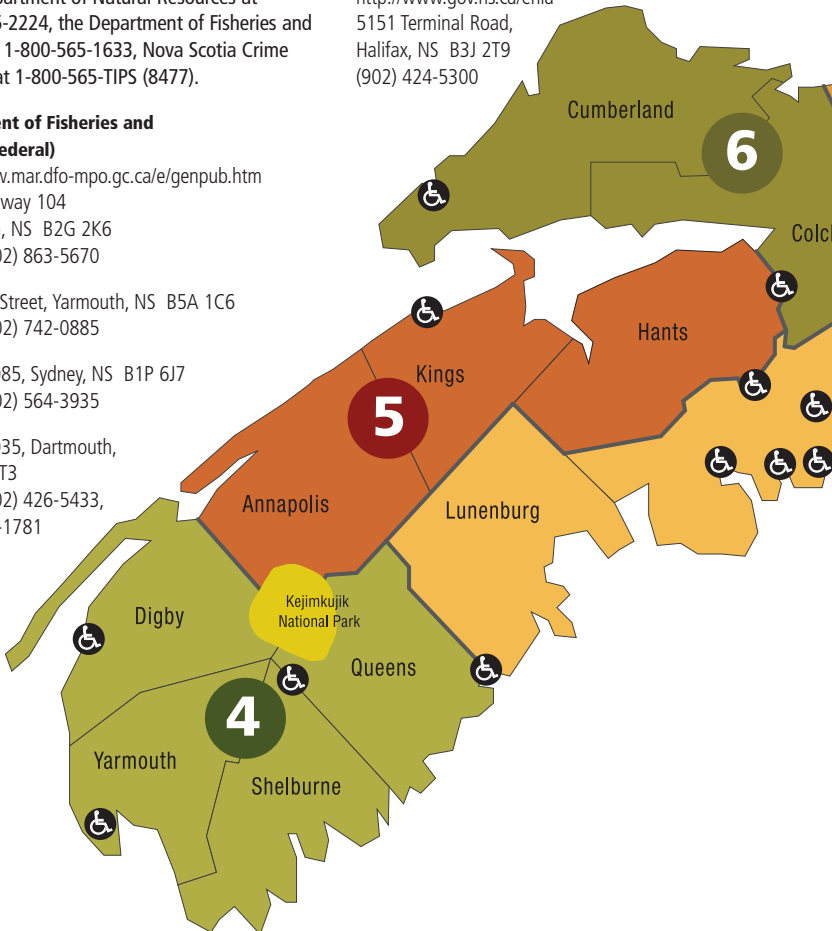
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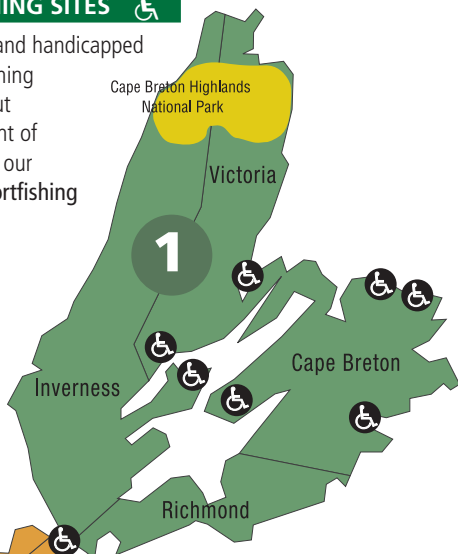
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NATIONAL PARKS

Cape Breton Highlands National Park

PO Box 158, Cheticamp, NS B0E 1H0
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Kejimikujik National Park and National Historic Site

PO Box 236, Maitland Bridge, NS B0T 1B0
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LAKE INFORMATION

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture 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:

Information Officer

Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

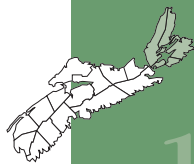
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Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond and Victoria Counties

RECREATIONAL FISHING AREA 1

SEASONS

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

Tidal Waters - Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Inland Waters and the Bras d'Or Lake - Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the waters referred to in the listings below.

