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# Fish

REGULATIONS SUMMARY

Regular Season 2023 - Winter 2024





## Zebra Mussels Detected in Saint John River Watershed

In 2022, Zebra Mussels were discovered in Québec's Lac Témiscouata. This lake near the NB border flows directly into the Madawaska River and eventually the Saint John River. These highly invasive freshwater mussels spread easily to other lakes and rivers by 'hitchhiking' on boats and other aquatic equipment.



### IMPACTS

Zebra Mussels attach themselves to solid surfaces such as boats, docks, rocks, plants, and native mussels. They can multiply rapidly and negatively impact recreational activities and vital infrastructure. Due to their razor-sharp shells, recreational users are at risk of being cut while walking on beaches or swimming in waters with Zebra Mussels. They clog intake structures used by water treatments facilities, mills and power plants. The management of Zebra Mussels can become very costly!

Zebra Mussels are experts at filtering waterbodies. This can increase the growth of aquatic plants and toxic algal blooms. They have also been linked to increased avian botulism outbreaks. Zebra Mussels are highly impactful on the natural ecosystem as they take over! For more information, see Zebra Mussels at: [www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing/content/ZebraMussels/saint-john-watershed-detection.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing/content/ZebraMussels/saint-john-watershed-detection.html)



### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Clean, Drain and Dry (CDD)** any water-based equipment (boats, trailers, canoes, kayaks, fishing gear, boat lifts etc.) before entering a new body of water. Don't forget your winter fishing gear too! For more information on CDD, see [Page 18](#).



**Learn how to identify Zebra Mussels:** Young Zebra Mussels (*veligers*) are difficult to identify as they are too small to see with the naked eye. They are unable to swim on their own and move with the water currents.

Adult Zebra Mussels can be identified by their:

- Triangular shape, often with dark and/ or light stripes on their shells.
- Very small size; ranging from only a few millimeters (sesame seed size) up to 4 cm (~1 inch). Typically no bigger than a thumbnail.
- Byssal threads (fine hairs) which they use to firmly attach to under-water surfaces.

### Report any sightings immediately to:

Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED)\*

E-mail: [FishNB-PecheN-B@gnb.ca](mailto:FishNB-PecheN-B@gnb.ca) | Phone: (506) 453-3826

Make sure to include the following information:

- The exact location of the sighting (GPS coordinates) and date,
- Photos of the mussel(s) if possible, or list identifiable features.

\*DNRED collaborates with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the New Brunswick Invasive Species Council on aquatic invasive species sightings.





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This is not a legal document. This book provides a brief summary of major angling regulations and licence information for the 2023 season. Regulations are subject to change at any time. This book does not cover all the laws contained in federal and provincial acts and regulations. For additional information regarding season dates, bag limits, possession limits, size limits or gear restrictions, contact your local Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

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## A Message from the Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development

Fishing traditions have always run deep in our province. New Brunswick offers anglers excellent opportunities for fishing adventures each year. And, with more than 2,500 lakes, 60,000 kilometres of rivers and brooks and a wide variety of species to fish, you can find these opportunities just about everywhere, in any season.

As Minister of Natural Resources and Energy Development, as well as someone with a lifelong love of fishing, I encourage everyone to try this amazing sport.

Fish NB Days are the perfect opportunity to introduce friends and family to recreational fishing. Twice a year, in early June and the Family Day long weekend in February, residents and non-residents can fish without a licence or guide.

All current catch limits, closures and other restrictions are still in effect during Fish NB Days. Access to private waters, Crown reserve waters and Crown leases is still restricted.

Thank you for your continued support of fisheries conservation, stocking and management programs in New Brunswick through the purchase of your 2023 angling licence.

Be safe, and I hope you and your family will be able to create some incredible memories together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Holland".

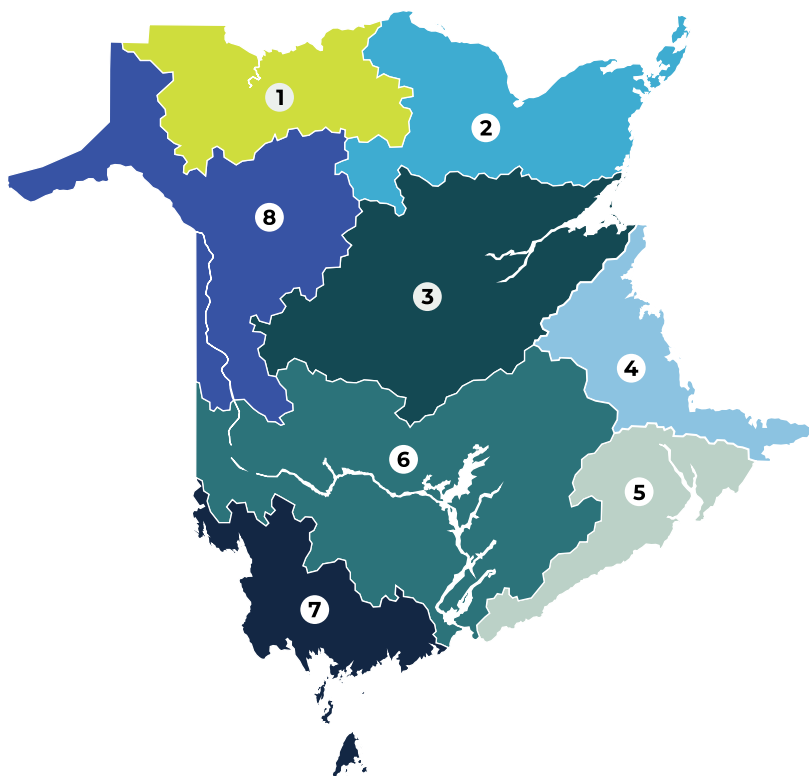
**Hon. Mike Holland**



# 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 2023

### 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 <https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/en/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 on [Page 15](#)).

### Striped Bass

At the time this book was published, 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 <https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/en/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 on [Page 15](#)).

### ABORIGINAL AND TREATY RIGHTS

The Mi'gmaq, Peskotomuhkati (Passamaquoddy), and Wolastoqey (Maliseet) Peoples, which are the Indigenous Nations in New Brunswick, have sustained their families and communities in New Brunswick for thousands of years. At the time of contact with European settlers they had vibrant cultures with economies based on the use and trade of plants, fish, seafood, and wildlife, supported by land and water networks connecting camps, villages, and spiritual places. Their relationship with the land has always been one of respect, reciprocity, and conservation of natural resources.

The Indigenous Nations in New Brunswick and the other Maritime provinces signed Peace and Friendship Treaties with Great Britain (the Crown) in the 18th century. Under these Treaties the Crown and Indigenous signatories agreed to co-exist peacefully and encouraged cooperation to help the British and other settlers establish lives in the Atlantic provinces and country we live in today.

