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Lake Trout



Sunfish



Atlantic Salmon



Smallmouth Bass



Brook Trout



White Perch



Burbot



Brown Bullhead



Chain Pickerel



Yellow Perch



Muskellunge



Wild Atlantic Salmon need your help.

REPORT POACHING

Right now, Atlantic salmon need full protection and anglers can be part of the solution.

- Report to **both** ERD and DFO any information on either large salmon or grilse being killed.
- If activity is in progress, faster reporting by cell phone is important.



Phone ERD

- Doaktown **506-365-2001**
- Miramichi **506-627-4050**
- Fredericton **506-453-2345**
- Bathurst **506-547-2080**
- Campbellton **506-789-2336**

Note: In business hours, the above numbers are manned — for other times, if poaching is in progress, press “1” to connect to the Mobile Communications Centre *

Phone DFO

1-800-565-1633 and listen for prompts taking you to *conservation and protection*.

Detachment numbers are available at <http://asf.ca/dfo-enforcement.html>

- * *Be sure to ask a conservation/fishery officer to phone you back.*



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Gather some evidence to support your report.

- Note details of activity — exact date, time and location.
- Take photos and note car licence plate number if possible.

The more salmon and grilse that get to the spawning beds, the better chance we will have healthy runs and an improved New Brunswick economy in the future.

**This is your resource...
don't let poachers take what is yours!**

A message from the Minister of Energy and Resource Development



Congratulations on the purchase of your 2017 New Brunswick angling licence.

Angling is a proud tradition for many New Brunswick families, with more than 65,000 angling licences sold each year. I wish you all success as you participate in this popular sport and pastime. With more than 2,500 lakes and 60,000

kilometres of rivers, brooks and streams, you'll have plenty of opportunities to catch various species of fish and spend quality time with family and friends.

When you purchase an angling licence, you are supporting conservation, stocking and management programs in New Brunswick, key to maintaining and protecting our resources. Please take the time to teach the next generation of anglers the importance of purchasing a licence to support these vital efforts.

I'm pleased to announce that, once again, we will provide an opportunity for residents and non-residents to fish without a licence or guide through Fish New Brunswick Days (June 3-4). This gives everyone an opportunity to discover the thrill of fishing and, over the years, has created many life-long anglers.

I encourage all anglers to fill out and submit an angling survey at the end of the 2017 season. You can fill out the postage-paid angling survey included in this book, or you can complete and submit online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources. Angler surveys provide valuable data on fish populations in New Brunswick and help support informed decision-making.

As you enjoy angling this summer, please follow all regulations and be safe. I wish you all an enjoyable and successful fishing season.

Sincerely,

Hon. Rick Doucet

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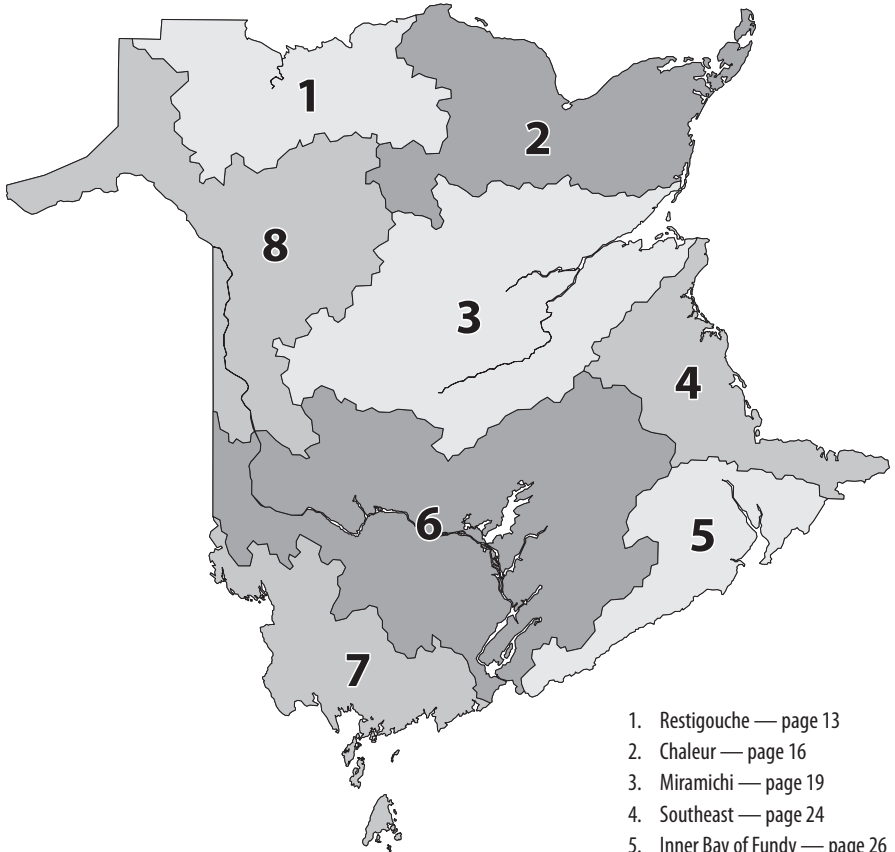
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How to use this summary

1. **Where:** See the map below and turn to the page of the Recreational Fishery Area (RFA) where you will be fishing.
2. **What species:** Decide which species you want to fish.
3. **Look under the species name:** For season, bag limit, size limit and exceptions.
4. **Look under *Exceptions and special regulations*:** Check to see if the water you want to fish is closed or has special gear or harvest restrictions.

Recreational Fishery Areas (RFAs)



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New for 2017

- **Landlocked salmon** may only be angled and retained in certain waters (see pages 16, 26, 28, 32 and 35). All other waters are closed to landlocked salmon fishing. Federal law stipulates that any landlocked salmon from 48 cm to 63 cm fork length requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained. For this reason, an Atlantic salmon retention licence, with valid tag(s) is required for an angler to retain landlocked salmon in this size range. Anglers wishing to retain landlocked salmon in the 48 – 63 cm length range must purchase a Licence Class 1, 2, 3, 7 or 8.
- **Sea-Run Atlantic Salmon** — At the time this book was published, the mandatory hook and release requirement for sea-run Atlantic salmon was in effect on all waters of New Brunswick. Please consult the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' webpage for details about sea-run Atlantic salmon regulations at <http://www.inter.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Gulf/FAM/>
- **Recreational-Fisheries** (or search by keywords "DFO Gulf Region recreational fisheries"). You can also call the nearest DFO conservation and protection office (see contact list below).
- **Non-sport fish on boundary waters with Maine:** The smelt daily bag limit is now 60 (reduced from 200) and the whitefish limit is now 3 (reduced from 8).
- **Striped bass** — At the time this book was printed, information on management measures and seasons for Striped bass in the Restigouche, Chaleur, Miramichi and Southeast RFAs was not available. Please consult the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' website for details about Striped bass regulations at <http://www.inter.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Gulf/FAM/Recreational-Fisheries> (or search by keywords "DFO Gulf Region recreational fisheries"). You can also call the nearest DFO conservation and protection office (see contact list below).

DFO Conservation and Protection Detachments

Detachment	Telephone number	Detachment	Telephone number
Baie Ste-Anne	506-228-4263	Quispamsis	506-849-1416, ext. 221
Beresford	506-542-7485	Renous	506-622-5992
Campobello	506-752-2935	Richibucto	506-523-4606
Caraquet	506-727-3038	Shediac	506-533-5033
Charlo	506-684-2202	Shippagan	506-336-6474
Fredericton	506-452-3018, ext. 221	South Esk	506-773-3268
Grand Manan	506-662-3151	St. George	506-755-5000
Grand Falls	506-473-3993	Tracadie	506-395-7706
Neguac	506-776-3307		

Definitions

Angling: Fishing with a line to which up to three hooks are attached, held in the hand or attached to a rod.

Artificial Fly: 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: Waters forming the boundary between the State of Maine and/or the Province of Quebec and the Province of New Brunswick.

Bag Limits: The possession limit for a particular species is the same as the daily bag limit.

Fly Fishing: To cast upon the water and retrieve in the usual and ordinary manner an unbaited, unweighted artificial fly attached to a line to which no weight has been added. Trolling with artificial flies is permitted.

Fly Fishing Only Waters (Scheduled): Waters where fly fishing is the only method of angling permitted.

Guide Required Waters: Waters deemed to be angled mainly for Atlantic Salmon. Non-Residents require a guide while angling for any species on these waters after the designated date.

Hook: A single, double or treble hook, with or without barbs, on one shank or shaft.

Jigging: Manipulating a hook(s) to *foul-hook* a fish in any part of its body instead of its mouth.

- *Foul-hooked* fish are those fish hooked accidentally in any part of the body except the mouth, which must be released unharmed immediately.

Length Measurements:

- *Fork length* (FL) is measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail— used when measuring Atlantic salmon or landlocked salmon.
- *Total length* (TL) is measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail (tips of the tail squeezed together)— used when measuring all other fish.

Live Release: Capture and immediate release of live fish.

Main Restigouche River: The main stem of the Restigouche River, from the junction with the Little Restigouche River and Kedgwick River, downstream to the J.C. Van Horne Bridge.

Main Southwest Miramichi River: The main stem of the Southwest Miramichi River, from the forks at Juniper, downstream to the junction with the Northwest Miramichi River.

Non-Sport Fish Seasons: Legal access to non-sport fish species is governed by the season for sport fish on all waters. If all sport fish seasons on a particular 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.
- g) A person who was born in the Province and who is a member of the Canadian Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- h) A person who has his or her principal place of residence in the Province and is the holder of a valid New Brunswick driver's licence or a valid photo identification card issued by the Minister of Public Safety and referred to in the regulations under the *Financial Administration Act*.

Set Line: A fishing line that is not attached to a rod, held in the hand or closely attended.

Sport Fish: Sea-run Atlantic salmon, landlocked salmon, brook trout, brown trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, arctic char, and smallmouth bass.

Trolling: Angling with a hook(s) and line that is drawn through the water by a watercraft propelled by mechanical or manual means.

General information

Activities not allowed while angling

(Applies to the open water season on inland waters)

- Sport fish may not be caught by means other than angling.
- 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 in waters during the period beginning two hours after sunset and ending two hours before sunrise (see exception, page 14).
- No person shall fish with the aid of an artificial light or light from a fire.
- No person shall use or possess live fish (including crayfish) as bait in inland waters.
 - Exception: On international boundary waters (between Maine and New Brunswick), live fish may be used as bait provided they are obtained from the water being fished and are not on the prohibited list.*
 - On international boundary waters (between Maine and New Brunswick), tidal waters and all inland waters, dead fish can be used as bait as long as they are not on the prohibited list.*

Angling ethics and courtesy

Ethical anglers are those who appreciate New Brunswick's natural culture and its history. They 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.

Respect our fish as a valuable resource:

- Do not kill fish that you do not intend to use.
- Learn proper handling techniques to ensure released fish survive.
- If you have decided to keep a fish, kill it quickly.
- Treat fish in a humane manner, whether they are retained, released or used as bait.
- Ensure quality angling for future generations. Limit your catch, rather than catching your limit.

* Prohibited species: bass, bullhead, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch, other spiny fin-rayed fish, pickerel, muskellunge, goldfish or other carp.

- Fishing with bait or lures is not permitted on Crown Reserve Waters. Artificial flies must be used while fishing these waters.
- Fishing and/or assisting another angler to fish from a bridge is not permitted.
- Fishing is not permitted within 22.8 m (25 yards) downstream from the lower entrance to any fish-way, canal, obstacle or leap.
- Fishing is not permitted within a 100 m radius of any facility operated by or on behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or the Province for the purposes of counting, passage or rearing of fish.
- Gaffs cannot be used to land sport fish.
- Jigging devices or spears are not permitted within 15 m of inland waters.
- Snares or bows and arrows are not permitted in inland waters or within 15 m of inland waters unless the person is lawfully hunting or trapping.
- Fishing by jigging, or assisting in landing fish that have been caught by jigging in inland waters is not permitted.

Respect the environment and our aquatic habitat:

- Do not litter. If you brought it in, take it out. Leave the area cleaner than you found it.