From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 no speckled trout may be retained and natural bait is prohibited in inland waters for all trout species and landlocked salmon. This includes all Special Trout Management Areas except the Cape Breton Highlands Management Area.

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

CAPE BRETON COUNTY

Belfry Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Catalone River, downstream from the outlet of Belle Lake, including Catalone Lake.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Gabarus Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Gaspereau River, downstream from the outlet of Gaspereau Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Gerratt Brook, downstream from the outlet of Kelly Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Lorraine Brook, downstream from the outlet of MacVickers Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Mira River, downstream from the highway bridge at Victoria Bridge. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Salmon River, downstream from the still water at Silver Mine. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

INVERNESS COUNTY

Margaree River, downstream from the highway bridges at East Margaree.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Southwest Margaree River, downstream from the Scotsville bridge to the bridge at Margaree Forks. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Northeast Margaree River, (*see Special Trout Management Area page 15*).

Skye River, downstream from the lower East Skye Glen Bridge to the Highway 105 Bridge.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

RICHMOND COUNTY

Framboise River, including Middle River Framboise, Northeast Framboise River, and Bagnells River. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

A UNIQUE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

The Cape Breton Highlands have been said to be the most spectacular part of the Maritime Acadian Highlands, identified as one of 48 natural regions in Canada. This area has five main entry points; Hunters Mountain, Belle Cote, Wreck Cove, North River and Fielding Road in NE Margaree. Home of the highly prized speckled trout, this area also hosts a healthy moose population where morning and evening sightings are common. This area provides a unique experience for both anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. Increased bag limits and higher catch rates make the Cape Breton Highlands Management Area a popular destination. Headwater lakes of the Baddeck and North rivers as well as Wreck Cove, Cheticamp, Gisborne and MacMillan flowages provide excellent trout fishing with varying degrees of access from road side to hiking.

Grand River, downstream from the highway bridge at the head of Loch Lomond.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

L'Archeveque Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Marie Joseph Brook, downstream from the outlet of Upper Marie Joseph Lake.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

River Inhabitants, downstream from the Highway 105 bridge at Kingsville.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

River Tillard, downstream from the bridge

at Sporting Mountain. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

Rorys Pond. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

St. Esprit Lake. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

VICTORIA COUNTY

Ingonish River, downstream to the Cabot Trail Highway bridge, including tributaries. May 16 to Sept. 30.

North River, downstream from a point at the benches marked by a fishery officer to the Tidal Pool, including tributaries. June 1 to Sept. 30.

SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

MARGAREE RIVER, INVERNESS COUNTY

Upstream from the highway bridges at East Margaree to the bridges at Big Intervale on the Northeast Margaree and to the bridge at Margaree Forks on the Southwest Margaree.

Apr. 15 to Sept. 30. Bag limit five (5) trout, only one speckled trout may be 35 cm (13.8 in) total length or longer.

From June 1 to the end of all fishing seasons: artificial fly only.

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

Upstream from the bridges at Big Intervale on the Northeast Margaree River **CLOSED ALL YEAR**.

LAKE O'LA W BROOK, INVERNESS COUNTY

Upstream from its' confluence with the Northeast Margaree River to the outlet of First Lake O'law.

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30. Bag Limit three (3) speckled trout, none of which may be 35 cm (13.8 in) total length or longer.

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

RIVER DENYS, INVERNESS COUNTY

Downstream from the bridge at River Denys to a line drawn true North from Martin Point on the western end of Boom Island to grid reference 5315 8480 on the opposite shore across the Boom Channel.

May 15 to Sept. 30.

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

NORTH ASPY RIVER, VICTORIA COUNTY

Upstream from the Bay St. Lawrence highway bridge to the Cape Breton Highlands Park boundary. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

From June 1 to Sept 30, single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited.