To this day, the Peace and Friendship Treaties are the foundation of the relationship between Indigenous Nations, federal, and provincial governments. These treaties have been included in the Canadian Constitution since 1982. The Treaties protect the rights of Indigenous Nations to live on the land they have cared for since time immemorial. The Treaties protect the rights of Indigenous Nations to harvest natural resources to support their cultural, social, health, spiritual and economic wellbeing.

Treaties are signed on a nation-to-nation basis and the relationship is between the people of those respective nations. Therefore, we are all Treaty People. Let's all take our Treaty responsibilities seriously, respect differences in rights, celebrate our shared enjoyment of the lands, waters, and resources, and work as partners in protecting these precious natural resources.

# 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 in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail — 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 in inland waters is governed by the season for sport fish. If all sport fish seasons on a particular water are closed, then the non-sport fish season is also closed.

## Resident

- A person who has resided in the province for a period of six months immediately prior to making an application for a licence.
- 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.
- 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.
- A person who resided in the province for a period of six months immediately prior to taking educational training outside the province.
- 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.
- A person who was born in the province and who owns real property in the province.
- A person who was born in the Province and who is a member of the Canadian Forces or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 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

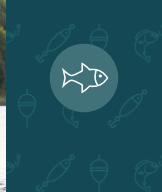
A fishing line that is not attached to a rod, held in the hand or closely attended.

## 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

### 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. See **Page 13**.
- 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.

#### 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.

### ACTIVITIES NOT ALLOWED WHILE ANGLING

- Sport fish may not be caught by means other than angling.
- When fishing in inland waters or fishing in tidal waters for sport fish, 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.
- During the open water season, no person shall angle for sport fish during the period beginning two hours after sunset and ending two hours before sunrise.
- No person shall fish in inland waters at any time, with the aid of an artificial light or light from a fire.
- No person shall angle or assist in angling from any bridge that spans or forms the boundary of any inland water identified in column I of Schedule II of the Maritime Provinces Fishery Regulations.
- No person shall fish in any manner within 23m downstream from the lower entrance to any fishway, obstruction or leap (Ex. waterfall).
- 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.





## BAIT RULES

- Prohibited as bait: bass, bullhead, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch, other spiny finrayed fish, pickerel, muskellunge, goldfish or other carp.
- 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 above.
  - In tidal water live fish may be used as bait but only if they were caught in NB and are not on the prohibited list above.
- 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 above.
- It is illegal to buy, sell, trade or barter any fish unless it was caught under a commercial fishing licence.
- Fishing with bait or lures is not permitted on Crown Reserve Waters.

## INLAND AND TIDAL WATERS

- Inland waters are all waters upstream of an inland water boundary (often referred to as head of tide). Tidal waters are all waters downstream of the inland water boundary.
- Boundaries for our main waterways can be found at: [www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing/content/TidalWaters.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing/content/TidalWaters.html)
- The boundary for waters not listed is the lowwater mark at the time of low water as set by Canadian Tide and Current Tables (Department of Fisheries and Oceans). For more information, contact your local Fisheries and Oceans office.

## FISHING SURVEY

- You can keep track of your fishing trips and fish catches online. This information is kept confidential and is needed by fisheries managers to sustain quality fishing in New Brunswick. Unfortunately, fewer than 1% of anglers take the time to share their information. Please do your part by submitting the postage-paid survey card in the center of this book or by making your personal electronic logbook at: [dnr-mrn.gnb.ca/AnglingRecord/?lang=e](http://dnr-mrn.gnb.ca/AnglingRecord/?lang=e).



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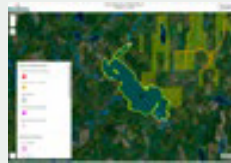
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## INTERACTIVE MAPS

- The Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED) offers a variety of interactive maps to help anglers with fishing rules, lake depths and stocked waters. Check them out on our webpage under Interactive Maps at: [www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing.html).



Fishing Regulations (web)



Fishing Regulations (mobile)



Winter Fishing Regulations



Stocked Waters



Tidal Waters



Lake Depths



## Angling licences and fees

- You will need a New Brunswick Outdoors Card number to purchase a licence. Outdoors Card numbers and licences are available at [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife), from authorized vendors, and all Service New Brunswick centres.
- Contact your local DNRED office or our website to find the location nearest you (see [Page 15](#)).
- Tags are available from all authorized vendors, SNB locations, and DNRED offices at [www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/nr-rn/pdf/en/Vendors.pdf](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/nr-rn/pdf/en/Vendors.pdf).
- Your season Angling Licence is valid from April 15<sup>th</sup> until March 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. This means the upcoming winter fishing season from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> is included in your licence.
- A salmon licence can be purchased without activating a tag, however; anglers interested in retaining landlocked salmon can activate up to 4 tags. It is illegal to retain sea-run salmon.
- 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.
- One day angling adventures may be available to resident and non-resident anglers from specific operators and outfitters. For more information, contact Fish & Wildlife at [fw\\_pfw@gnb.ca](mailto:fw_pfw@gnb.ca) or 506-453-3826.

AGE	LICENCE TYPE	PERIOD	SALMON TAGS	COST*
<b>RESIDENT</b>				
0-15 years	Angling (except salmon)	Season	No licence required	
10-15 years	Class 8 - Salmon (includes all other fish)	Season	0-4	\$20.00
16-64 years	Class 7 - Salmon (includes all other fish)	Season	0-4	\$36.00
	Class 9 - Angling (except salmon)	Season	0	\$23.00
65 years & over	Class 8 - Salmon (includes all other fish)	Season	0-4	\$20.00
	Class 10 - Angling (except salmon)	Season	0	\$15.00
<b>NON-RESIDENT</b>				
0-15 years	Angling (except salmon)	Season	No licence required	
10 years & over	Class 1 - Salmon (includes all other fish)	Season	0-4	\$173.00
	Class 2 - Salmon (includes all other fish)	7-day **	0-2	\$100.00
	Class 3 - Salmon (includes all other fish)	3-day **	0-1	\$53.00
16 years & over	Class 4 - Angling (except salmon)	Season	0	\$64.00
	Class 5 - Angling (except salmon)	7-day **	0	\$41.00
	Class 6 - Angling (except salmon)	3-day **	0	\$30.00

\* Licence cost includes fish stocking fee, conservation fees collected for the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund and tax is not included.