Respect other users and their property:

- Fishing should be an enjoyable experience for all. Don't spoil it for others.
- Cooperate with all resource users, including other anglers, swimmers and boaters.
- Respect private property and private water.

Angling licences and fees

Licences are available at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources, from authorized vendors, and all Service New Brunswick centres. Contact your local Energy and Resource Development (ERD) office or our website to find the location nearest you (see page 39). e-Licensing tags are available from all authorized vendor and ERD/SNB locations.

	Type	Class	Period	Salmon tags	Total cost *
Resident	Atlantic salmon (Includes all other fish)	<i>Retention (with tags)</i>			
		7 (under 65 years of age)	Season	4	\$41.40
		8 (10 – 15 years of age / 65 or over)	Season	4	\$23.00
		<i>Live release (salmon only)</i>			
		16 (under 65 years of age)	Season	0	\$41.40
	17 (10 – 15 years of age / 65 or over)	Season	0	\$23.00	
	All fish except Atlantic salmon	9	Season	0	\$26.45
10 (65 years of age or over)		Season	0	\$17.25	
Non-resident	Atlantic salmon (Includes all other fish)	<i>Retention (with tags)</i>			
		1	Season	4	\$198.95
		2	7-day **	2	\$115.00
		3	3-day **	1	\$60.95
		<i>Live release (salmon only)</i>			
		13	Season	0	\$198.95
	14	7-day **	0	\$115.00	
	15	3-day **	0	\$60.95	
	All fish except Atlantic salmon	4	Season	0	\$73.60
		5	7-day **	0	\$47.15
6		3-day **	0	\$34.50	

* Total cost includes fish stocking fee, conservation fee and applicable tax.

** Valid only for consecutive calendar days. For example: June 30, July 1 and July 2.

One day angling adventures may be available to resident and non-resident anglers from specific operators and outfitters. For more information, see www.tourismnewbrunswick.ca

Licence requirements

- Angling licences must be properly signed and carried at all times while fishing.
- Angling licences are not required in tidal waters, except if landlocked salmon are retained. New Brunswick tidal water boundaries are described at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources
- Anglers can only purchase one Class 1, 7, or 8 licence per season.
- Anglers 16 years of age and older require a provincial licence while angling in inland waters.
- An angling licence does not authorize the holder to purchase, sell or barter sport fish.

Anglers under the age of 16

- Anglers, who are under 16 and do not have an Atlantic salmon licence, may fish for Atlantic salmon only when accompanied by an angler with a valid salmon licence. The licence holder must include the child's Atlantic salmon catch in his/her daily catch limit.
- Resident anglers 10 – 15 years old must buy a salmon licence if they want their own catch limit.
- Anglers under the age of 16 who do not wish to fish for Atlantic salmon do not require an angling licence. These anglers have their own daily bag limit.
- Regular angling licences do not entitle anglers to fish on Crown Reserve Waters.
 - For information on youth anglers on Crown Reserve waters, see page 45.

Sea-run Atlantic salmon information

- See individual Recreational Fishery Area (RFA) for detailed Atlantic salmon information.
- All sea-run Atlantic salmon and grilse must be live released.
- Only artificial flies are permitted on fly fishing only waters.
- Once anglers have reached their daily live release limit, they must stop fishing for sea-run Atlantic salmon.

In-season pool closures in the Miramichi River system

There is an overall concern for the status of Atlantic salmon under stressful conditions associated with exceptional climatic events. To reduce the impact of fishing on Atlantic salmon, a protocol to close certain salmon holding pools in the Miramichi River during stressful warm water conditions has been developed using science-based advice.

For more information on these conservation measures, please refer to DFO Gulf Region's Recreational Fisheries webpage: www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/Gulf/FAM/Recreational-Fisheries

Information for non-residents

- Non-resident anglers require a licensed guide when fishing for sea-run Atlantic salmon, or when angling for any species on Guide Required Waters after the designated date.
- Non-residents may fish without a guide on Fish New Brunswick Days but require an appropriate licence if a landlocked salmon (from 48 cm to 63 cm) is retained.
- Professional guides (Guide I) are permitted to angle and hook a salmon on behalf of his or her licensed client. The client is considered to have hooked the salmon, which counts towards their live release limit.
- Professional guides (Guide I) may accompany as a guide: three licensed persons while wading or fishing from shore for Atlantic salmon or while angling in Guide Required Waters; or one licensed person while angling from a boat for Atlantic salmon in Guide Required Waters.
- Professional guides (Guide I) and their clients cannot fish at the same time.
- Non-residents may purchase any number or combination of Class 2 or Class 3 licences as long as the total number of tags does not exceed four per year.

Guide required waters

Non-resident anglers must be accompanied by a licensed New Brunswick guide when fishing these waters after the specified dates.

River	Guide required beginning	Guide required stretch
Restigouche RFA		
Kedgwick	May 15	Entire river
Little Main Restigouche	May 15	Entire river (Note: a portion of this river is restricted to residents only – see page 13)
Northwest Upsalquitch	May 15	Mouth upstream to the closed waters
Patapedia	May 15	Entire river
Restigouche RFA (continued)		
Restigouche	May 1	From line drawn from Copeland Brook (NB) to Ruisseau du Moulin (Quebec) upstream to Little Main Restigouche
Southeast Upsalquitch	May 15	Entire river
Upsalquitch	May 15	Entire river
Chaleur RFA		
Big Tracadie	Apr 15	Murchie Bridge to St. Sauveur road
Jacquet	July 1	Route 11 bridge to Lower McNair Brook
Nepisiguit	Apr 15	The Consolidated Bathurst Pumping Station Dam to Nepisiguit Falls
Tetagouche	Apr 15	From and including Minnie's Pool upstream to Tetagouche Falls
Miramichi RFA		
Bartholomew	June 1	Mouth upstream to forks of North & South branches
Bartibog	Apr 15	Egans Quarry upstream to Green Brook
Big Sevogle	Apr 15	Entire river including North & South branches
Cains	Apr 15	Mouth upstream to North Cains River
Dungarvon	Apr 15	Mouth upstream to western limit of timber block 222 (N 46°45.68'; W 066° 34.67')
Little Southwest Miramichi	Apr 15	Upstream of the Oxbow on the north boundary line of the Red Bank Indian Reserve No. 7
Lower North Branch Little Southwest Miramichi	Apr 15	Entire river
Main Southwest Miramichi	Apr 15	A line drawn from grid reference 87948796 to 87048802 (the Old Squaw Rock above the mouth of the Renous River) upstream to junction of North and South Branches
North Branch Renous	Apr 15	Mouth upstream to North Renous Lake
North Branch Southwest Miramichi	Apr 15	Forks upstream to Beadle Brook
Northwest Miramichi	Apr 15	From and including Scott's Rapid Pool upstream to the forks
Renous	Apr 15	Entire river upstream of the Route 8 bridge
South Branch Southwest Miramichi	Apr 15	Forks upstream to Flemming Gibson Dam at Juniper
South Branch Renous	Apr 15	Mouth upstream to forks with Little Renous River
Tabusintac	Apr 15	Head of Tide Island upstream to Route 8 bridge
Taxis	July 1	Mouth upstream to Highway 625 crossing
Tomogonops	June 15	Mouth upstream to South Branch

Salmon angling courtesies

- **Start upstream of others:** Begin fishing upstream of anglers that are already fishing a pool or run.
- **Don't crowd other anglers:** Leave some space between you and the angler downstream so you don't affect their ability to cast and fish through the pool.
- **Fish through the pool:** Anglers should move downstream at a reasonable pace while fishing a pool or run to allow upstream or waiting anglers an opportunity to fish the water (applies for shore and boat anglers alike).
- **Slow your boat:** Reduce the wake from your boat by slowing down and taking a wide berth when passing anglers fishing from shore or in another boat.
- **Don't anchor too close to wading anglers:** When arriving to fish a pool from a boat, allow anglers who are fishing from shore with enough room to cast.
- **Always yield to an angler who has a fish on the line:** The angler below and above should reel in line and be prepared to give the angler fighting the fish room to play and land his/her catch.
- **Give others a chance after you have landed a fish:** An angler who lands a salmon or grilse should rotate to the beginning if they wish to continue fishing a pool or run. An angler who loses a fish may return to his/her place in line.

Tips on releasing fish

- Consider using artificial lures and barbless hooks.
- 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 embedded 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.



ERD fish stocking program

Energy and Resource Development's Fish Stocking Program aims to enhance recreational angling opportunities for brook trout and landlocked salmon by stocking these species annually to a number of lakes throughout the province. Stocking is carried out in the spring or fall, with fall stocked fish (f) generally ranging in size from 10 cm – 15 cm (4" – 6") and spring stocked fish (s) from 15 cm – 25 cm (6" – 10"). The table below provides details about the waters stocked in 2016. For more information, or a list of previous years' stockings, please visit our website:



http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/natural_resources/content/fish.html

Brook Trout Stocking 2016

County	Lake/pond, number stocked (season stocked)			
Gloucester	Pabineau 950* (f)	Teagues 950* (f)		
Madawaska	Baker 150** (s)	Baker 1010* (f)		
Restigouche	Belledune 190** (s)	Hailes Brook 410 (s)	Hailes Brook 60** (s)	
Saint John	Fisher 870 (s)	Fisher 420** (s)	Fisher 500* (f)	Theobald 630 (s)
Westmorland	Morice 1200 (s)			
York	Killarney 920 (s)	Killarney 410** (s)	Killarney 500* (f)	

* fall yearlings ** adult

Landlocked Salmon Stocking 2016

County	Lake/ Pond, Amount stocked (season stocked)			
Charlotte	Clear 600 (s)			
Madawaska	Baker 1390 (s)	Baker 200** (f)	Unique 280 (s)	
Northumberland	Serpentine 1220 (s)			
Queens	Grand 20520 (s)	Queens 200 (s)		
Restigouche	Nictau 510 (s)	Middle Tetagouche 70 (s)	Upper Tetagouche 80 (s)	
Saint John	Loch Lomond 2000 (s)			
York	Harvey 1500 (s)	Magaguadavic 170** (f)	Skiff 1000 (s)	
	Oromocto 5020 (s)	Second Eel 1400 (s)	Yoho 270 (s)	

** adult

ERD fish stocking program assessment

Before being stocked, a fin is clipped on each fish so it can be distinguished from wild fish. If you catch a brook trout or landlocked salmon with a fin clip please add a note on your angler survey (see insert) indicating which fin was clipped along with the length, date and location (waterbody) of your catch.



This information is important in helping us evaluate ERD's fish stocking program.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR CATCH!

Protect our waters

It is illegal to transfer fish or to stock waters without authorization!

What is the problem?

- Introduced species can prey on resident fish species and compete for food and space.
- New species disrupt natural ecosystems.
- They can introduce diseases and parasites to native fish.

What can you do?

- Do not stock or move fish. It is illegal to transfer or stock any fish without authorization.
- 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.
- Never release aquarium or pond fish into natural waters.

For more information: www.gnb.ca/naturalresources

To report illegal fish stocking activity, please call:



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Invasive species: What to do

New Brunswick waters are being threatened by invasive plants and animals. Once established, invasive species are extremely difficult, if not impossible, to control or eradicate. They disrupt natural ecosystems and are one of the leading causes of native species becoming threatened or endangered.

Every time you move from one body of water to another, aquatic invasive species may travel with you. You can help stop them! When enjoying recreational activities like boating and fishing, please remember to do the following:

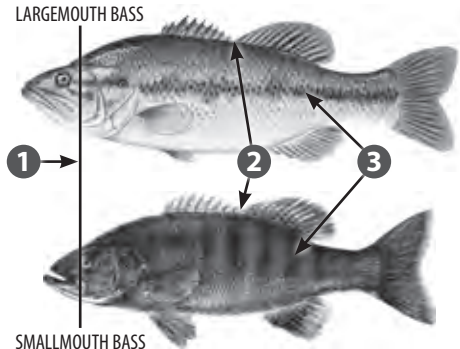
- **Inspect and remove** all visible aquatic plants, animals and mud from canoes, kayaks, jet skis, boats, motors, trailers and equipment.
- **Drain** all the water from your boat, including the live well, bilge, and motor.
- **Wash** watercraft with high-pressure or hot water or **dry** for 5 days.
- **Check, clean, and dry** all personal gear, including waders, fishing lines and lures.
- **Dispose** of unused bait responsibly.
- **Never release** plants, fish or other animals into a body of water unless they came out of that water!