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

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BADDECK RIVER, VICTORIA COUNTY

Upstream from the 105 Highway bridge including the North Branch Baddeck River and Canes Pond, excluding tributaries.

May 15 to Sept. 30. Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited. **Bag limit five (5) trout**, only one speckled trout may be 35 cm (13.8 in) total length or longer.

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

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

MIDDLE RIVER, VICTORIA COUNTY

Upstream from the Highway 105 Bridge to the Cabot Trail Highway Bridge near Findlayson, including tributaries.

May 15 to Sept. 30. Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited. This gear restriction does not apply to Indian Brook. **Bag limit five (5) trout**, only one speckled trout may be 35 cm (13.8 in) total length or longer.

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

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

Upstream from the Cabot Trail Highway Bridge near Findlayson, including tributaries.

CLOSED ALL YEAR

CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS

This management area is enclosed by the following boundaries: (1) the 105 Highway from the St. Anns exit (exit 11) to the Cabot Trail to the Hunters Mountain exit (exit 7) to the Cabot Trail, (2) the Cabot Trail Highway, (3) the Victoria County line, and (4) the Cape Breton Highlands National Park boundary.

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30. **Bag limit ten (10) speckled trout**, only two (2) of which may be 25.4 cm (10 in) total length or longer. Natural bait allowed all season.

Note: The following waters are not included in the Cape Breton Highlands Management Area and the bag limit remains at five (5) trout.

Baddeck River, North Branch Baddeck River and Canes Pond, not including tributaries to those rivers. **Barachois River**, not including tributaries. **Indian Brook**, downstream from the confluence of the east and west branches, not including tributaries.

Ingonish River, not including tributaries. **North River**, downstream from a point at the benches marked by a fishery officer, not including tributaries. **Middle River**, including tributaries.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT

Baddeck River, Middle River, Victoria County. **May 15 to Oct. 31.**

Livers Lake, # 20 Dam, Cape Breton County. **OPEN ALL YEAR.**

The tidal waters of the **Bras D'Or Lake, Great Bras D'Or Lake, St. Patrick's**

Channel, St. Andrews Channel, and Sydney

River (between the dam and a line drawn between Point Edward and Liscomb Point). **OPEN ALL YEAR.**

NIGHT FISHING FOR BROWN TROUT

Salmon River, Cape Breton County downstream from the highway bridge near Rock Elm to its confluence with the Mira River.

Apr. 15 to Aug. 31

Introduced Species

The intentional or accidental movement of fish or other aquatic organisms from one lake or stream to another can negatively affect local fish populations through competition, disease, or genetic changes. No one is allowed to release live fish into the waters of the province, except under a license issued by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Unwanted fish species can be accidentally spread by releasing unused live bait. Do not discard bait unless it was caught from the water body in which you are fishing. Because of the potential threat to local fish populations, it is illegal to use certain species as bait or to possess them for bait (whether alive or dead). These include bass, bullhead, white perch, yellow perch, goldfish, pickerel, or any fish not taken from provincial waters. Report illegal fishing activities or introductions to your local office of the Department of Natural Resources at 1-800-565-2224, or Department of Fisheries and Oceans at 1-800-565-1633, or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-565-TIPS (8477).

For examples of aquatic invasive species, and Canada's plan to address aquatic invasive species see:
http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/environmental-environnement/invasive_e.htm.

1. Inspect your boat, motor, trailer, and boating equipment such as anchors and fishing gear, centerboards, rollers, and axles. Remove any animals and plants that are visible before leaving any waterbody.
2. Drain water from the motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while on land immediately before leaving the waterbody.



3. Wash out or dry your boots, waders, boat, tackle, trailer, and other boating equipment to kill harmful species that were not visible at the boat launch. Some aquatic species can survive more than two weeks out of water. Therefore, it is important to:

- Rinse your boat and equipment that normally gets wet with hot tap water (greater than 40°C), or
- Spray your boat and trailer with high pressure water (250 psi), or
- Dry your boat and equipment in the sun for at least 5 days before transporting them to another body of water.