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

## 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 [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife)
  - 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 10-15 years of age may fish for Atlantic salmon:
    - Without an Atlantic salmon licence if accompanied by an angler with a valid Atlantic salmon licence. The licence holder must include the child's Atlantic salmon catch in his/her daily catch limit.
    - With their own Atlantic salmon licence. In this case, the child has their own Atlantic salmon catch limit.
  - Anglers who are under 10 years of age may fish for Atlantic salmon but cannot have their own catch limit. They do not need an Atlantic salmon licence but must be accompanied by an angler with a valid Atlantic salmon licence and the licence holder must include the child's Atlantic salmon catch in his/her daily catch limit.
  - Anglers under 16 years of age who do not wish to fish for Atlantic salmon do not require an angling licence. These anglers have their own daily bag and possession limits.
  - Regular angling licences do not entitle anglers to fish on Crown Reserve Waters.
    - For information on youth anglers on Crown Reserve waters, see [Page 52](#).

## Warm Water Protocols

There is an overall concern for the status of Atlantic salmon under stressful conditions associated with exceptional climatic events. A Warm Water Protocol is a science-based tool developed to guide management measures in certain rivers when pre-determined temperature thresholds for Atlantic salmon are reached. Measures include a series of angling restrictions such as partial or complete closures of all recreational fishing in a river or sections of a river. When environmental conditions improve, the restrictions are lifted.



There are three Warm Water Protocols in effect in NB: Miramichi, Restigouche and Nepisiguit. During the summer months, please remember to frequently check this DFO website for updated information on current warm water closures and re-openings at: <https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/glef/en/Atlantic%20Salmon%20-%20Saumon>.

## Sea-run Atlantic salmon information

See individual Recreational Fishery Area (RFA) for detailed Atlantic salmon angling information.

All sea-run Atlantic salmon and grilse must be live released.

- Only barbless 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 closures for the Miramichi, Restigouche and Nepisiguit River systems

For more information on these conservation measures and when they are implemented, please refer to DFO Gulf Region's Recreational Fisheries webpage at [glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/en/recreational-fisheries](http://glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/en/recreational-fisheries).





## SALMON ANGLING COURTESY

### 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.

## 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.
- For more information, visit [www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing/content/definition-requirements-non-res-angler.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing/content/definition-requirements-non-res-angler.html).



## 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
<b>RESTIGOUCHE RFA</b>		
Kedgwick	May 15	Entire river
Little Main Restigouche	May 15	Entire river ( <b>Note:</b> a portion of this river is restricted to residents only - see <a href="#">Page 21</a> )
Northwest Upsalquitch	May 15	Mouth upstream to the closed waters
Patapedia	May 15	Entire river
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
<b>CHALEUR RFA</b>		
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
<b>MIRAMICHI RFA</b>		
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

## CATCH & RELEASE TIPS

Anglers are reminded to adopt both careful handling and proper catch and release practices to ensure the health and survival of their catch.

### 1. Minimize Air Exposure

Keep air exposure to a minimum. Even short durations of air exposure (Ex. 10-20 seconds) can cause harm to a fish. Keep the mouth and gills fully submerged in water as much as possible.

Take the time to gently revive the fish. Place your hand under the fish's belly and support it until it swims away. In moving water, face the fish into the current.

### 2. Eliminate Contact With Dry Surfaces

Avoid beaching your fish. Keep the fish in or over the water, and hold it with clean, wet hands or a soft rubber net. This helps keep a fish's protective layer intact and prevents the chances of infection.

### 3. Reduce Handling

Retrieve your catch quickly. Do not angle a fish until it is exhausted

The use of barbless hooks and barbless artificial flies / lures increases a fish's chance of survival.

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 as it is unlikely to survive.

Avoid squeezing the fish. Use both hands to evenly support the fish's weight. Do not lift a fish out of the water by the tail. Keep your fingers out of the gills and eyes.

## 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



## Report Poaching to both Justice and Public Safety (JPS) and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)

The presence of anglers on the water is an important deterrent to illegal fishing activities. Please do your part by reporting fish poaching or the use of illegal fishing gear to a conservation officer.

If activity is in progress, immediate reporting by cell phone is important:

- Connect to a JPS Conservation Officer at 506-453-7171
- Connect to a DFO Conservation and Protection Officer at 1-800-565-1633 (press 1 and 6)

Gather evidence to support your report. Note details of activity, exact date, time and location. Take photos and note car licence plate number if possible.



## QUESTIONS ABOUT REGULATIONS?

CONTACT DNRED AT 506-453-3826 OR YOUR NEAREST DISTRICT OFFICE					
DISTRICT OFFICE	PHONE NUMBER	DISTRICT OFFICE	PHONE NUMBER	DISTRICT OFFICE	PHONE NUMBER
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

DFO CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION DETACHMENTS			
DETACHMENT	PHONE NUMBER	DETACHMENT	PHONE 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		

## 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

**To report illegal fish stocking activity, please call  
1-800-222-8477 or go online to [crimenb.ca](http://crimenb.ca)**

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO TRANSFER FISH OR TO STOCK WATERS WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION!**

### What is the problem?

Introduced species:

- prey on resident fish species
- compete for food and space
- disrupt natural ecosystems
- 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 federal 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.





## Provincial Fish Stocking Program

Natural Resources and Energy Development's *Fish Stocking Program* aims to enhance recreational angling opportunities for brook trout and landlocked salmon. These species are stocked annually, when possible, to a number of lakes and ponds throughout the province. Stocking is carried out in the spring (s) or fall (f) and sizes are from 10 cm to 15 cm (4" to 6") for fingerling (F); from 15 cm to 25 cm (6" to 10") for yearling (Y); and greater than 25 cm (>10") for adults (A).

For more information, including a list of previous years' stockings and an interactive map of stocked lakes, visit our website: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing.html>.

BROOK TROUT STOCKING 2022				
COUNTY	LAKE/POND, NUMBER STOCKED (SEASON STOCKED) (SIZE OF FISH)			
Charlotte	Dwellys 870 (f)(Y) Great 1,050 (f)(Y)	Little 465 (f)(Y) Long 515 (f)(Y)	Middle Dam 570 (f)(Y) Round 140 (f)(Y)	Sandy Cove 200 (f)(Y) Wilson 300 (f)(Y)
Gloucester	Bass River (7,070 (f) (F)	Beaver 1040 (f) (F)	Pabineau 4,440 (f) (F)	
Madawaska	Thompson 260 (s)(Y)	Unique 15,440 (f)(F)		
Northumberland	Blind 1,730 (f)(F) Chatham Res 370 (s)(Y) Estey 540 (f)(F)	Grants 5,380 (f)(F) McKendrick 9,955 (f)(F)	Mullin Stream 33,295 (f)(F) Second Bear 1,370 (f)(F)	Third Bear 360 (f)(F) Whitney 15,070 (f)(F)
Restigouche	Belledune Res 260 (s)(Y) Eightmile 4,060 (f)(F) Gounamitz 2,185 (f)(F) Head 540 (f)(F) Indian 1,180 (f)(F)	Island 6,440 (f)(F) Lower Tetagouche 5,410 (f)(F) McDougall 2,400 (f)(F) Middle Tetagouche 2,710 (f)(F) Murray 5,200 (f)(F)	Popelogan 1,380 (f)(F) Tongue 1,260 (f)(F) Upper Tetagouche 3,350 (f)(F)	Windermere 100 (s)(Y) Windermere 390 (f)(Y)
Saint John	Fisher 430 (s)(Y)			
Victoria	Roulston 260 (s)(Y)			
Westmorland	Morice (Silver) 510 (s)(Y)			
York	Killarney 440 (s)(Y)			