Be alert!

Largemouth bass have recently been caught in Grand Falls flowage (St. Croix River) and the Meduxnekeag River at Woodstock (Saint John River). Their presence is believed to be due to illegal introductions. The New Brunswick Department of Energy and Resource Development encourages all anglers that catch a largemouth bass of any size to keep it and deliver it to the nearest ERD Office. The continued presence of largemouth bass may have a negative impact on existing fish species and their fisheries.

Identification Tips

Largemouth bass	Smallmouth bass
1 Mouth terminates behind the eye	1 Mouth terminates inline with or slightly ahead of the eye
2 Separation between spiny and soft rays on dorsal fin	2 No separation between spiny and soft rays on dorsal fin
3 Dark horizontal bar	3 Dark vertical patches





Fish New Brunswick Days

June 3 & 4, 2017

Anglers may fish for all species without purchasing a licence. However, anglers wishing to retain landlocked salmon from 48 cm to 63 cm (fork length) require a licence with tags. Non-residents may fish without a guide on these days.

All current bag limits, closures and other restrictions are still in effect on Fish New Brunswick Days. Access to private waters, Crown Reserve waters and Crown Leases requires the appropriate licences and landowner's permission.

Individuals whose angling privileges have been revoked cannot fish anywhere in the province, including on Fish New Brunswick Days.

MASTER ANGLER AWARD PROGRAM (Quick Facts)

Interested in being recognized as one of New Brunswick's best fisherman?

- Each year, the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation rewards the person who catches the largest fish in twenty qualifying species with an award certificate, an official *Master Angler* cap and an embroidered patch.
- All youth entrants not qualifying for a largest in species award will receive an embroidered *Master Angler* participant patch.
- There is also a special category for fishing derbies.

Qualifying species are: American eel, Atlantic salmon (landlocked and sea run), brook trout, brown

bullhead, brown trout, burbot, chain pickerel, chub, cunner, lake trout, muskellunge, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, splake, striped bass, sturgeon, sunfish, white perch and yellow perch.

Enter by mail or email

Submit an entry form accompanied by a side-view photo or digital image of your fish alongside of a measuring device.

For additional information

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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:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- The angling season in the Restigouche RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters not open to Atlantic salmon angling or noted otherwise in the exceptions below.
- Crown Reserve Waters are not open to fishing before or after the Crown Reserve season dates. (See exceptions below)
- The Restigouche River main stem is primarily private or leased waters. Permission from the owner/lessee is required to angle on these waters.
- The Little Main Restigouche River from the junction of the Kedgwick River upstream to, but not including, the pool at the mouth of Jardine Brook is restricted to Resident anglers only.

TROUT	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Minimum Size Limits (TL)		
			Brook trout	Arctic char, brown trout, rainbow trout	Lake trout
Rivers, brooks and streams	May 1 – Sept 15	5*	10 cm	15 cm	45 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 15 – Sept 15				

* No more than 2 lake trout

ATLANTIC SALMON	Season	Daily bag limit	Daily hook and release limit
Spring kelt	Refer to the table below	0	10*
Bright salmon		0	4*

* Anglers must stop fishing for Atlantic salmon when the daily hook and release limit is met.
Artificial flies are required when angling for Atlantic salmon.

Atlantic salmon seasons — Includes all tributaries unless otherwise noted

Water	Spring kelt	Bright salmon
Gounamitz River	N/A	June 1 – Sept 30
Kedgwick River	N/A	June 1 – Sept 30
Little Main Restigouche River, upstream to Cedar Brook	May 1 – 31	June 1 – Sept 30
Main Restigouche boundary waters	Apr 15 – May 31	June 1 – Sept 30
Main Restigouche non-boundary waters	May 1 – 31	June 1 – Sept 30
North Kedgwick River	N/A	June 1 – Sept 30
Northwest Upsalquitch River	N/A	June 1 – Sept 30
Patapedia River	N/A	June 1 – Sept 30
Southeast Upsalquitch River	N/A	June 1 – Sept 30
Upsalquitch River	N/A	June 1 – Sept 30

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	<i>Non-Tidal</i>	<i>Tidal</i>		<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Burbot	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	20	N/A	N/A
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	Dip net: Apr 1 – May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Angling: Aug 1 – May 31			
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	At the time of printing, Fisheries and Oceans Canada had not decided on the quota and season for striped bass				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Jan 1 – Dec 30	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	100	10 cm	50 cm

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — *excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise*

Note: All fly fishing waters are restricted to angling with an artificial fly only.

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
All tidal waters	limits of inland tidal waters	No fishing for striped bass from 2 hours after sunset to 2 hours before sunrise
		Non-offset barbless circle hook is mandatory when fishing for striped bass with bait from May 1 to Sept 30
Gounamitz River	entire waterbody	Brook trout minimum size limit (TL): 25 cm
	upstream to the junction of the North and West Branches	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Jardine Brook, Restigouche County	from its junction with the Little Main Restigouche upstream to the Restigouche-Victoria county boundary line	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Jardine Brook, Victoria County	from the Restigouche-Victoria county boundary line upstream to the CN railway bridge	Fly fishing only beginning Aug 1
Kedgwick River	including North and South Branches	Fly fishing only beginning May 1
Little Main Restigouche River	from its junction with the Main Restigouche River (a line drawn from grid reference 613248 5279890 to grid reference 613337 5279856) upstream to Cedar Brook	Fly fishing only beginning May 15
Northwest Upsalquitch River	downstream of Nine Mile Brook (grid reference 664850 5275150)	Fly fishing only beginning May 1
	upstream of Nine Mile Brook (grid reference 664850 5275150)	Closed to angling
Patapedia River (Crown Reserve waters)	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only beginning June 1
Restigouche drainage	upstream from the junction of the Kedgwick River and the Little Main Restigouche, including all tributaries	Trout daily bag limit beginning Sept 1: 0

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Restigouche River	from the Kedgwick River downstream to the Patapedia River	Fly fishing only beginning May 15
	from the Patapedia River downstream to the Matapedia CN Railway bridge	Fly fishing only beginning April 15 5 trout daily bag limit in effect until Sept 30
	from the Matapedia CN Railway bridge downstream to a line between Copeland Brook (NB) and Ruisseau du Moulin (QC)	Fly fishing only beginning May 15
	from the Matapedia CN Railway bridge downstream to the J.C. Van Horne Bridge	5 trout daily bag limit in effect until Oct 31
	upstream of a line drawn between Copeland Brook (NB) and Ruisseau du Moulin (QC)	Smelt season closed
	Devil's Half Acre, Three Sisters, and Red Bank Crown Reserve stretches	Open to angling without a Crown Reserve licence before June 1
South Branch Kedgwick River	entire waterbody	Trout minimum size limit (TL): 25 cm
Southeast Upsalquitch River	upstream to the first unnamed pool (grid reference 680703 5279878) above Boar's Head pool	Fly fishing only beginning May 1
	from and including the first unnamed pool (grid reference 680703 5279878) above Boar's Head pool upstream to Simpson's Field Falls	Closed to angling
Upsalquitch River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only beginning May 1



Chaleur

Recreational Fishery Area



Boundary description: All lakes, rivers, and streams draining into the Bay of Chaleur seaward of the J.C. Van Horne Bridge at Campbellton and all waters draining into the Gulf of St. Lawrence north of Tabusintac Bay.

Attention anglers:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- Crown Reserve Waters are not open to fishing before or after the Crown Reserve season dates.
- The angling season in the Chaleur RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters not open to Atlantic salmon angling, landlocked salmon angling or noted otherwise in the exceptions below.
- Landlocked salmon angling is closed in all waters other than those listed in the “Landlocked Salmon” table below.

TROUT	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Minimum Size Limits (TL)	
			Brook trout	Arctic char, brown trout, rainbow trout
Rivers, brooks and streams	May 1 – Sept 15	5	10 cm	15 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 15 – Sept 15			

LANDLOCKED SALMON*	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (FL)	
			Minimum	Maximum
Middle Tetagouche Lake	May 15 – Sept 30	2*	35 cm	63 cm
Upper Tetagouche Lake				

* Any landlocked salmon from 48 cm to 63 cm FL requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

ATLANTIC SALMON	Season	Daily bag limit	Daily hook and release limit
Spring kelt	Refer to the table below	0	10*
Bright salmon		0	4*

* Anglers must stop fishing for Atlantic salmon when the daily hook and release limit is met. Artificial flies are required when angling for Atlantic salmon.

Atlantic salmon seasons — Includes all tributaries unless otherwise noted

Water	Spring kelt	Bright salmon
Bass River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Benjamin River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Caraquet River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Charlo River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Eel River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Jacquet River, upstream of Halfway Pool	N/A	June 1 – Oct 15
Jacquet River, from and including Halfway Pool downstream to mouth	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Little River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15

Water	Spring kelt	Bright salmon
Little Tracadie River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Middle River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Millstream River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Nepisiguit River, from Nepisiguit Falls downstream to mouth	N/A	June 1 – Oct 22
Nigadoo River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Pokemouche River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
South Caraquet River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 29
Tetagouche River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 22
Big Tracadie River, downstream of Lord & Foy Brook	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 29
Big Tracadie River, upstream of Lord & Foy Brook	N/A	June 1 – Oct 15

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	<i>Non-Tidal</i>	<i>Tidal</i>		<i>Minimum</i>	<i>Maximum</i>
Burbot	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	20	N/A	N/A
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	Dip net: Apr 1 – May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Angling: Aug 1 – May 31			
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	At the time of printing, Fisheries and Oceans Canada had not decided on the quota and season for striped bass				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Jan 1 – Dec 30	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	100	10 cm	50 cm

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — *excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise*

Note: All fly fishing waters are restricted to angling with an artificial fly only.

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
All Tidal waters	Limits of inland tidal waters	No fishing for striped bass from 2 hours after sunset to 2 hours before sunrise
		Non-offset barbless circle hook is mandatory when fishing for striped bass with bait from May 1 to Sept 30
Big Tracadie River	upstream of a line drawn from 47°27'46.2"N 64°56'01.9"W to 47°27'25.5"N 64°55'23.7"W	Fly fishing only before May 1 and after Sept 15
Comeau River	upstream of a line drawn from 47°28'30.2"N 64°55'42.2"W to 47°28'26.5"N 64°55'50.5"W	Fly fishing only before May 1 and after Sept 15
Jacquet River	from the Route 134 (old Route 11) bridge upstream to the head of Kettle Hole Pool	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Leech River	upstream of a line drawn from 47°27'46.2"N 64°56'01.9"W to 47°27'25.5"N 64°55'23.7"W	Fly fishing only before May 1 and after Sept 15
Little Tracadie River	upstream of the Route 11 Bridge (47°31'41.3"N 64°56'02.7"W to 47°31'52.5"N 64°56'00.3"W)	Fly fishing only before May 1 and after Sept 15
Nepisiguit River	from its junction with the Big South Nepisiguit downstream to, but not including, White Birch Pool	Closed to angling
	from, but not including, Elbow Pool downstream to Indian Falls Brook	Closed to angling
	from Nepisiguit Falls downstream to the Route 11 bridge at Bathurst	Fly fishing only beginning June 1
	from the head of Pabineau Falls pool downstream 45 m	Closed to angling
	within 100 m of the Nepisiguit counting fence	Closed to angling
Nepisiguit (Bathurst) Lake	entire waterbody	Trout daily bag limit: 0
	Nepisiguit Lakes thoroughfares connecting the chain of four lakes	Closed prior to May 15
	All brooks flowing into Nepisiguit Lakes, Northumberland County	Closed to angling
Nigadoo River	upstream from Route 134 bridge to a line drawn from 47°44'38.59"N 65°53'24.22"W to 47°44'38.55"N 65°53'23.16"W, including Haché Pool	Fly fishing only beginning July 15
Pokemouche River	upstream of Route 113 Bridge	Fly fishing only before May 1 and after Sept 15
Portage River	upstream of a line drawn from 47°27'46.2"N 64°56'01.9"W to 47°27'25.5"N 64°55'23.7"W	Fly fishing only before May 1 and after Sept 15
Southwest Caraquet River	from the Route 11 bridge upstream to Innishannon Brook	Fly fishing only beginning July 15

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.