Further information on preventing the spread of aquatic invaders, invading species watches, and new alerts can be found at: www.invadingspecies.com

HELP PROTECT NATIVE FISH SPECIES



SMALLMOUTH BASS

High Harvest Fishery Lake Ainslie, Inverness County Apr. 1 to Oct. 31.
Bag Limit - ten (10) bass.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES *See Page 9*

ARTIFICIAL FLY 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.

INVERNESS COUNTY

Trout Brook downstream from a point 96 m upstream from the Highway 395 Bridge to a point 137 m downstream from the same bridge lying between two markers set 45m apart in Lake Ainslie.

Apr. 1 to the end of all fishing seasons.

GRAND RIVER

Grand River, Richmond County, on the East Side of Cape Breton Island is well known for sea run trout angling. It is a short river leading to a small productive estuary, typical of many Nova Scotia rivers. Loch Lomond and Lake Uist, headwater lakes of Grand River, provide excellent angling for brook trout and brown trout. Insects and bait fish congregate on the lee side of the numerous islands and shoals. Casting to these shallow feeding areas, and can very productive in spring until warmer shoreline temperatures force trout to deeper, cooler water. Trolling lures, streamers and muddler minnows can locate fish suspended on rocky drop-offs later in the season.

RICHMOND COUNTY

Grand River, from the highway bridge at Grand River upstream to the highway bridge at the head of Loch Lomond, not including tributaries. June 1 to end of all fishing seasons.

VICTORIA COUNTY

North River, upstream from the tidal pool to a point at the benches marked by a fishery officer, not including tributaries. June 1 to the end of all fishing seasons.

Cape Breton Highlands National Park

A National Parks general fishing permit or National Parks salmon licence as well as a park entry permit is required to angle in the park. For more information contact the Park Office (see page 13).

WATERS CLOSED TO ANGLING

INVERNESS COUNTY

Trout Brook, upstream from a point 96 m upstream from the Highway 395 Bridge, including tributaries. **CLOSED ALL YEAR.**

VICTORIA COUNTY

North River, Victoria County, upstream from a point at the benches marked by a fishery officer including tributaries. **CLOSED ALL YEAR.**



The Becoming an Outdoors Woman Program offers

- A 3-day workshop for women, 18 years and older
- Classes designed to introduce women to a variety of fishing, hunting and other outdoor experiences
- Instructors willing to share their knowledge and passion in a fun and nurturing environment

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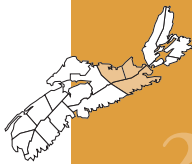
- You are a beginner and want to try something new but didn't know how to get started
- You know how to do some activities and would like to improve on these or try others
- You are looking for fun and fellowship in the great outdoors

Upcoming Workshops

Fall 2007 Tim Horton Children's Camp in Tatamagouche, NS Sept.28-30, 2007

Winter 2008 TBA

If you would like more information, please call (902) 424-5832,
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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.

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

NOTE: The opening dates for the following rivers do not apply to the lakes and tributaries of 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 in Antigonish Harbour. 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 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.

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 on the East Branch St. Mary's River, and downstream from the highway bridge at Glenelg on the West Branch St. Mary's River. Apr. 15 to Sept. 30.

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

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 streamers 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.

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 EXCEPTIONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT

Cameron Lake, Gillis Lake, Antigonish County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

South River, Antigonish County. Apr. 15 to Oct. 31.

Gairloch Lake, Pictou County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

For areas open all year, the bag limit is reduced to two (2) rainbow trout from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31.

SPECIAL TROUT MANAGEMENT AREAS

WEST RIVER, ANTIGONISH COUNTY. *See map page 22*

The Beaver River, downstream from the outlet of MacEacherns Lake, including the Cameron Lakes to its confluence with the Ohio River, and the West River, downstream from the Bridge at Addington Forks to a line drawn true North from grid reference 8350 5420 at Williams Point to the opposite shore. May 15 to Sept. 30. Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited.