LANDLOCKED SALMON STOCKING 2022	
COUNTY	LAKE/ POND, AMOUNT STOCKED (SEASON STOCKED) (SIZE OF FISH)
York	Oromocto 110 (f)(Y) Skiff 110 (f)(Y)

Note: Stocking amounts of landlocked salmon were below target due to unforeseen circumstances at the grower's facilities.

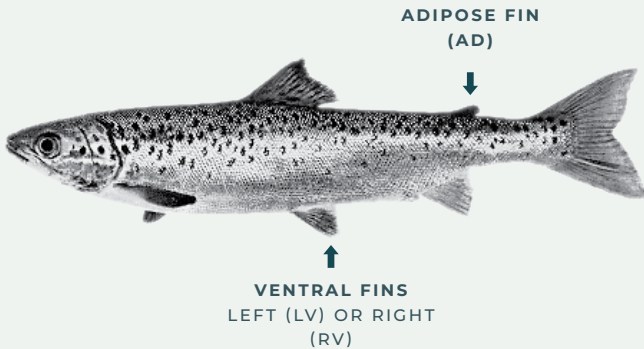




## PROVINCIAL FISH STOCKING PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

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 the Fish Stocking Program. **Please report your catch!**  
<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing/content/FishingSurveyContest.html>



# Aquatic Invasive Species

Invasive species are non-native plants or animals that can spread rapidly and are harmful to the environment. Aquatic invasive species pose a significant threat to New Brunswick's water bodies and fish population since they can compete for resources, prey on native species, alter habitats, and impact boating access.



## WHAT TO DO

Every time you move from one body of water to another, aquatic invasive species may travel with you. You can help! Please do the following:

- **CLEAN** all visible aquatic plants, animals and mud from canoes, kayaks, jet skis, boats, motors, trailers, hooks, lures, augers, etc.
- **DRAIN** all the water from your boat, including the live well, bilge, and motor.
- **DRY** for 5 days or wash watercraft with high-pressure or hot water.
- **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 ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THESE INVADERS!



Walleye

Black crappie



Goldfish

Marbled crayfish  
Photo CBC Wolfgang Stein



Eurasian water-milfoil\*  
Photo courtesy of Dr. Meghann Bruce

Largemouth bass\*

\*These species are currently known to occur in the Saint John River. Please only report on occurrences in lakes or other rivers.

See inside front cover for contact information if you think you've discovered an aquatic invasive species.

For more information on aquatic invasive species check out our website, [www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/general-information.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/general-information.html) or the New Brunswick Invasive Species Council's website: [nbinvasives.ca](http://nbinvasives.ca)



# Fish Consumption Guidelines

## MERCURY

Fish provides many nutrients and there are health benefits of eating fish regularly. However, it is important to know that mercury is present in varying amounts in different types of fish. Mercury is found naturally in the environment, and human activity can increase the amount of mercury in soil and water. Fish absorb mercury and your body absorbs mercury when you eat the fish. Exposure to high levels of mercury can be harmful to your health.

The following guideline applies to choosing and eating fish caught in New Brunswick's lakes and rivers. This includes consumption of brook trout, lake trout, landlocked salmon, smallmouth bass, striped bass, brown bullhead, burbot, muskellunge, perch, and pickerel:

SPECIES	FISH LENGTH (MEASURED NOSE TO TAIL FORK)	GENERAL POPULATION OVER 12 YEARS OLD	SENSITIVE POPULATION (SEE DEFINITION BELOW)
<b>Brook Trout</b>	Under 25 cm	8 servings per month	1 serving per month
	Over 25 cm	4 servings per month	Avoid
<b>Striped Bass</b> (Restigouche, Chaleur, Miramichi, and Southeast RFAs)	Under 65 cm	8 servings per month	1 serving per month
	Over 65 cm	4 servings per month	Avoid
<b>Striped Bass</b> (Inner Bay of Fundy, Lower Saint John, and Southwest RFAs)	Under 75cm	4 servings per month	Avoid
	Between 75 cm and 100 cm	2 servings per month	Avoid
	Over 100 cm	Avoid	Avoid
<b>Brown Bullhead, Burbot, Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon, Muskellunge, Perch, Pickerel, Smallmouth Bass</b>	Any Size	2 servings per month	Avoid
<b>1 serving</b> 75 g or 2½ oz of cooked fish; OR 125 mL or ½ cup of cooked fish; OR a portion of cooked fish that fits in the palm of the consumer's hand			
<b>Sensitive Population</b> - Women who are or may become pregnant, women who are breastfeeding, infants, and children up to 11 years old <b>RFAs</b> - Recreational Fishing Areas			

**Note:** This table may show recommendations for some species or sizes of fish that are not legal to possess from some waterbodies or at certain times.

An occasional meal which exceeds the guideline should have no adverse health effects. This advisory applies only to wild fish caught in the province's lakes and rivers.

For information on consumption advice for other fish see here: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/chemical-contaminants/environmental-contaminants/mercury/mercury-fish.html>

## CYANOBACTERIA (BLUE-GREEN ALGAE)

For advice on cyanobacteria and fish consumption, please consult the:

- Public Health Advisories and Alerts: [www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/health\\_advisories.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/ocmoh/health_advisories.html)
- Blue-green algae webpage: [www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/cyanobacteria.html](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/corporate/promo/cyanobacteria.html)
- Blue-green algae Q&A: [www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/HealthyEnvironments/water/BlueGreenAlgaeQA.pdf](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/en/HealthyEnvironments/water/BlueGreenAlgaeQA.pdf)

# Fish NB Days



**JUNE 3-4, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 17-19, 2024**

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 or licence on these days.

All current bag limits, closures and other restrictions are still in effect on Fish NB 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 NB Days.*



## MASTER ANGLER PROGRAM

Are you an avid angler? Please show us your catch and get the chance to win a prize and a chance to beat the New Brunswick record in 20 different categories! This contest is open to youth and adults.