Attention anglers:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- Crown Reserve Waters are not open to fishing before or after the Crown Reserve season dates. (See exceptions below).
- The angling season in the Miramichi RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters not open to Atlantic salmon angling, landlocked salmon angling or noted otherwise in the exceptions below.
- Some stretches on the Miramichi River are private or leased waters. Permission from the owner/lessee is required to angle on these waters.

TROUT	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Minimum Size Limits (TL)	
			Brook trout	Arctic char, brown trout, rainbow trout
Rivers, brooks and streams	May 1 – Sept 15	5* of which only 2 over 30 cm	10 cm	15 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 15 – Sept 15			

* No more than 2 lake trout

ATLANTIC SALMON	Season	Daily bag limit	Daily hook and release limit
Spring kelt	Refer to the table below	0	10*
Bright salmon		0	4*

* Anglers must stop fishing for Atlantic salmon when the daily hook and release limit is met. Artificial flies are required when angling for Atlantic salmon.

Atlantic salmon seasons — Includes all tributaries unless otherwise noted

Water	Spring kelt	Bright salmon
Bartholomew River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Bartibog River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 29
Bay du Vin River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Big Sevogle River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Black River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Burnt Church River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 29
Cains River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Clearwater Brook, downstream of the Northeast Branch	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 30
Clearwater Brook, upstream of the Northeast Branch	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
Dungarvon River, downstream of the Furlong Bridge	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Dungarvon River, upstream of the Furlong Bridge	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
Little Southwest Miramichi River, upstream of Cleland's Pool	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15

Water	Spring kelt	Bright salmon
Little Southwest Miramichi River, downstream of and including Cleland's Pool	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Main Southwest Miramichi River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Main Southwest Miramichi River tributaries downstream of Cains River not described in this table	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Main Southwest Miramichi River tributaries upstream of Cains River not described in this table	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
Napan River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
North Branch Big Sevogle River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
North Branch Renous River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
North Branch Main Southwest Miramichi River, downstream of Bridge Pool	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
Northwest Miramichi River, from and including Little River downstream to the Red Bank bridge on Route 425	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Northwest Miramichi River, upstream of Little River	N/A	June 10 – Sept 15
Renous River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 15
Rocky Brook	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Aug. 31
South Branch Big Sevogle River	Apr 15 – May 15	June 10 – Sept 15
South Branch Main Southwest Miramichi River, from the forks upstream to the footbridge behind the Juniper Lumber mill (grid reference 36805650)	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
South Branch of the Northwest Miramichi River	N/A	June 10 – Aug. 31
South Branch Renous River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Sept 15
Tabusintac River	Apr 15 – May 15	May 16 – Oct 29

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	Non-Tidal	Tidal		Minimum	Maximum
Burbot	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	20	N/A	N/A
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	Dip net: Apr 1 – May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Angling: Aug 1 – May 31			
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 to Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	At the time of printing, Fisheries and Oceans Canada had not decided on the quota and season for striped bass				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Jan 1 – Dec 30	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	100	10 cm	50 cm

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — *excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise*

Note: All fly fishing waters are restricted to angling with an artificial fly only.

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
All Tidal waters	limits of inland tidal waters	No fishing for striped bass from 2 hours after sunset to 2 hours before sunrise
Bartholomew River	entire waterbody	Trout daily bag limit beginning July 1: 0
	from its confluence with the Main Southwest Miramichi River upstream to the Route 8 bridge	Fly fishing only: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
	from the Route 8 bridge upstream to Ledbetters Brook	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31
Bartibog River	from the Route 11 bridge upstream to the junction with the South Branch and Middle Branch	Fly fishing only before May 1 and after Sept 15: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
Beadle Brook	from the mouth upstream to the junction of the North and South Branches	Fly fishing only
Big Sevogle River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
Burnthill Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
Cains River	downstream of Beaver Brook	Fly fishing only: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
	from the mouth of Lower Otter Brook downstream to the river ford located approximately 750 m above the Hopewell Lodge	Open to angling without a Crown Reserve licence after Sept 15
	above the Route 123 bridge, including the North Branch, upstream to the junction of Beaver Brook	Trout daily bag limit: 0
Clearwater Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
Dungarvon River	from 100 m below the ERD salmon protection barrier upstream to its source, including all tributaries	Closed to angling
	from 100 m below the ERD salmon protection barrier downstream to the Renous River	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
Fifteen Mile Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
First and Second Lakes	Northesk Parish, Northumberland County	Closed to angling

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Little Bartibog River	all waters from 25 m downstream to 25 m upstream of the Russellville bridge	Closed to angling
Little Southwest Miramichi River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
	from Big Rock Pool upstream, including the East and West Branches, not including tributaries	Trout daily bag limit beginning July 1: 0
Lower North Branch of the Little Southwest Miramichi River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
	including tributaries but excluding lakes	Trout daily bag limit: 0
	from and including Rocky Rapids Pool upstream to its source, including all tributaries	Closed before July 1 and after Sept 15
Main Southwest Miramichi River	upstream from a line drawn at the mouth of Doyles Brook from grid reference 751539 5194066 to grid reference 751553 5193718, Northumberland County, to the junction of the North Branch Southwest Miramichi River and South Branch Southwest Miramichi River, Carleton County	Fly fishing only: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
	from a point 300 m upstream from the Quarryville bridge, to a point 300 m downstream from said bridge, including Indiantown Brook from its junction upstream to Route 108	Closed to angling after June 30
	from a square drawn 100 m upstream, downstream and off shore from the mouth of Wilson Brook, as well as the waters of Wilson Brook upstream 100 m from its junction with the Main Southwest Miramichi River (an area known locally as the Bear Den)	Closed to angling after June 30
Miramichi River	from Centennial Bridge upstream to Doyle's Brook on the Southwest Miramichi River and to the Red Bank/Sunny Corner Bridge on the Northwest Miramichi River	Anglers are restricted to the following gear types: 1) unbaited single barbless hook; 2) unbaited lure or spinner with a single barbless hook; 3) single barbless artificial fly; 4) baited or unbaited non-offset circle hook; 5) baited or unbaited lure or spinner with a non-offset circle hook
McKiel Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
North Branch Renous River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
North Branch Big Sevogle River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31
North Branch Southwest Miramichi River	including all tributaries	Fly fishing only
	upstream from the Bridge Pool to its source	Closed after June 30

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Northwest Miramichi River	from a point 200 m above the South Branch of the Northwest Miramichi River upstream to its source, including all tributaries	Closed to angling
	from a point 200 m above the South Branch of the Northwest Miramichi River, downstream to the Red Bank/Sunny Corner highway bridge	Fly fishing only: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
	from 100 m upstream to 100 m downstream from the mouth of Sutherland Brook, as well as the waters of Sutherland Brook downstream of the Route 420 bridge	Closed after June 30
	within 100 m of the Route 430 bridge, locally known as Miners Bridge	Closed to angling
North Pole Stream	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
	upstream from the junction of Lizard Brook	Closed to angling
	downstream from the junction of Lizard Brook	Closed before July 1 and after Sept 15
Renous River	upstream of the Route 8 bridge	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
	downstream of the Route 8 bridge	Fly fishing only: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
Rocky Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
South Branch Southwest Miramichi River	downstream of the Route 107 bridge at Foreston	Fly fishing only: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
South Branch Renous River	downstream of Route 108	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31
South Branch Big Sevogle River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31
Stewart Brook	downstream from a point 90 m above the Miramichi Salmonid Enhancement Centre water supply dam	Closed to angling
Tabusintac River	upstream from Becks Brook (a line drawn from grid reference 789260 5250163 to 789257 5250072) to its source	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
	downstream from Becks Brook (a line drawn from grid reference 789260 5250163 to 789257 5250072) to the Route 11 bridge	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after Sept 15: flies must be barbless prior to May 16
West Brook	downstream of the CN railway crossing	Fly fishing only

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.

Attention anglers:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- The angling season in the Southeast RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters.
- There is no open season for Atlantic salmon.

TROUT	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Minimum Size Limits (TL)	
			Brook trout	Brown trout, rainbow trout
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 15	5	10 cm	15 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1 – Sept 15			

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	Non-Tidal	Tidal		Minimum	Maximum
Burbot	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	20	N/A	N/A
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	Dip net: Apr 1 – May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Angling: Aug 1 – May 31			
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	At the time of printing, Fisheries and Oceans Canada had not decided on the quota and season for striped bass				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Jan 1 – Dec 30	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	100	10 cm	50 cm

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — *excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise*

Note: All fly fishing waters are restricted to angling with an artificial fly only.

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
All Tidal waters	limits of inland tidal waters	No fishing for striped bass from 2 hours after sunset to 2 hours before sunrise
		Non-offset barbless circle hook is mandatory when fishing for striped bass with bait from May 1 to Sept 30
Bouctouche River	from the highway bridge at Coates Mills upstream to the St. Paul Crossroads bridge	Fly fishing only beginning July 15
Hudson Brook	including all tributaries (Richibucto watershed)	Trout bag limit after June 14: 0
Northwest Branch Cocagne River	including all tributaries	Trout bag limit after June 14: 0
South Branch Bouctouche River	including all tributaries	Trout bag limit after June 14: 0
South Branch St. Nicholas River	from the lower most road bridge (grid reference 53505525) upstream to its source, including all tributaries	Trout bag limit after June 14: 0
Trout Brook	including all tributaries (Kouchibouguacis watershed)	Trout bag limit after June 14: 0
Weisner Brook	including all tributaries (Shediac watershed)	Trout bag limit after June 14: 0

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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 harbor bridge to the provincial border between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Attention anglers:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- The angling season in the Inner Bay of Fundy RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters not open to landlocked salmon angling.
- There is no open season for Atlantic salmon.
- Landlocked salmon angling is closed in all waters other than those listed in the “Landlocked Salmon” table below.

TROUT	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Minimum Size Limits (TL)	
			Brook trout	Arctic char, brown trout, rainbow trout
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 15	5*	10 cm	15 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1 – Sept 15			

* No more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout

LANDLOCKED SALMON*	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (FL)	
			Minimum	Maximum
Ratcliff Brook	Apr 15 – Sept 30	2	35 cm	63 cm
Loch Lomond Reservoir; Second Lake	May 1 – Sept 30	2 ^a		
Robertson Lake; Third Lake ; Taylor Lake; McBrien Lake; Otter Lake	May 1 – Sept 30	2		

* Any landlocked salmon from 48 cm to 63 cm FL requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

^a Any combination of landlocked salmon or brown trout

SMALLMOUTH BASS (General)	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
			Minimum	Maximum
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 15	5	10 cm	60 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1 – Sept 15			

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	Non-Tidal	Tidal		Minimum	Maximum
Burbot	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Chain pickerel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	20	N/A	N/A
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	Dip net: Apr 1 – May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Angling: Aug 1 – May 31			

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	Non-Tidal	Tidal		Minimum	Maximum
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 to Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	Closed	Jan 1 to Dec 29	1	68 cm	150 cm
Sturgeon	Closed June 1 – 30	Closed June 1 – 30	unlimited	120 cm	N/A
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Jan 1 – Dec 30	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	100	10 cm	50 cm

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — *excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise*

Note: All fly fishing waters are restricted to angling with an artificial fly only.

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Big Salmon River	from Cranberry Brook upstream to Crow Brook	Fly fishing only beginning June 15
Black River	Saint John County, from a point 100 m upstream from the public wharf (in the estuary) to Ritchie River	Fly fishing only beginning July 15
Loch Lomond Reservoir	entire waterbody	Combined bag limit for landlocked salmon and brown trout: 2 Brown trout minimum size limit (TL): 35cm
Second Lake	entire waterbody	Combined bag limit for landlocked salmon and brown trout: 2 Brown trout minimum size limit (TL): 35cm
Shepody River	and its tributaries upstream from the flood gate at Harvey Bank, except McFadden Lake, Fenton and Alcorn ponds	Trout season closed prior to May 15 Daily bag limit for trout: 5 only one of which can be greater than 30 cm (TL)
Upper Salmon River	upstream from the abutment above the mill dam in Alma	Fly fishing only beginning July 15

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.