The Ohio River, downstream from the bridge at the outlet of St. Joseph Lake to the Bridge on the West River at Addington Forks. May 15 to Sept. 30. Artificial fly only.

Bag Limit one (1) trout (either brown or speckled) which must be 35 cm (13.8 in.) total length or longer for the entire Special Trout Management Area. From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 all speckled trout must be released. From Oct. 1 to Oct. 31. Rainbow trout only, artificial fly only.

Bag Limit five (5).

GUYSBOROUGH (MILFORD HAVEN) RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

Downstream from the three bridges at Guysborough Intervale to the Highway 16 bridge near Boylston. May 15 to Sept. 30. Bag Limit three (3) trout. From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 all speckled trout must be released.

SALMON RIVER, GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

May 15 to Sept. 30. Bag limit three (3) trout on the entire river, not including tributaries. From July 1 to Sept. 30 downstream from a point 50 m below the Highway 16 Bridge at Cooks Cove: artificial fly 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.

May 15 to Sept. 30. Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited. Bag limit 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.

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

NIGHT FISHING FOR BROWN TROUT

River John, Pictou County, from the West Branch Bridge downstream to the Welsford Bridge near Welsford. Apr. 15 to Aug. 31.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following: Lansdowne Lake, Pictou County, Apr. 1 to Oct. 31

Middle River Reservoir, Pictou County, downstream from a point 200m 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 1 no smallmouth bass may be retained and natural bait is prohibited for this species. These regulations apply province-wide except for High Harvest Fisheries.

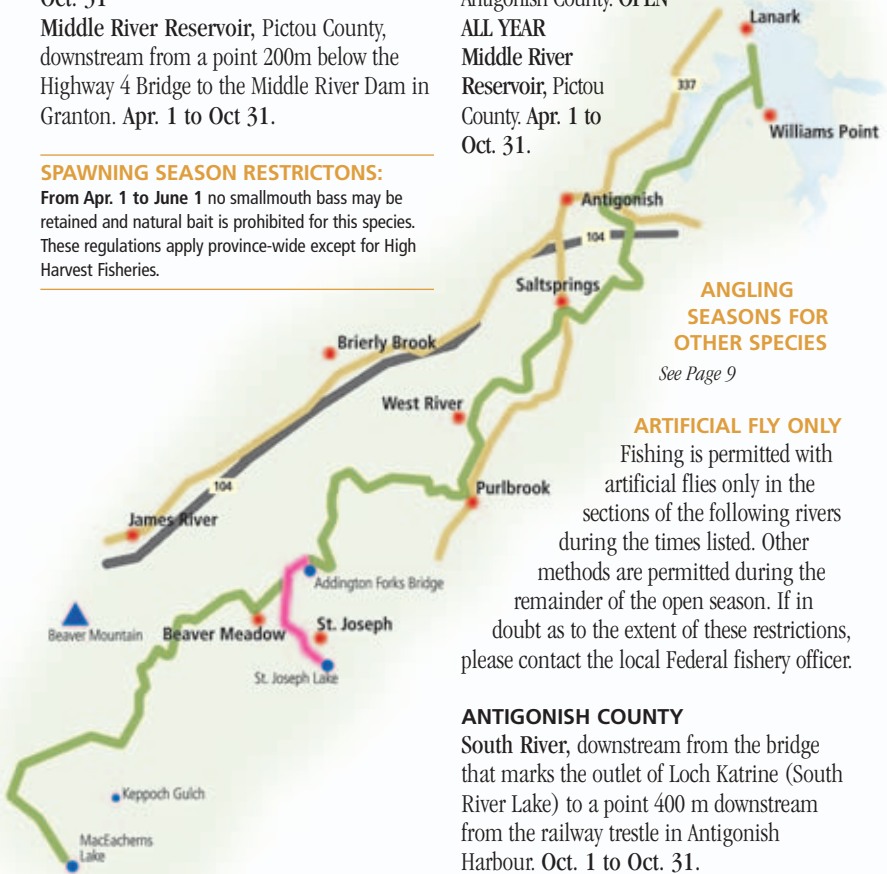
CHAIN PICKEREL

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following: Black Lake, West Branch Lake, Pictou County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 except the following: Cameron Lake, Gillis Lake, Antigonish County. OPEN

ALL YEAR
Middle River Reservoir, Pictou County. Apr. 1 to Oct. 31.



ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES

See Page 9

ARTIFICIAL FLY 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 in Antigonish Harbour. Oct. 1 to Oct. 31.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY

Liscomb River, from a point 70 m upstream from the highway bridge at Liscomb Mills upstream to a point 23 m downstream from the entrance to the fish ladder, not including tributaries. June 1 to the end of all fishing seasons.

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West River Special Trout Management Area

Open May 15- Sept 30

Natural bait prohibited. Artificial Fly and unbaited lure only

Open May 15-Sept 30

Artificial Fly only

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 to the highway bridge at Glenelg on the West Branch St. Mary's, not including tributaries. Apr. 15 to May 25.

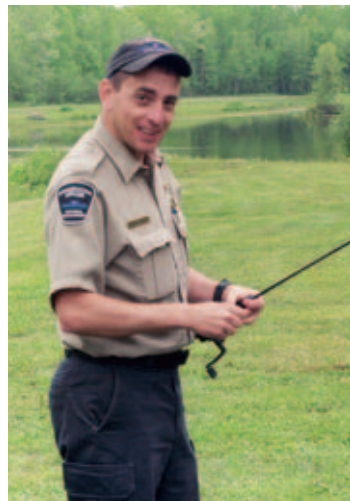
St. Mary's River, from the highway bridge at Sherbrooke upstream to the Guysborough County boundary on the East River St. Mary's and to South Brook near Trafalgar on the West River St. Mary's, not including the tributaries of those rivers. May 26 to the end of all fishing seasons.

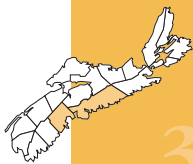


FISHING POLES FOR KIDS

Have some old fishing equipment gathering dust in the basement? Why not donate it to a young angler? The Fishing Poles for 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.





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 waters referred to in the listings below.

From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30 no speckled trout may be retained, and the use of natural bait is prohibited in inland waters for all trout species and landlocked salmon, including Special Trout 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 two (2) speckled trout.**

MUSQUODOBOIT RIVER, HALIFAX COUNTY. *See map page 26*

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 downstream from the Highway 7 bridge to Chapel Island, including tributaries. **June 1 to Sept. 30.** Any gear type.

From a point 300 m downstream from the Highway 7 bridge upstream to a point 100 m upstream from the first Highway 357 Bridge (Crawford's Bridge). **May 15 to end of all fishing seasons.** Artificial fly only.

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

LAHAVE RIVER, LUNENBURG COUNTY

From Silver Hill Brook, located 825 m downstream from the CN Railway Bridge, upstream to the south end of Wentzells Lake, not including tributaries. **Apr. 1 to May 25.** Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited.

From Silver Hill Brook upstream to New Germany Lake; upstream to Sherbrooke Lake on the North Branch LaHave River; and upstream to Rhino Lake on the West LaHave River, not including lakes and tributaries of 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: Artificial fly only.

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 upstream near the mouth of Rhodenizer Brook (Shingle Mill Brook). **May 26 to June 15.** Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited. **June 16 to end of all fishing seasons:** Artificial fly only. **From Sept. 1 to Sept. 30** all speckled trout must be released.

PETITE RIVIERE, LUNENBURG COUNTY

From the Highway 331 Bridge upstream to Hebb Lake, not including Fancy Lake or the tributaries to that river. Apr. 1 to June 14. Bag limit two (2) trout. Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited.