- Log on to [nbwildlifefederation.org](http://nbwildlifefederation.org) and find info under 'Programs and Resources'.
- You can email to [nbwfmasterangler82@gmail.com](mailto:nbwfmasterangler82@gmail.com)



## BECOMING AN OUTDOORS-WOMAN

is a workshop primarily intended for women, but it is also an opportunity for anyone 18 years of age or older to learn outdoor skills – skills usually associated with hunting and fishing, but useful for many outdoor pursuits.

This workshop is for you if:

- you have never tried these activities, but have hoped for an opportunity to learn
- you are a beginner and hope to improve your skills
- you know how to do some of these activities, but would like to try new ones and/or
- you are looking for camaraderie of like-minded individuals
- These activities are held in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

For more information, please log on to [nbwildlifefederation.org](http://nbwildlifefederation.org) and find info under 'Programs and Resources'.

# 1. 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. See Fishing Regulations Mobile Map: <https://dnr-mrn.gnb.ca/FishRegulation/frmMobilePage.aspx?lang=en> or Web Map: <https://dnr-mrn.gnb.ca/FishRegulation/?lang=en> for guidance on private and leased 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.
- For Warm Water Protocols, see **Page 10**.

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	5*
Bright salmon		0	2*

\* Anglers must stop fishing for Atlantic salmon when the daily hook and release limit is met. Barbless 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 of 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)	
	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	53 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	Please visit <a href="https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/gle/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye">https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/gle/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye</a> for the season, fishing times, permitted gear and daily bag and possession limits.				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Opens with sport fish season Closed after Sept 15	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 a barbless artificial fly only.**

WATER	STRETCH	EXCEPTION
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
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 from April 15 until Oct 31

Restigouche River	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

## DFO ATLANTIC SALMON AND STRIPED 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](mailto: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 or contact information above.

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number/email for contact purposes.



## 2. 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.
- The angling season in the Chaleur RFA closes Sept 15<sup>th</sup> on all inland waters not open to Atlantic salmon angling, landlocked 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.
- Landlocked salmon angling is closed in all waters other than those listed in the “Landlocked Salmon” table below.
- For Warm Water Protocols, see [Page 10](#).

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. Barbless artificial flies are required when angling for Atlantic salmon.

#### ATLANTIC SALMON SEASONS — INCLUDES ALL TRIBUTARIES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

WATERBODY	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
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)	
	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	53 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	Please visit <a href="https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/glef/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye">https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/glef/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye</a> for the season, fishing times, permitted gear and daily bag and possession limits.				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Opens with sport fish season Closed after Sept 15	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 only waters are restricted to angling with a barbless 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
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 within 100 m of the Nepisiguit counting fence	Closed to angling Closed to angling
Nepisiguit (Bathurst) Lake	entire waterbody	Trout daily bag limit: 0
	Nepisiguit Lakes thoroughfares connecting the chain of four lakes All brooks flowing into Nepisiguit Lakes, Northumberland County	Closed prior to May 15 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

### 3. 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.
- 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.
- Crown Reserve Waters** are not open to fishing before or after the Crown Reserve season dates. See 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. See Fishing Regulations Mobile Map: <https://dnr-mrn.gnb.ca/FishRegulation/frmMobilePage.aspx?lang=en> or Web Map: <https://dnr-mrn.gnb.ca/FishRegulation/?lang=en> for guidance on private and leased waters.
- For Warm Water Protocols, see **Page 10**.

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	5*
Bright salmon		0	2*

\* Hook and release limits on the Tabusintac River: Spring kelt = 10, Bright salmon = 4. Anglers must stop fishing for Atlantic salmon when the daily hook and release limit is met. Barbless artificial flies are required when angling for Atlantic salmon.

#### ATLANTIC SALMON SEASONS — INCLUDES ALL TRIBUTARIES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

WATERBODY	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
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	53 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  Angling: Closed after Sept 30	Dip net: Apr 1 - May 31  Angling: Aug 1 - May 31	60	N/A	N/A
Shad	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 to Dec 31	5	N/A	N/A
Striped bass	Please visit <a href="https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/gle/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye">https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/gle/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye</a> for the season, fishing times, permitted gear and daily bag and possession limits.				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Opens with sport fish season Closed after Sept 15	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 only waters are restricted to angling with a barbless artificial fly only.**

WATERBODY	STRETCH	EXCEPTION
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
	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
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
Burnhill Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
Cains River	downstream of Beaver Brook	Fly fishing only
	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 1
	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 DNRED salmon protection barrier upstream to its source, including all tributaries	Closed to angling
	from 100 m below the DNRED salmon protection barrier downstream to the Renous River	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31
Fifteen Mile Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
First and Second Lakes	Northesk Parish, Northumberland County	Closed to angling
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
	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
	at the mouth of Indiantown Brook and including a portion of the said brook next to Quarryville Bridge. This specific area consists of a portion of the Southwest Miramichi River inside a line drawn from (1) 46.82941, -65.79013; to (2) 46.83065, -65.78412; then to (3) 46.82943, -65.78277 to (4) 46.82597, -65.78799; and then to (5) 46.82631, -65.79003 (North American Datum 1983)	Closed to angling after June 30
	at the mouth of Wilson Brook and including a portion of the said brook. This specific area consists of a portion of the Southwest Miramichi River inside a line drawn from (1) 46.89432, -65.64613; to (2) 46.89418, -65.64423; then to (3) 46.89340, -65.64325 to (4) 46.89209, -65.64532; and then to (5) 46.89286, -65.64632 (North American Datum 1983)	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. single barbless hook artificial fly 2. unbaited lure (with single barbless hook) 3. single barbless hook (baited or unbaited)	
McKiel Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only

North Branch Renous River	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31
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
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
	at the mouth of Sutherland Brook and including a portion of the said brook. This specific area consists of a portion of the Northwest Miramichi River inside a line drawn from (1) 46.94136, -65.81815 to (2) 46.94003, -65.81606; then to (3) 46.93857, -65.81808 to (4) 46.93850, -65.82057; to (5) 46.93867, -65.82082; and then to (6) 46.93979, -65.82049 (North American Datum 1983)	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
	downstream of the Route 8 bridge	Fly fishing only
Rocky Brook	entire waterbody	Fly fishing only
South Branch Southwest Miramichi River	downstream of the Route 107 bridge at Foreston	Fly fishing only
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 the Route 11 bridge to Stilson Brook (a line drawn from grid reference 339874 5244550 to 339870 5244733)	Fly fishing only after Sept 15
	upstream from Stilson Brook to Becks Brook (a line drawn from grid reference 339874 5244550 to 339870 5244733 upstream to a line drawn from grid reference 336040 5245334 to 336026 5245205)	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after Sept 15
	upstream from Becks Brook to its source, including tributaries (upstream of a line drawn from grid reference 336040 5245334 to 336026 5245205)	Fly fishing only before May 16 and after May 31
West Brook	downstream of the CN railway crossing	Fly fishing only

## 4. 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<sup>th</sup> 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	53 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	Please visit <a href="https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/glef/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye">https://www.glf.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/glef/en/Striped_Bass-Bar_roye</a> for the season, fishing times, permitted gear and daily bag and possession limits.				
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Opens with sport fish season Closed after Sept 15	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 only waters are restricted to angling with a barbless artificial fly only.**

WATERBODY	STRETCH	EXCEPTION
Boutouche 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 Boutouche 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



# 5. 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<sup>th</sup> 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
Ratcliffe Brook	Apr 15 - Sept 30	2	35 cm	63 cm
Loch Lomond Reservoir; Second Lake	May 1 - Sept 30	2 <sup>a</sup>		
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.