Attention anglers:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- The angling season in the Lower Saint John RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters except: 1) smallmouth bass managed waters, 2) waters open to landlocked salmon angling.
- There is no open season for Atlantic salmon.
- Landlocked salmon angling is closed in all waters other than those listed in the “Landlocked Salmon” table below.

TROUT	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Minimum Size Limits (TL)		
			Brook trout	Brown trout, rainbow trout	Lake trout
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 15	5*	10 cm	15 cm	45 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1 – Sept 15				

* No more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout

LANDLOCKED SALMON*	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (FL)	
			Minimum	Maximum
Newcastle Creek	Apr 15 – Sept 30	2	35 cm	< 63 cm
Grand, Oromocto, Second Eel and Yoho lakes	May 1 – Sept 30			

* Any landlocked salmon from 48 cm to 63 cm FL requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

SMALLMOUTH BASS* (General)	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
			Minimum	Maximum
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 15	5	10 cm	60 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1 – Sept 15			

Exceptions:

Hammond River, from McGonagle Brook downstream to the covered bridge in French Village	Apr 15 – Oct 15	5	10 cm	60 cm
Kennebecasis River, from the bridge at Goshen downstream to the bridge on Bloomfield Station Road				
Keswick River, from the CN railway bridge at Barton downstream to Route 105				
Nashwaak River, from the East Branch Nashwaak River downstream to the Durham Bridge				

* See exceptions for smallmouth bass managed waters below.

SMALLMOUTH BASS (Managed Waters)		Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
				Minimum	Maximum
Lakes:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cassidy Lake • Darlings Lake • Davidson Lake • First Eel Lake • Lake George • Ludgate Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oromocto Lake • Second Eel Lake • Spruce Lake • Waltons Lake • Yoho Lake 	May 1 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm
		July 1 – Sept 15	2		
		Sept 16 – Oct 15	0		
Non-tidal portions of the following rivers, brooks and streams:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eel River, downstream of First Eel Lake • Hammond River, downstream of the covered bridge in French Village • Kennebecasis River, downstream of the Bloomfield Station bridge • Keswick River, downstream of Route 105 • Meduxnekeag River, downstream of the railway bridge (1.3 km upstream of Route 2) • Nashwaak River, downstream of the Durham Bridge • Nackawic Stream, downstream of Route 595 • Nashwaaksis Stream, downstream of Sunset Drive • Nerepis River, downstream of the Brittain Road bridge • Oromocto River, including the North Branch and South Branch Oromocto River downstream of Route 101 • Pokiok Stream, downstream of Route 2 • Saint John River, from the covered bridge in Hartland to the power line crossing 360 m downstream • Shogomoc Stream, downstream of Route 2 	Apr 15 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm	
	July 1 – Sept 15	2			
	Sept 16 – Oct 15	0			
Tidal portions of the following:					
Saint John River and all tributaries downstream of the Mactaquac Dam	Apr 15 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm	
	July 1 – Sept 15	2			
	Sept 16 – Nov 30	0			
Exceptions:					
Meduxnekeag River, upstream of the railway bridge (1.3 km upstream of Route 2) to the North Branch Meduxnekeag River	Apr 15 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm	
	July 1 – Sept 15	2			
Mactaquac Lake, including Mactaquac Arm, Longs Creek Arm and Kellys Creek Basin	May 1 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm	
	July 1 – Sept 15	2			
	Sept 16 – Nov 30	0			
Saint John River, from the power lines crossing the river 360 m below the covered bridge in Hartland downstream to the Route 585 highway bridge in Grafton, excluding tributaries	Apr 15 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm	
	July 1 – Sept 15	2			
	Sept 16 – Nov 30	0			

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	Non-Tidal	Tidal		Minimum	Maximum
Burbot	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Chain pickerel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	20	N/A	N/A
Muskellunge	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	5	10 cm	170 cm
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	Dip net: Apr 1 – May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Angling: Aug 1 – May 31			
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	Closed after Oct 15	Jan 1 – Dec 29	1	68 cm	150 cm
Sturgeon	Closed June 1 – June 30	Closed June 1 – June 30	unlimited	120 cm	N/A
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Jan 1 – Dec 30	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	100	10 cm	50 cm

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise

Note: All fly fishing waters are restricted to angling with an artificial fly only.

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Hammond River	from the CN Railway Bridge at Nauwigewauk upstream to McGonagle Brook	Fly fishing only beginning July 15
	from CN Railway Bridge at Nauwigewauk upstream to the covered bridge in French Village	Closed prior to May 1
Kennebecasis River	from the bridge on the Bloomfield Station road upstream to the bridge at Goshen	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
	from the road bridge at McCully Station (grid reference 11737051) upstream to Ketchums Brook	Trout daily bag limit: 0 Artificial lures and flies only from Apr 15 – June 30 Fly fishing only July 1 – Sept 15
Keswick River	from the Route 105 bridge upstream to the CN railway bridge at Barton	Fly fishing only beginning July 1

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Meduxnekeag River	not including North and South branches	Trout daily bag limit: 5 (may include only 1 brook trout over 25 cm and 1 brown trout over 35 cm)
	from the old bridge abutments located 160 m upstream of the bridge crossing in Belleville to the junction of the North and South Branches	Unbaited lures and flies only
	North and South Branches	Fly fishing only Trout daily bag limit: 0
Nashwaak River	Big Basin Pool (grid reference 4962899)	Closed to angling after June 15
	within 15 m of the junction of Youngs Brook (McKenzie Brook) near the Route 107 bridge at Nashwaak Bridge	Closed to angling after June 15
	from a point 150 m downstream of Porters Brook to a point 30 m upstream of Porters Brook	Closed to angling after June 15
	upstream from the highway bridge at Penniac to the East Branch Nashwaak River	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Palmer Brook	from the Hammond River upstream to the Stock Farm Road	Trout daily bag limit: 0
	from the Hammond River upstream 200 m	Closed to angling after June 30
Saint John River	from the highway bridge at Grafton upstream to the railway bridge at Upper Woodstock	Closed to angling after June 30
	from the Mactaquac dam downstream to a line drawn across the river from the mouth of Springhill Brook (Hartt Island Campground) to the western Fredericton city limit on the north side of the river (near Clements Drive and Carlisle Road)	Closed to angling



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.



Attention anglers:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- The angling season in the Southwest RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters except: 1) smallmouth bass managed waters, 2) waters open to landlocked salmon angling, 3) waters with extended seasons as identified in “exceptions and special regulations”.
- There is no open season for Atlantic salmon.
- Landlocked salmon angling is closed in all waters other than those listed in the “Landlocked Salmon” table below.

TROUT	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Minimum Size Limits (TL)		
	Non-boundary waters	Boundary waters between NB and Maine		Brook trout	Brown trout, rainbow trout	Lake trout
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 15	Apr 15 – Sept 30	5*	†	15 cm	45 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1 – Sept 15					

* No more than two lake trout and/or two brown trout

† Minimum size limit for brook trout (TL): 10 cm on non-boundary waters and 15 cm on boundary waters between NB and Maine

LANDLOCKED SALMON*	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (FL)		
			Minimum	Maximum	
Non boundary waters					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Anthony Brook • Lake Anthony • Big Indian Lake • Chamcook Lake • Clear Lake • Cranberry Lake • Crystal Lake • Deer Lake • Digdeguash Lake • Eagle Lake • East Branch Reservoir • East Long Lake • Gibson Lake • Harvey Lake • La Coote Lake • Little Chamcook Lake • Little John Lake • Little Magaguadavic Lake • Loch Alva Reservoir • Magaguadavic Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palfrey Stream • Moose Lake (Musquash drainage) • Ogden Lake • Queens Lake • Robin Hood Lake • Rocky Lake (Lepreau drainage) • Round Lake • Shadow Lake • Sherwood Lake • Skiff Lake • Sparks Lake • Spectacle Lake • St. Patricks Lake • Trout Lake • Lake Utopia • West Long Lake • Wheaton Lake 	Apr 15 – Sept 30	2*	35 cm	63 cm

LANDLOCKED SALMON*		Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (FL)	
				Minimum	Maximum
<i>Boundary waters between New Brunswick and Maine</i>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Grand Lake • Grand Falls Flowage • North Lake • Palfrey Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spednic Lake • St. Croix River • Woodland Flowage 	Apr 15 – Sept 30	2*	35 cm	63 cm

* Any landlocked salmon from 48 cm to 63 cm FL requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

SMALLMOUTH BASS* (General)		Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
				Minimum	Maximum
<i>Boundary waters between NB and Maine</i>					
Rivers, brooks and streams		Apr 15 – Sept 30	2*	25 cm	N/A
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs					
<i>Non-boundary waters</i>					
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 15	5*	10 cm	60 cm	
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 1 – Sept 15				

* See exceptions for smallmouth bass managed waters below.

SMALLMOUTH BASS* (Managed Waters)		Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
				Minimum	Maximum
<i>Lakes:</i>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bolton Lake • Craig Lake • Digdeguash Lake • East Branch Reservoir • East Brook Lake • Foster Lake • Harvey Lake • Little Magaguadavic Lake • Magaguadavic Lake • McDougall Lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mill Lake • Modsley Lake • Moores Mills Lake • Potters Lake • Second Harvey Lake • Skiff Lake • Trout Lake • Lake Utopia • Wauklahegan Lake • Wheaton Lake 	May 1 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm
		July 1 – Sept 15	2		
		Sept 16 – Oct 15	0		

<i>Exceptions</i>					
Diggity Stream		Apr 15 – Oct 15	0	N/A	N/A
First Lake		May 1 – Oct 15	0	N/A	N/A
Grand Falls Flowage		Apr 15 – Sept 30	0	N/A	N/A
Magaguadavic River, downstream of Second Falls, including the Canal		Apr 15 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm
		July 1 – Sept 15	2		
		Sept 16 – Oct 15	0		
Palfrey Lake		May 1 – Oct 15	0	N/A	N/A
Spednic Lake		Apr 15 – Sept 30	0	N/A	N/A
St. Croix River, from Grand Falls to the Milltown Bridge		Apr 15 – Sept 30	2	25 cm	N/A
		Oct 1 – Oct 31	0		

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season		Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	Non-Tidal	Tidal		Minimum	Maximum
Burbot	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Chain pickerel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	20	N/A	N/A
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	Dip net: Apr 1 – May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Angling: Aug 1 – May 31			
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	Closed	Jan 1 – Dec 29	1	68 cm	150 cm
Sturgeon	Closed June 1 – June 30	Closed June 1 – June 30	unlimited	120 cm	N/A
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Jan 1 – Dec 30	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 – Dec 30	100	10 cm	50 cm
Boundary waters between NB and Maine					
Rainbow smelt	Open sport fish season		60	N/A	N/A
Whitefish	Open sport fish season		3	N/A	N/A
White perch	Open sport fish season		25	10 cm	N/A

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — *excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise*

Note: All fly fishing waters are restricted to angling with an artificial fly only.

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
East Grand Lake	tributaries to East Grand lake	Closed to smelt fishing
	entire waterbody	Lake trout daily bag limit: 1
East Musquash Reservoir	entire waterbody	Brown trout minimum length limit (TL): 35 cm
Grand Manan	all waters	Trout angling season is from Apr 15 – Sept 15
Lake Utopia	including tributaries	Closed to smelt fishing
Skiff Lake	including tributaries	Closed to smelt fishing
St. Croix River	from the old Union Mills Bridge remnants upstream to the power house dam at Milltown	Fly fishing only beginning Apr 15
	from Grand Falls downstream to the Milltown Bridge	Unbaited lures and artificial flies only Oct 1 – 31

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.

Attention anglers:

- Refer to “Exceptions and special regulations” listed below for water specific regulations.
- The angling season in the Upper Saint John RFA closes Sept 15 on all inland waters except: 1) smallmouth bass managed waters, 2) waters open to landlocked salmon angling, 3) waters with extended seasons as identified in “exceptions and special regulations”.
- There is no open season for Atlantic salmon or striped bass.
- Landlocked salmon angling is closed in all waters other than those listed in the “Landlocked Salmon” table below.
- Anglers fishing Quebec portions of boundary waters require a Quebec licence and need to follow Quebec’s regulations.