June 15 to end of all fishing seasons. Artificial fly only.

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

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 unnamed 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. Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited.

CATCH AND RELEASE WATERS

The following lakes in Halifax County will be catch and release only:

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). Single hook lure or artificial fly only. Natural bait is prohibited.

SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS FOR RAINBOW TROUT

Albro Lake, Halifax County.

OPEN ALL YEAR.

Sucker Lake, Lunenburg County.

OPEN ALL YEAR.

For areas open all year, the bag limit is reduced to two(2) rainbow trout from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except Special Bass Management Areas.

SPAWNING SEASON RESTRICTIONS:

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

CHAIN PICKEREL

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except the following: Morris Lake, Russell Lake, Kinsac Lake, Fish Lake(near Oakfield),Halifax County.
OPEN ALL YEAR.

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 natural bait is prohibited.

HIGH HARVEST FISHERY

Banook Lake, MicMac Lake, Halifax County

Loon Lake, Rocky Lake, (near Waverley) Halifax County

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

WHITE PERCH AND YELLOW PERCH

Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 except the following: Albro Lake, Halifax County. OPEN ALL YEAR.

ANGLING SEASONS FOR OTHER SPECIES See Page 9

ARTIFICIAL FLY 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

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

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.

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 the end of all fishing seasons.**

LUNENBURG COUNTY

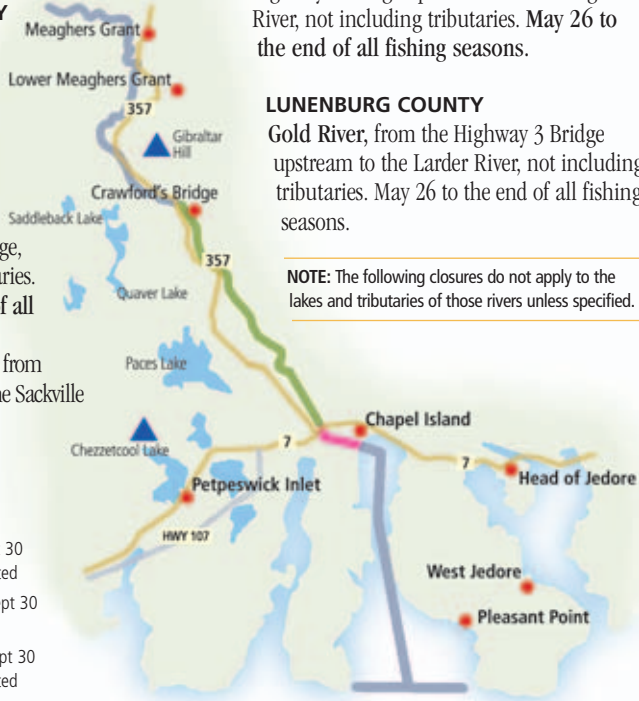
Gold River, from the Highway 3 Bridge upstream to the Larder River, not including tributaries. **May 26 to the end of all fishing seasons.**

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

KEY

Musquodoboit River Sections

-  Open Apr 1-Sept 30
Any gear permitted
-  Open May 15-Sept 30
Artificial fly only
-  Open June 1- Sept 30
Any gear permitted



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.



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, including tributaries. Closed June 1 to Sept. 30.

Ingram River, from a point 23 m downstream from the Highway 3 bridge to a point 23 m upstream from that bridge, including tributaries. **CLOSED ALL YEAR.**

Kirby River, from a point 15 m downstream from the Highway 24 Bridge to 15 m 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, from a point 200 m upstream from the Highway 3 Bridge upstream to the Larder River, including tributaries.

Closed Apr. 1 to May 9.

Gold River, the Dipping Pool located between the Cable Pool and the Kill Devil Pool, including tributaries. Closed May 10 to Aug. 15.

Wallace Brook, from Petite Riviere at Crousetown to a point 180 m upstream, including tributaries. Closed Apr. 1 to Sept. 30.

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