<sup>a</sup> 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	35 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	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 to Dec 29	1	68 cm	150 cm
Sturgeon	May only be angled by artificial fly or baited barbless hook with a single point				
	Closed June 1 - 30	Closed June 1 - 30	unlimited	130 cm	N/A
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Opens with sport fish season Closed after Sept 15	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 only waters are restricted to angling with a barbless 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

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## 6. 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:
  - smallmouth bass managed waters,
  - 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			
<b>Exceptions:</b>				
Hammond River, from the bridge in French Village upstream to McGonagle Brook	Apr 15 - Oct 15	5	10 cm	60 cm
Kennebecasis River, from the bridge on Bloomfield Station Road upstream to the road bridge at McCully station (grid reference 1173 7051)				
Keswick River, from Route 105 upstream to the CN railway bridge at Barton				
Nashwaak River, from the Durham Bridge upstream to the East Branch Nashwaak River				

\* See exceptions for smallmouth bass managed waters below.

SMALLMOUTH BASS (MANAGED WATERS)		SEASON	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT	SIZE LIMITS (TL)	
				MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
<b>Lakes:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brown Lake</li> <li>• Cassidy Lake</li> <li>• Darlings Lake</li> <li>• Davidson Lake</li> <li>• First Eel Lake</li> <li>• Lake George</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ludgate Lake</li> <li>• Oromocto Lake</li> <li>• Second Eel Lake</li> <li>• Waltons Lake</li> <li>• Yoho Lake</li> </ul>	May 1 - June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm
		July 1 - Sept 15	2		
		Sept 16 - Oct 15	0		
<b>Non-tidal portions of the following rivers, brooks and streams:</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eel River, downstream of First Eel Lake</li> <li>• Hammond River, downstream of the bridge in French Village (closed before May 1)</li> <li>• Kennebecasis River, downstream of the Bloomfield Station bridge</li> <li>• Keswick River, downstream of Route 105</li> <li>• Meduxnekeag River, downstream of the railway bridge (1.3 km upstream of Route 2)</li> <li>• Nashwaak River, downstream of the Durham Bridge</li> <li>• Nackawic Stream, downstream of Route 595</li> <li>• Nashwaaksis Stream, downstream of Sunset Drive</li> <li>• Nerepis River, downstream of the Brittain Road bridge</li> <li>• Nerepis River, downstream of the Brittain Road bridge</li> <li>• Oromocto River, including the North Branch and South Branch Oromocto River downstream of Route 101</li> <li>• Pokiok Stream, downstream of Route 2</li> <li>• Saint John River, from the covered bridge in Hartland to the power line crossing 360 m downstream</li> <li>• Shogomoc Stream, downstream of Route 2</li> </ul>	Apr 15 - June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm	
	July 1 - Sept 15	2			
	Sept 16 - Oct 15	0			
<b>Tidal portions of the following:</b>					
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			
<b>Exceptions:</b>					
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	35 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	May only be angled by artificial fly or baited barbless hook with a single point				
	Closed June 1 - June 30	Closed June 1 - June 30	unlimited	130 cm	N/A
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Opens with sport fish season Closed after Sept 15	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 only waters are restricted to angling with a barbless 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 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 beginning July 1
Keswick River	from the Route 105 bridge upstream to the CN railway bridge at Barton	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
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
	from the Highway 107 Bridge in Nashwaak Bridge, downstream to a straight line drawn across the river from a point on the left side of the river (46° 14' 17.68" N, 66° 36' 45.31" W) to a point on the right side of the river (46° 14' 17.47" N, 66° 36' 41.44" W) including the waters of Young's Brook (McKenzie Brook) downstream from the Sentinel Trail bridge crossing	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
Palmer Brook	upstream from the highway bridge at Penniac to the East Branch Nashwaak River	Fly fishing only beginning July 1
	from the Hammond River upstream to the Stock Farm Road	Trout daily bag limit: 0
Saint John River	from the Hammond River upstream 200 m	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

## 7. 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:
  - smallmouth bass managed waters,
  - waters open to landlocked salmon angling,
  - 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 <sup>1</sup>	SEASON	DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT	SIZE LIMITS (FL)		
			MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
<b>Non boundary waters</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake Anthony Brook</li> <li>• Lake Anthony</li> <li>• Big Indian Lake</li> <li>• Chamcook Lake</li> <li>• Clear Lake</li> <li>• Cranberry Lake</li> <li>• Crystal Lake</li> <li>• Deer Lake</li> <li>• Digdeguash Lake</li> <li>• Eagle Lake</li> <li>• East Branch Reservoir</li> <li>• East Long Lake</li> <li>• Gibson Lake</li> <li>• Harvey Lake</li> <li>• La Coote Lake</li> <li>• Little Chamcook Lake</li> <li>• Little John Lake</li> <li>• Little Magaguadavic Lake</li> <li>• Loch Alva Reservoir</li> <li>• Magaguadavic Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palfrey Stream</li> <li>• Moose Lake (Musquash drainage)</li> <li>• Ogden Lake</li> <li>• Queens Lake</li> <li>• Robin Hood Lake</li> <li>• Rocky Lake (Lepreau drainage)</li> <li>• Round Lake</li> <li>• Shadow Lake</li> <li>• Sherwood Lake</li> <li>• Skiff Lake</li> <li>• Sparks Lake</li> <li>• Spectacle Lake</li> <li>• St. Patricks Lake</li> <li>• Trout Lake</li> <li>• Lake Utopia</li> <li>• West Long Lake</li> <li>• Wheaton Lake</li> </ul>	Apr 15 - Sept 30	2*	35 cm	65 cm
		May 1 - Sept 30			
<b>Boundary waters between New Brunswick and Maine</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Grand Lake</li> <li>• Grand Falls Flowage</li> <li>• North Lake</li> <li>• Palfrey Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spednic Lake</li> <li>• St. Croix River</li> <li>• Woodland Flowage</li> </ul>	Apr 15 - Sept 30	2*	35 cm	63 cm