TROUT	Non-boundary waters		Boundary waters between NB and Maine		Minimum Size Limits (TL)		
	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Brook trout	Brown trout, rainbow trout	Lake trout
					†	15 cm	45 cm
Rivers, brooks and streams	May 1 – Sept 15	10*	Apr 15 – Sept 30	5*	†	15 cm	45 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 15 – Sept 15	5*					

* No more than two lake trout

† Minimum size limit (TL) for brook trout: 10 cm on non-boundary waters and 15 cm on boundary waters between NB and Maine

LANDLOCKED SALMON*	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)		
			Minimum	Maximum	
Inland waters					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Lake (Green River) • Long Lake (Victoria County) • Second Lake (Green River) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serpentine Lake • Sisson Branch Reservoir • Third Lake (Green River) • Trousers Lake • Unique Lake 	May 15 – Sept 30	2*	35 cm	63 cm
Exceptions:					
Baker Lake	May 15 – Sept 15	2*	35 cm	63 cm	
Green River	May 15 – Sept 30	2*	50 cm	63 cm	
Nictau Lake	May 15 – Sept 30	1*	35 cm	63 cm	
Boundary waters					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glasier Lake • Saint John River • St. Francis River, including ponds 	Apr 15 – Sept 30	2*	35 cm	63 cm	

* Any landlocked salmon from 48 cm to 63 cm FL requires an Atlantic salmon tag if it is retained.

SMALLMOUTH BASS* (General)	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
			Minimum	Maximum
Boundary waters between NB and Maine				
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 – Sept 30	2*	25 cm	N/A
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs				
Non-boundary waters				
Rivers, brooks and streams	May 1 – Sept 15	5*	10 cm	60 cm
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs	May 15 – Sept 15			

* See exceptions for smallmouth bass managed waters below.

SMALLMOUTH BASS (Managed Waters)	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
			Minimum	Maximum
• Aroostook River, downstream of Tinker dam	May 1 – June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm
• Saint John River, from Grand Falls to the covered bridge in Hartland	July 1 – Sept 15	2		
	Sept 16 – Oct 15	0		
• Tobique River, downstream of Tobique dam	May 1 – June 30	0		

NON-SPORT FISH*	Season	Daily bag and possession limit	Size Limits (TL)	
	<i>Non-Tidal</i>		Minimum	Maximum
Non-boundary waters				
Burbot	Open sport fish season	10	10 cm	100 cm
Chain pickerel	Open sport fish season	10	10 cm	100 cm
Eel	Open sport fish season	10	20 cm	N/A
Gaspereau	Open sport fish season	20	N/A	N/A
Muskellunge	Open sport fish season	5	10 cm	170 cm
Rainbow smelt	Dip net: Closed after May 31	60	N/A	N/A
	Angling: Closed after Sept 30			
Shad	Open sport fish season	5	N/A	N/A
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	8	10 cm	70 cm
White perch	Open sport fish season	25	10 cm	50 cm
Yellow perch	Open sport fish season	100	10 cm	50 cm
Boundary waters between NB and Maine				
Rainbow smelt	Open sport fish season	60	N/A	N/A
Whitefish	Open sport fish season	3	N/A	N/A
White perch	Open sport fish season	25	10 cm	N/A

* No bag or length restrictions exist for any other non-sport fish found in this RFA.

Exceptions and special regulations — *excludes all tributaries unless noted otherwise*

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Aroostook River	from the railway bridge upstream to the Maine-NB border	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Becaguimec Stream	from its mouth upstream to Route 105 bridge	Closed to angling after June 30
Big Presque Isle Stream	from its mouth upstream to Route 103 bridge	Closed to angling after June 30
First Lake (Green River)	entire waterbody	Trout bag limit after Aug 31: 0
Little Tobique River	from Sisson Branch upstream to Nictau Lake	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
	from Sisson Branch downstream to the Tobique River	Closed to angling after June 30
Mamozekel River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Monquart Stream	upstream to Route 105 bridge	Closed to angling after June 30
Muniac Stream	from its confluence with the Saint John River upstream to a line drawn across the river: 46°37'16.15"N 67°41'58.22"W to 46°37'15.22"N 67°41'56.50"W	Closed to angling after June 30
Nictau Lake	entire waterbody	Landlocked salmon bag limit: 1 Brook trout minimum length limit (TL): 25cm Brook trout daily bag limit: 2
Nictau Lake tributaries	all brooks flowing into Nictau Lake	Closed to angling
Right Hand Branch Tobique River (Campbell River)	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
	from Mamozekel River upstream to the mouth of Tom Pole Brook	Closed after May 31
Roulston Lake	entire waterbody	Open angling season for trout: June 15 – Aug 31 Brook trout daily bag limit: 2
Saint John River	from the Grand Falls dam downstream to Brooks Bridge at Limestone	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
	from the Beechwood Dam to a point 800 m downstream	Closed to angling
	from a point 800 m downstream of the Beechwood dam to the covered bridge at Hartland	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
	from 50 m downstream of the Upper Guisguet Brook to 50 m upstream of the Upper Guisguet Brook	Closed to angling after June 30

Waterbody	Stretch	Exception
Saint John River <i>(continued)</i>	from a line straight across the river 800 m below the mouth of Monquart Stream to a line straight across the river 50 m above the mouth of Monquart Stream (N 46° 30. 811 , W 067° 36.101)	Closed to angling after June 30
	from a line straight across the river 500 m below the mouth of Shikatehawk Stream to a line straight across the river 50 m above the mouth of Shikatehawk Stream (N 46° 28. 823 , W 067° 34)	Closed to angling after June 30
	from a line straight across the river 500 m below the mouth of Big Presque Isle Stream to a line straight across the river 50 m above the mouth of Big Presque Isle Stream (N 46° 23. 961 , W 067° 36.405)	Closed to angling after June 30
	from a line straight across the river 100 m downstream of the mouth of Muniac Stream to a line straight across the river 100 m upstream of the mouth of Muniac Stream (46° 37'14.03"N 67° 42'12.10"W)	Closed to angling after June 30
	from the Covered Bridge at Hartland to a line straight across the river 50 m above the mouth of Becaguimec Stream (N 46° 18.139 , W 067° 31. 753)	Closed to angling after June 30
Salmon River, Victoria County	from its mouth upstream to the junction with Sutherland Brook	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Serpentine River	from its mouth upstream to the mouth of Salmon Hole Brook	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Shikatehawk Stream	from its mouth upstream to Route 105 bridge	Closed to angling after June 30
Stickney Brook	from its mouth upstream to the highway bridge on Route 105	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
Tobique River	from a line drawn across the river 200 m downstream of Trout Brook to a line drawn across the Right Hand Branch of the Tobique River at the confluence of the Mamozekel River	Closed to angling after June 30
	from 1.5 km downstream of the Tobique River Power Dam to 500 m upstream of the Tobique River Power Dam (N 46° 46.08 , W 67° 42.26 to N 46° 46.03 , W 67° 41.99 upstream to N 46° 47.09 , W 67° 41.55 to N 46° 47.06 , W 67° 41.43)	Closed to angling after June 30
Unique Lake	entire waterbody	Trout bag limit after Aug 31: 0
Whitemarsh Creek	from its mouth upstream to the Route 130 bridge	Fly fishing only beginning July 1

Additional information

Questions about regulations?

Contact Energy and Resource Development at 506-453-3826 or your nearest district office:

Bathurst	506-547-2080	Edmundston	506-735-2040	Richibucto	506-523-7600
Campbellton	506-789-2336	Florenceville	506-392-5105	St. George	506-755-4040
Canterbury	506-279-6005	Fredericton	506-453-2345	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Chipman	506-339-7019	Hampton	506-832-6055	Sussex	506-432-2008
Dieppe	506-856-2344	Miramichi	506-627-4050	Tracadie-Sheila	506-394-3636
Doaktown	506-365-2001	Plaster Rock	506-356-6030	Welsford	506-486-6000

Marine species and shellfish

Questions?

Angling for marine species and recreational harvesting of shellfish are regulated by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans. For information on seasons, zones, bag limits, closures and other regulations, contact DFO at:

- Maritimes Region (RFAs 5, 6, 7, 8): **902-426-2473**
- Gulf Region (RFAs 1, 2, 3, 4): **506-851-7797 or 506-851-7798**

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 (burbot), 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 cm (12 inches) to one meal per month. Avoid consumption of all other species, including brook trout measuring 29 cm 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 cm. Consumption of brook trout measuring 29 cm 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 – NB Department of Health
506-457-4800**

For information on commercial fish:

**Canadian Food Inspection Agency (New Brunswick)
506-452-4963**

Set young salmon free

It's the law!

If you catch a salmon parr or smolt, gently remove the hook and release it back in the water. Study these pictures and note the differences between young Atlantic salmon and brook trout:

Salmon parr

- **Black spots** on back and sides
- **Forked tail**
- **No markings** on fins or tail



Salmon smolt

- **Silvery fish**
- Only a **shadow** of vertical side bars
- **Black spots** on upper sides and cheeks
- **Dark forked tail**



Brook trout

- **Light coloured spots** on its sides
- **Red spots** with light coloured edge
- **Marbled pattern** (dark irregular lines) on upper body and back
- Dorsal fin has **dark bars and patches**
- Lower fins have a **white edge**
- Tail is **square** or very slightly concave





New Brunswick

 CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS



The ASCF is a non-profit organization established through a one-time grant of \$30 million from the Government of Canada. Income generated by this trust fund supports projects and activities contributing to conservation of wild Atlantic salmon and salmon habitat. Funds raised in partnership with Alcool NB Liquor (ANBL) through the Protect our Rivers

program also provide significant support for New Brunswick projects.

The Foundation helps achieve healthy and sustainable wild Atlantic salmon stocks in Atlantic Canada and Quebec through active working partnerships among volunteer conservation groups, Aboriginal organizations, governments, and others.

New Brunswick projects funded by the ASCF and ANBL in 2016 were led by:

Association des Bassins Versants de la Grande et Petite Rivière Tracadie	\$11,300	Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee	\$20,000
Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance	\$20,000	Miramichi River Environmental Assessment Committee	\$15,000
Restigouche River Watershed Management Council	\$36,623	Nashwaak Watershed Association	\$15,000
Chaleur Bay Watershed Group	\$20,000	Nepisiquit Salmon Association	\$10,000
Eastern Charlotte Waterways	\$15,000	Northumberland Salmon Protection Association	\$11,000
Fort Folly First Nation	\$30,000	Shediac Bay Watershed Association	\$5,000
Friends of the Kouchibouguacis	\$25,000	University of New Brunswick	\$92,223
Hammond River Angling Association	\$6,000		

For more information, including details of these projects, please visit our website:

www.salmonconservation.ca



New Brunswick Salmon Council Inc. (a regional council of the Atlantic Salmon Federation) and its local affiliates encourage everyone to practise conservation in all your 2017 angling activities. Here are a few suggestions on how you can individually contribute to the health and vitality of New Brunswick's prized wild Atlantic salmon stocks:

- Carefully read and be aware of all regulations that apply to the waters you will be angling.
 - Remember to pinch your barbs— the hook is much easier to remove, causing less injury to the fish and allowing quicker live release.
 - Land your fish swiftly. (A good rule of thumb is 1-minute per pound for Atlantic salmon.)
- Gently handle your catch. If necessary, for a short time period before releasing it, keep the fish in the water facing upstream so that a flow of water passes over its gills.
- **Report signs of poaching activities (1-800-222-TIPS)** or environmental concerns such as pollution including bank erosion, unnaturally silty water and sedimentation in streams or excessive stream bank vegetation removal. For environmental concerns call 506-453-2690 or 1-800-565-1633 (after hours or emergencies)
- Finally, to help NB rivers meet conservation targets, and to help with international negotiations aimed at conserving and increasing the stocks returning to our rivers, we encourage the live release of all salmon and grilse.

Get involved... Be part of the solution!

Join one of our many affiliates shown below or start your own group on "your" river. We can help!