<sup>1</sup> 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
<b>Boundary waters between New Brunswick and Maine</b>					
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 - Sept 30		2'	25 cm	N/A
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs					
<b>Non-boundary waters</b>					
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
<b>Lakes</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolton Lake</li> <li>• Craig Lake</li> <li>• Digdeguash Lake</li> <li>• East Branch Reservoir</li> <li>• East Brook Lake</li> <li>• First Lake</li> <li>• Foster Lake</li> <li>• Harvey Lake</li> <li>• Little Magaguadavic Lake</li> <li>• Magaguadavic Lake</li> <li>• McDougall Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mill Lake</li> <li>• Modasley Lake</li> <li>• Moores Mills Lake</li> <li>• Potters Lake</li> <li>• Second Harvey Lake</li> <li>• Skiff Lake</li> <li>• Trout Lake</li> <li>• Lake Utopia</li> <li>• Wauklahegan Lake</li> <li>• Wheaton Lake</li> </ul>	May 1 - June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm
		July 1 - Sept 15	2		
		Sept 16 - Oct 15	0		
<b>Exceptions</b>					
Diggity Stream	Apr 15 - 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
<b>Non-boundary waters</b>					
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	35 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	Open sport fish season	Jan 1 - Dec 29	1	68 cm	150 cm
Sturgeon	May only be angled by artificial fly or baited barbless hook with a single point				
	Closed June 1 - June 30	Closed June 1 - June 30	unlimited	130 cm	N/A
Whitefish	Closed after Sept 15	Opens with sport fish season Closed after Sept 15	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
<b>Boundary waters between NB and Maine</b>					
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 only waters are restricted to angling with a barbless 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 Island	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



# 8. 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<sup>th</sup> on all inland waters except:
  - smallmouth bass managed waters,
  - waters open to landlocked salmon angling,
  - 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
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 (FL)		
			MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	
<b>Inland Waters</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Lake (Green River)</li> <li>Long Lake (Victoria County)</li> <li>Second Lake (Green River)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Serpentine Lake</li> <li>Sisson Branch Reservoir</li> <li>Third Lake (Green River)</li> <li>Trousers Lake</li> <li>Lac Unique</li> </ul>	May 15 - Sept 30	2'	35 cm	63 cm
<b>Exceptions:</b>					
Lac Baker	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	
<b>Boundary Waters</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glasier Lake</li> <li>Saint John River</li> <li>St. Francis River, including ponds</li> </ul>	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
<b>Boundary waters between New Brunswick and Maine</b>				
Rivers, brooks and streams	Apr 15 - Sept 30	2*	25 cm	N/A
Lakes, ponds and reservoirs				
<b>Non-boundary waters</b>				
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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arroostook River, downstream of Tinker dam</li> <li>• Saint John River, from Grand Falls to the covered bridge in Hartland</li> </ul>	May 1 - June 30	0	30 cm	60 cm
	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)	
	NON-TIDAL			MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
<b>Non-boundary waters</b>					
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	35 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
<b>Boundary waters between NB and Maine</b>					
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 only waters are restricted to angling with a barbless artificial fly only.

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 from Mamozekel River upstream to the mouth of Tom Pole Brook	Fly fishing only beginning July 1 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 Guisguait Brook to 50 m upstream of the Upper Guisguait Brook	Closed to angling after June 30
	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

Saint John River	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
Lac Unique	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



# The Atlantic Salmon Conservation Foundation NEW BRUNSWICK



## CONSERVATION HIGHLIGHTS

The ASCF is a non-profit organization established through a grant 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.

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



Photo: Nashwaak Watershed Association

### New Brunswick projects funded by the ASCF in 2022 were led by:

Atlantic Coastal Action Program Saint John	\$10,000	Nashwaak Watershed Association	\$27,125
Belleisle Watershed Coalition	\$10,000	Nepisiguit Salmon Association	\$12,500
Conseil de gestion du bassin versant de la rivière Restigouche	\$10,000	North Shore MicMac District Council	\$35,000
Fort Folly First Nation	\$50,000	Oromocto River Watershed Association	\$10,000
Friends of the Kouchibouguac	\$39,584	Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance	\$10,000
Kennebecasis Watershed Restoration Committee	\$20,000	Shediac Bay Watershed Association	\$9,500
Meduxnekeag River Association	\$10,865	University of New Brunswick Fredericton	\$60,817.60
Miramichi River Environmental Assessment Committee	\$24,330	University of New Brunswick Saint John	\$12,000
Miramichi Salmon Association	\$10,000	Wolastoqey Nation	\$12,000

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

[www.salmonconservation.ca](http://www.salmonconservation.ca)