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Photo:
Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon
Law Enforcement Collaboration

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Protection of inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic salmon

Parks Canada and its partners along New Brunswick's Fundy coast region have invested in salmon recovery for over a decade. While these 'life support' activities have prevented the extinction of the inner Bay of Fundy (iBoF) salmon, a self-sustaining salmon population has yet to be restored.



Now, Parks Canada, Cooke Aquaculture, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Fort Folly First Nation, the Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association, the University of New

Brunswick and the Province of New Brunswick have joined forces to create **Fundy Salmon Recovery**. Together they are raising hundreds of wild adult iBoF salmon on the world's first wild salmon marine conservation farm and releasing them back to their native rivers to spawn.

As rivers cross jurisdictional boundaries and the value of salmon as a recreational fishery is high, collaboration amongst law enforcement agencies is the best strategy for their protection. Through education, monitoring and enforcement, this collaboration will help ensure the protection of salmon during a critical period of their life cycle, while also building capacity amongst local law enforcement agencies for ongoing and future collaboration. **You can help!** If you see or suspect salmon-related crimes, call Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)



QUICK FACTS

WHAT? A collaboration of local law enforcement agencies and Crime Stoppers for the protection of iBoF salmon.

WHO? Parks Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, NB Department of Justice and Public Safety, RCMP and New Brunswick Crime Stoppers.

WHERE? New Brunswick's inner Bay of Fundy region.

WHY? To protect large numbers of adult salmon released to inner Bay of Fundy rivers and to build connections and capacity amongst local law enforcement agencies.

WHEN? Adult salmon are released in October to spawn and typically return to the Bay of Fundy in late November.

For more information, contact
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New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund

List of Projects Approved in 2016

Michelle Gray, UNB, Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management

Dispersion, Distribution, and Population Assessment of Slimy Sculpin in NB\$12,500.

Restigouche River Watershed Management Council Inc.

Atlantic Salmon Survey 2016 – Restigouche River System\$10,000.

Nepisiguit Salmon Association

Nepisiguit Salmon Assessment & Enhancement\$9,500.

Partenariat pour la gestion intégrée du bassin versant de la baie de Caraquet Inc.

Ecological Restoration of Serby's Brook, Phase 3\$5,000.

Comité de Gestion Environnementale de la Rivière Pokemouche

Fish Habitat Restoration of Fidèle's Brook – Phase 3\$6,500.

Antoin O'Sullivan, UNB, Canadian Rivers Institute

Mapping River Temperature Change as a Result of Coldwater Refugia Augmentation in the Miramichi Watershed\$4,930.

Miramichi Salmon Association Inc.

Juvenile Atlantic Salmon Assessment on the Miramichi River 2016\$9,000.

Miramichi Salmon Association Inc.

Small Predation Study on the Northwest Miramichi River\$6,000.

Northumberland Salmon Protection Association

Adult Salmon and Striped Bass Assessment on the Northwest Miramichi River 2016\$12,000.

Les Ami(e)s de la Kouchibouguais Inc.

Kouchibouguais River Aquatic Habitat 2016\$8,000.

Les Ami(e)s de la Kouchibouguais Inc.

Atlantic Salmon (Education, Egg Incubation, Restoration and Monitoring)\$5,000.

Shediac Bay Watershed Association

Fish Habitat Restoration, Evaluation and Education of the Enhancement of Salmonids Populations in the Shediac Bay Watershed\$5,000.

Vision H2O (Groupe du bassin versant de la région de Cap-Pelé)

Assessment of the Salmonid Habitat in the Kinnear River\$12,000.

Kurt Samways, UNB, Canadian Rivers Institute

Determining the Efficacy of Marine Reared Native Adult Atlantic Salmon Introductions: Linking Telemetry with Behaviour and Experimental Biology\$12,000.

Fort Folly Habitat Recovery Program

Supporting Recovery of Endangered Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon on the Big Salmon River\$20,000.

Atlantic Coastal Action Program (ACAP) Saint John Inc.

The Rebirth of Water: Chronicaling the Post-Harbour Cleanup Recovery of New Brunswick's Largest Urban Watersheds\$5,000.

Dr. Allen Curry, UNB, Canadian Rivers Institute

Finding and Mapping Winter, Under-ice Habitats of Striped Bass in the Saint John River\$15,000.

Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee

Smith's Creek Headwaters Enhancement Project\$8,000.

Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee

Improving Fish Passage in the Kennebecasis\$7,000.

Hammond River Angling Association

Hammond River Atlantic Salmon Smolt Assessment\$6,000.

Hammond River Angling Association

Juvenile Salmon Population Assessment\$10,000.

Oromocto River Watershed Association Inc.

Electrofishing Monitoring Assessments in Salmonid-bearing Streams in the Oromocto River Watershed\$6,000.

Nashwaak Watershed Association Inc.

Geomorphic Assessment in the Nashwaak River\$12,000.

Dr. Tommi Linnansaari, UNB, Canadian Rivers Institute

Developing Methods for Monitoring Abundance and Upstream Passage of Young American Eel at Migration Barriers\$6,000.

Maliseet Nation Conservation Council

Assessment of Water Quality, Fish Habitat and Fish Populations of Indian, Murray and Macintosh Brooks\$7,000.

Saint John Basin Salmon Recovery Inc.

Supplying Saint John River Salmon Smolts for a Captive Adult Rearing Program\$8,000.

Dr. Allen Curry, UNB, Canadian Rivers Institute

Distribution, Abundance, and Spawning of Rainbow Trout in the Saint John River: Assessing the Potential Impacts for Atlantic Salmon and Brook Trout\$8,000.

Eastern Charlotte Waterways

Atlantic Salmon Population and Habitat Assessments in the Magog/Quadravic and Digdeguash Rivers\$6,000.

Atlantic Salmon Federation

Outer Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon Monitoring Program\$3,000.

Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association

Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon Recovery Project Through Saltwater Running\$10,000.

Miramichi Headwaters Salmon Federation Inc.

2016 Satellite Rearing Facility Operation & Public Education\$15,000.

Jeff Levesque, Forêt expérimentale de l'École de foresterie de l'UMCE

Twenty-Year Post Management Follow-up of Brook Trout Habitat\$10,000.

Restigouche River Watershed Management Council Inc.

Fall Spawning Survey of Adult Salmon in the Restigouche River 2016\$4,000.

Comité Sauvons nos Rivières Neguac Inc.

Ecological Restoration of Salmonid Habitats in Indian Brook and Godin Brook and Sediment Management\$10,000.

The Southeastern Anglers Association Inc.

Mill Creek Project Design, Bank Stabilization and Fish Habitat Improvement\$5,000.

The Southeastern Anglers Association Inc.

Bouchouche First Nation Striped Bass Acoustic Tags\$10,000.

Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee

Upper Kennebecasis Habitat Assessment & Enhancement\$7,000.

Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee

2016 Creel Census and Monitoring\$8,000.

Matthew Litvak, Mount Allison University

Development of Best Practices for Angling of Shortnose Sturgeon\$13,000.

The Canaan River Fish and Game Association

Electrofishing Assessments in Tributaries to the Canaan River – Washademoak Lake\$5,000.

Fort Folly Habitat Recovery

Monitoring Movements & Habitat Use of Released Adult Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon in the Petitcodiac & Big Salmon River\$8,000.

Tobique Salmon Protective Association Inc.

Tobique and St. John River Wild Salmon Stabilization Recovery\$6,000.



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CROWN RESERVE WATERS

General information

- The following persons may apply for or obtain a Crown Reserve angling licence:
 - persons whose principal place of residence is New Brunswick, and
 - current members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or Canadian Forces who were born in New Brunswick but who are stationed outside of the province.
- Crown Reserve anglers require an Outdoors Card number to apply for or book Crown Reserve angling opportunities. If you do not already have your Outdoors Card, you can obtain one by registering online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources, a participating vendor, or SNB centre.
- There are three types of Crown Reserve Waters:
 1. Regular Crown Reserve
 2. Daily Crown Reserve
 3. Live Release Crown Reserve
- Crown Reserve Waters are not open to fishing before or after the Crown Reserve season dates. (see Restigouche and Miramichi RFAs for exceptions)
- Crown Reserve Licences do not guarantee exclusive stretch use.
- All Atlantic salmon hooked on Crown Reserve waters must be live released. The bag limit for Atlantic salmon (grilse or mature fish) is zero (0).
- Anglers may live release up to a maximum of four (4) Atlantic salmon per calendar day. Once four Atlantic salmon have been live released the angler must cease angling for that day.
- On Crown Reserve waters a “fishing day” is the 24-hour period extending from 2:00 pm on the first day until 2:00 pm on the second day. (Exception: Patapedia and Lower Patapedia stretches are based on a full calendar day. See pages 49 and 50 for details.)
- Licence fees are per angler per day, taxes not included.
- All Crown Reserve Waters are fly fishing only. Barbed flies are legal on Regular and Daily Crown Reserves. Barbless flies are required on Live Release Crown Reserves. Trolling with artificial flies is permitted on all Crown Reserves.

Youth on Crown Reserve Waters

Youth under the age of 16 may participate in Crown Reserve angling without being required to hold a licence or be a Crown Reserve party member.

If a youth is angling on Crown Reserve Waters and is not a party member:

- He/she must be accompanied* by a licensed Crown Reserve angler.
- The licensed Crown Reserve angler and the youth may not angle at the same time.
- The young person’s catch must be included in the live release limit of the licensed Crown Reserve angler.
- The adult licensed Crown Reserve Angler is legally responsible to ensure that the youth complies with all regulations.

If a youth under the age of 16 is a party member:

- The youth must possess the appropriate Crown Reserve Licence for the stretch being angled.
- On Atlantic Salmon Crown Reserve stretches:
 - If the youth is 10 – 15 years of age and possesses a Class 8 or 17 Salmon Angling licence, they may angle alone and they have their own live release limit;
 - If the youth does not possess the appropriate Salmon Angling licence required on the stretch being angled, they must be accompanied* by a licensed Crown Reserve angler and their catch must be included with that other party member’s live release limit. This also includes all youth under the age of 10 who are not eligible to purchase a Salmon Angling Licence.
- On Brook Trout Crown Reserve Stretches:
 - Youth under 16 years of age do not require a Class 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, or 17 angling licence, but do require a Crown Reserve Licence.

* *Accompanied* is defined as within visual and/or auditory contact of each other without the aid of artificial devices except medically-prescribed eyeglasses or hearing aids.



CROWN RESERVE WATERS

Crown Reserve Creel Surveys

Party chiefs are encouraged to submit creel census data related to their Crown Reserve angling trip(s). Your information is important in the management of this recreational fishery and helps improve the quality of a Crown Reserve angling experience for all anglers.

Creel data and stretch comments can be submitted online via a link provided in the Crown Reserve licence package e-mail. A paper form option is also available; however submission of data online is preferred. Further information on the Crown Reserve Creel census process is available at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources.

Regular Crown Reserve

Twenty of these special salmon angling waters are located in the Miramichi and Restigouche river systems (see page 49). Fishing rights are awarded annually by computer draw. The season extends from June 10 – Sept 15. These waters are closed before and after the Regular Crown Reserve season with the exception of three Restigouche River stretches (Red Bank, Three Sisters, and Devil's Half Acre) which are open from Apr 15 – June 1 for all angling. 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.

Application and payment procedures

Applicants may apply online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources, at the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Fredericton, or at any ERD District office. An application fee of \$7.00 per angler must be paid at the time of the application.

- Applicants are restricted to one application to the Regular Crown Reserve draw per year.
- Once the draw is held, the successful applicants will be notified in writing or by e-mail of the payment deadline.
- Payment must be made online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources or at the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Fredericton. No payments will be accepted at ERD District offices or after the deadline. Total cost per angler is \$46.00 per day for angling dates from June 10 to Aug 31 and \$31.00 per day per angler for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15.

- In addition to a Regular Crown Reserve Angling Licence, each angler must have a Class 7, 8, 16 or 17 Salmon Angling Licence. For exception, see "Youth on Crown Reserve", page 45.
- Further information will be provided in successful applicants' licence packages.

Unclaimed stretches

- Angling opportunities that are unclaimed during the Regular Crown Reserve draw will be reoffered to anglers on a first-come first-served booking basis.
- Unclaimed stretch listings are available online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources or by contacting any ERD district office.
- Crown Reserve anglers are encouraged to book stretches unclaimed in the Regular Crown Reserve draw online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources. Persons without Internet access will be able to book unclaimed stretches by contacting one of the following designated ERD district offices:
 1. Miramichi River stretches
ERD Miramichi: 506-627-4050
 2. Restigouche River stretches
ERD Campbellton: 506-789-2336
 3. North Branch Kedgwick stretch
ERD Saint-Quentin: 506-235-6040
- There is no fee to book unclaimed Regular Crown Reserve stretches.
- Booking periods for unclaimed Regular Crown Reserve stretch dates include:
 1. Unsuccessful applicant booking period:
 - Begins the second Monday of May and lasts two consecutive weeks. In 2017, bookings by unsuccessful draw applicants will be accepted online and at designated ERD offices beginning 8:30 am, Monday, May 8.
 - Only anglers who were unsuccessful in the Regular Crown Reserve draw may book a stretch date during this period.
 - Ineligible persons include successful Regular Crown Reserve applicants regardless of whether they actually paid for their stretch or not, unsuccessful applicants who substituted into an angling party that was successful in



the draw, and any person who did not apply to the draw.

- A limit of one stretch date per angler applies.
 - Bookings do not have to be based on the original party membership. A four person party, for example, could book a stretch date during this period as two separate two-person parties.
 - Party size must correspond to the size limit for that stretch.
 - Immediate licence payment at the time of booking is required.
2. Open booking period:
- Begins the first Monday of June and lasts until the end of the Regular Crown Reserve angling season. In 2017, bookings for this period will be accepted online and at designated ERD district offices beginning 8:30 am, Monday, June 5.
 - Any angler whose principal place of residence is New Brunswick may book stretch dates during this period regardless of whether they participated in the Regular Crown Reserve draw or not.
 - There are no limits as to the number of available stretches that may be booked.
 - Party size must correspond to the size limit for that stretch.
 - Immediate licence payment at the time of booking is required.
3. Bookings within 48 hours of an angling date:
- Any stretch that has not been booked within 48 hours of its angling date can be booked by individuals or parties. The number of persons who book the stretch may be less than the stretch limit.
 - Bookings within 48 hours of angling dates that occur on a Saturday, Sunday, or Monday will begin at 8:30 am on the previous Thursday.

Daily Crown Reserve

These fifteen salmon and trout fishing waters provide excellent angling on a day-by-day basis (see page 50). The season extends from June 1 – Sept 15. These waters are closed before and after the Daily Crown Reserve season. Exception: Restigouche River Daily Crown Reserve (Grog Island) is open from Apr 15 – June 1 for all angling.

Application and payment procedures

Step A: Random draw

- Apply online at www.gnb.ca/naturalresources or by calling the appropriate ERD district office between 8:30 and 11:00 am on the draw date.
- Draws are held on weekdays 7 days in advance of the angling date. If the angling date is a Saturday or Sunday, the draw is held on the Monday of the week immediately preceding the angling date, or on Tuesday in the event that Monday is a holiday.
- An application fee of **\$7.00** per angler must be paid at the time of the application unless the angler has previously applied to a Crown Reserve draw during the current year.
- Successful applicants will be contacted by phone or e-mail after the draw is conducted at 11:00 am. Immediate payment is required.

Step B: Party booking

- If no applications are received by 11 am on the draw date, unclaimed stretches may be booked on a first-come first-served basis by proper party size, up to 48 hours before the angling date.
- To book, visit www.gnb.ca/naturalresources or call the appropriate designated office beginning at 1:30 pm on the stretch draw date.
- There is no fee to book unclaimed stretches under Step B.

Step C: Individual or party booking

- Within 48 hours of the fishing date bookings are accepted from individuals or parties. The total number of anglers is not permitted to exceed the stretch limit and licence fees apply only to the number of persons who actually take the stretch.
- There is no application fee to book unclaimed stretches under Step C.



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- To book, visit www.gnb.ca/naturalresources or call the appropriate ERD office after 8:30 am beginning two business days immediately prior to the angling date.

General information on

Daily Crown Reserves

- 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. For exception, see “Youth on Crown Reserve”, page 45.
- Licences are not transferable.
- Anglers are limited to two days per month for any specific stretch of Daily Crown Reserve Water obtained through Step A Random Draw. Vacant water booked under Steps B and C does not count towards this limit.
- Anglers must purchase the full period of vacant water. Partial purchase is not allowed.
- 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.**
- The cost per angler per day on Daily Crown Reserve salmon stretches is **\$46.00** for angling dates from June 1 – Aug 31 and **\$31.00** per day per angler for angling dates between Sept 1 – 15. (Exception: the Lower Patapedia stretch is **\$20.00** for angling dates from June 3 – Aug 31.)
- The cost per angler per day on Daily Crown Reserve brook trout stretches is **\$20.00** for angling dates from June 3 – Aug 31 and **\$13.00** for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15.
- At the time of payment, all party members’ Outdoors Card numbers or their information must be provided for the issuance of the licences (name, address, date of birth, telephone number and identification).

Live Release Crown Reserve

Only fly fishing with single barbless or pinched hooks is permitted. There are five of these reserves in the Miramichi drainage (see page 51). The season extends from June 1 – Sept 15. Waters are closed before and after the Live Release Crown Reserve season.

Application and payment procedures:

- Same procedures as Steps A, B and C for Daily Crown Reserve.
- An application fee of **\$7.00** per angler must be paid at the time of the application unless the angler has previously applied to a Crown Reserve draw during the current year.
- Anglers are limited to two days per month for each stretch of Live Release Crown Reserve Water obtained through Step A Random Draw. Stretches booked under Steps B and C do not count towards this limit.
- The cost per angler per day on Live Release Crown Reserve stretches is **\$33.00** for angling dates from June 1 – Aug 31 and **\$22.00** for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15. (Exception: the Upper and Lower Cains stretches are **\$20.00** for angling dates from June 1 to Aug 31 and **\$13.00** for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15.)
- In addition to a Live Release Crown Reserve Licence, each angler must have a valid Class 7, 8, 16 or 17 salmon angling licence. For exception, see “Youth on Crown Reserve”, page 45.
- 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. For exception, see “Youth on Crown Reserve”, page 45.
- Palisades and Sinclair stretch licences are issued for two consecutive fishing days.

CROWN RESERVE WATERS



Regular Crown Reserve Waters

Cost per angler per day is \$46.00 (HST not incl.) for angling dates from June 10 – Aug 31 and \$31.00 per day per angler for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15.

Restigouche drainage

River	Stretch	Party size	Camps	Access
Kedgwick	North Branch Kedgwick	2	Yes	Canoe or wading
Patapedia	Patapedia ^a	2	Yes ^b	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	Upsalquitch Forks Pool	2	Yes	Canoe
NW Upsalquitch	Craven Gulch	2	No	Canoe
NW Upsalquitch	Northwest Upsalquitch	2 or 4	No	Canoe
SE Upsalquitch	Southeast Upsalquitch	2	Yes	Canoe or wading

a Patapedia licences are valid for three consecutive calendar days. The last available stretch start date is Aug 29.

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

Bag limit: The bag limit for Atlantic salmon (grilse or mature fish) on the Restigouche Regular Crown Reserve is 0. Live release only.

Live release limit: A maximum of 4 Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.

Miramichi drainage

River	Stretch	Party size	Camps	Access
LSW Miramichi	Charlies Rock	4	Yes	Wading
Lr North Branch, LSW Miramichi	Adams Pool ^a	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Crawford	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Depot	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Elbow	4	Yes	Wading
NW Miramichi	Stoney 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

a Anglers must release all brook trout caught on the Adams Pool stretch on the Lower North Branch Little Southwest Miramichi River.

Bag limit: The bag limit for Atlantic salmon (grilse or mature fish) on the Miramichi Regular Crown Reserve is 0. Live release only.

Live release limit: A maximum of 4 Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.



CROWN RESERVE WATERS

Daily Crown Reserve Waters

Atlantic salmon

Cost per angler per day is \$46.00 (HST not incl.) for angling dates from June 1 – Aug 31 and \$31.00 per day per angler for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15. (Exception: the Lower Patapedia stretch is \$20.00 for angling dates from June 3 – Aug 31.)

Stretch	Water	Season	Party size	ERD office	Telephone
Berry Brook	Upsalquitch	June 1 – Sept 15	2 or 4	Campbellton	506-789-2336
Cruikshank	North Branch Sevogle	June 10 – Sept 15	2	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Grog Island	Restigouche	June 1 – Sept 15	2	Campbellton	506-789-2336
Jardine Brook	Little Main Restigouche	June 1 – Sept 15	2 or 4	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Kedgwick Forks	Kedgwick	June 1 – Sept 15	2	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Lower Kedgwick	Kedgwick	June 1 – Sept 15	2, 4 or 6 ^a	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Lower Patapedia	Patapedia	June 3 – Aug 31 ^b	2	Campbellton	506-789-2336

a Lower Kedgwick stretch accommodates six anglers until July 10 inclusive; four anglers beginning on July 11.

b 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.

Bag limit: The bag limit for Atlantic salmon (grilse or mature fish) on Daily Crown Reserve waters is 0. Live release only.

Live release limit: A maximum of 4 Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.

Brook trout

Cost per angler per day is \$20.00 (HST not incl.) for angling dates from June 3 – Aug 31 and \$13.00 for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15.

Stretch	Season	Party size	Trip bag limit per person	ERD office	Telephone
California Lake ^a	June 1 – Aug 31	2 or 4	5	Bathurst	506-547-2080
Caribou Lake	June 1 – Sept 15	2	5	Bathurst	506-547-2080
Goodwin Lake ^b	June 1 – Sept 15	2	2	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Island Lake	June 1 – Sept 15	2	2	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Kenny Lake	June 1 – Sept 15	2	2	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Nepisiguit River	July 15 – Aug 15	2	2	Bathurst	506-547-2080
Peaked Mountain Lakes ^c	June 1 – Sept 15	2 or 4	2	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Valentine Lake	June 1 – Sept 15	2	2	Doaktown	506-365-2001

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

b Access to Goodwin Lake requires a canoe portage.

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



Live Release Crown Reserve Waters

Cost per angler per day is \$33.00 (HST not incl.) for angling dates from June 1 – Aug 31 and \$22.00 for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15. (Exception: Upper and Lower Cains stretches are \$20.00 for angling dates from June 1 – Aug 31 and \$13.00 for angling dates from Sept 1 – 15.)

Stretch	River	Season	Party size	ERD office	Telephone
Cains Lower	Cains	June 1 – Sept 15	2 or 4	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Cains Upper	Cains	June 1 – Sept 15	2 or 4	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Lr North Branch	LSW Miramichi	June 1 – Sept 15	4	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Palisades	North Pole Stream	July 1 – Sept 15	4	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Sinclair	North Pole Stream	July 1 – Sept 15	4	Doaktown	506-365-2001

Bag limit: The bag limit for all fish species on Live Release waters is **0**. Live release only.

Live release limit: A maximum of **4** Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.

DFO Atlantic salmon and striped bass tagging programs

Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) with many partners regularly tag fish in experiments to determine fish behaviour, movements, growth and fishing catch rates. The recovery of tagged fish and the success of these tagging campaigns rely on the collaboration of recreational anglers and the fishing industry.

Atlantic salmon: If you catch an Atlantic salmon with a DFO tag, please remove the tag and send it, along with the date and location of capture, to the address on the back of the tag:

Science Branch, Department of Fisheries and Oceans: PO 5030, Moncton NB E1C 9B6

You can also send the information and a photo of the tag by email to Fishtag@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number/email for contact purposes and to receive information on your fish. Anglers who return tags will have their names entered in the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) tag return incentive draw. Each year, a grand prize of US\$2,500 is awarded as well as a US\$1,500 prize for the North American area.

Striped bass: If you catch a Striped Bass with a DFO tag, please remove the tag and send it, along with the date and location of capture, to the address on the back of the tag:

Science Branch, Department of Fisheries and Oceans: PO 5030, Moncton NB E1C 9B6

You can also send the information and a photo of the tag by email to Fishtag@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

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