## Law Enforcement Collaboration



### 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 2022

<b>New Brunswick Wildlife Federation</b> Adopt A Stream.....	\$4,300.	<b>Nashwaak Watershed Association</b> Monitoring the Health of the Nashwaak Watershed .....	\$10,000.
<b>Conseil de gestion du Bassin Versant Rivière Restigouche</b> Opening Salmon Habitats for Salmon Spawning 2022 .....	\$13,500.	<b>Nashwaak Watershed Association</b> Assessing and Restoring Fish Passage in the Upper Nashwaak Watershed .....	\$12,000.
<b>Nepisiguit Salmon Association</b> Nepisiguit Salmon Association Salmon Enhancement Project .....	\$9,100.	<b>Société d'aménagement de la rivière Madawaska Inc.</b> Evaluation and Restoration of the Connectivity in the Baker Brook River Watershed .....	\$10,000.
<b>Scott Pavey, UNB-CRI</b> Genetic Discrimination of New Brunswick's Miramichi River Striped Bass Population .....	\$5,000.	<b>Comité de Gestion Environnementale de la Rivière Pokemouche</b> Inventory of the South Branch and the Head of the Pokemouche River .....	\$4,500.
<b>Miramichi Salmon Association Inc.</b> 2022 Cold Water Habitat Maintenance .....	\$6,500.	<b>Esgenoopetitj Watershed Association</b> Helping to Protect Wildlife within the Esgenoopetitj Watershed.....	\$12,500.
<b>Miramichi Salmon Association Inc.</b> Juvenile Atlantic Salmon Assessment on the Miramichi River 2022 .....	\$11,000.	<b>Miramichi Salmon Association</b> Living in Harmony: Fish Passage Tools to work with Beavers and Atlantic Salmon.....	\$3,545.
<b>Friends of the Kouchibouguais</b> Wild Atlantic Salmon Population Enhancement and Stewardship – Kouchibouguac and Kouchibouguais Rivers .....	\$13,000.	<b>Miramichi Fisheries Management</b> Comparing Fry Stocking Methods to Wild Fry Production for Atlantic Salmon Restoration in the Miramichi River .....	\$11,530.
<b>Serge Jolicoeur, Université de Moncton</b> Collecting Information of Smell Habitat in the Northumberland Strait (Saint-Thomas – Baie Verle) .....	\$8,000.	<b>Friends of the Kouchibouguais</b> Habitat Evaluation and Enhancement within the Kouchibouguais and Kouchibouguac Watersheds: Phase 1 .....	\$10,000.
<b>Shediac Bay Watershed Association</b> Reforesting Riparian Buffer Zones for Wildlife Habitat .....	\$7,500.	<b>Friends of the Kouchibouguais</b> Habitat Evaluation and Enhancement within the Kouchibouguais and Kouchibouguac Watersheds: Phase 2 .....	\$8,000.
<b>EOS Eco-Energy</b> Habitat Assessments of Scott Brook .....	\$8,000.	<b>Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance</b> Ongoing Habitat Stewardship in the Petitcodiac Watershed through Monitoring, Outreach and Habitat Improvements .....	\$15,000.
<b>Petitcodiac Watershed Alliance Inc.</b> Broken Brooks: Improving Habitat for Inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon through Innovative Remediation Techniques .....	\$8,000.	<b>Tabusintac Watershed Association</b> Preliminary Assessment to Tabusintac River and Wildlife Corridors.....	\$4,000.
<b>Atlantic Salmon Federation</b> Outer Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon Monitoring Program .....	\$6,200.	<b>Fort Folly Habitat Recovery</b> Fort Folly First Nation recovering inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon in the Petitcodiac Watershed .....	\$22,000.
<b>Fort Folly Habitat Recovery</b> Conserving Endangered inner Bay of Fundy Atlantic Salmon on the Big Salmon River.....	\$20,000.	<b>Belleisle Watershed Coalition Inc.</b> Assessing Barriers to Fish Passage in the Upper Belleisle Watershed .....	\$5,000.
<b>Belleisle Watershed Coalition Inc.</b> Belleisle Plant Your Bank .....	\$7,000.	<b>Mactaquac Aquatic Ecosystem Study, CRI, UNB</b> Largemouth Bass Invasion Food-web Impacts in the Saint John Wolastoq River, NB.....	\$7,380.
<b>Hammond River Angling Association Inc.</b> Monofilament Recycling: The 100 Bin Challenge .....	\$8,000.	<b>Dr. Matthew K. Litvak, Mount Allison University</b> Sex ratio of Shortnose Sturgeon in the Saint John River .....	\$18,125.
<b>Hammond River Angling Association Inc.</b> Smallies and Stripers: Hammond River AmBASSadors Program .....	\$10,000.		
<b>Oromocto River Watershed Association Inc.</b> Distribution of Atlantic Salmon .....	\$8,000.		



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# Winter Fishing

The New Brunswick winter fishing season runs annually from January 1st to March 31st.

**Winter fishing is included as part of your previous years angling licence.**

*Under the Clean Environment Act:*

- Anglers are reminded not to leave garbage behind.

Owners of ice shelters must:

- Mount shelters on skids or runners to allow for easy removal; and
- Post their name and address clearly on the outside of the shelter in print at least 5 cm in height.

- Information on removal dates for ice shelters in northern and southern New Brunswick will follow later this winter.
- More information is available at: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/elg/environment/content/water.html>

*Under the Clean Water Act:*

Gas powered vehicles and equipment (e.g. snowmobiles, ATVs, ice augers) are not permitted onto the following lakes: Gibson Lake (Charlotte County), Belvidere Lake (Kings County) and Nelson Lake (Saint John County). Only portable ice fishing shelters are permitted and must not be left overnight.

Even in winter, invasive species can be spread from one body of water to another. Don't forget to Clean Drain Dry your winter fishing gear (ice auger, fishing equipment, snowmobiles, sleds etc.). For more details, see **Page 18**.

GENERAL REGULATIONS	OTHER INLAND WATERS	DESIGNATED INLAND WATERS	DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL WATERS	DESIGNATED TIDAL WATER	OTHER TIDAL WATER
Season:	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	Open (see Exceptions)
Licence required:	NB Season (Angling or Salmon)	NB Season (Angling or Salmon)	NB Season (Angling or Salmon)	Not required	Not required
Fishing times:	2 hours before sunrise to 2 hours after sunset	30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset	30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset	24 hours / day	24 hours / day
Winter Fishing permitted through:	Not restricted	1) man made hole in ice 2) natural opening in ice if angling from shore	Man-made hole only	1) man-made hole in ice 2) natural opening in ice if angling from shore	Not restricted
Number of set lines permitted:	0	5 Set lines are restricted to 1 hook with a single point Set lines must be closely attended and visible to the angler at all times	5	5	0
Number of angling lines permitted:	1	1	1	1*	1*
	An angling line may have up to 3 hooks with no more than 3 points per hook An angling line must be held in the hand or closely attended * If angling in tidal water for non-sport fish, up to 5 angling lines may be used and each line may have up to 6 hooks with no more than 3 points per hook.				

BAIT PROVISIONS	OTHER INLAND WATERS	DESIGNATED INLAND WATERS	DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL WATERS
The following species may not be used as live or dead bait: bass, bullhead, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch, other spiny finrayed fish, pickerel, muskellunge, goldfish or other carp.			
Dead fish	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Live fish	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In international water live fish may only be used if they were captured from the water being fished and are not the prohibited species listed above</li> <li>• In tidal water live fish may only be used if they were captured in NB and are not the prohibited species listed above</li> </ul>			

LIMITS	OTHER INLAND WATERS	DESIGNATED INLAND WATERS	DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL WATERS
	A total of 5 trout per day (not exceeding the daily limit)	A total of 5 sport fish per day (not exceeding the daily limit)	

SPORT FISH	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Brook trout, Rainbow trout, Arctic char	5	15 cm	5	15 cm	5	15 cm
Brown Trout	2	35 cm	2	35 cm	2	15 cm
Lake Trout	2	45 cm	2	45 cm	2	45 cm
Landlocked salmon	2	35 cm fork length	2	35 cm fork length	2	35 cm fork length
Smallmouth bass	5	30 cm	5	30 cm	2	25 cm

NON-SPORT FISH						
Burbot	10	10 cm	No limit		No limit	
Chain pickerel	10	10 cm	No limit		No limit	
Muskellunge	5	10 cm	No limit		No limit	
Smelt	60	n/a	60	n/a	60	n/a
Striped bass						
Waters flowing to the Bay of Fundy	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
All other waters	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Whitefish	8	10 cm	5	n/a	3	n/a
White perch	25	10 cm	No limit		25	10 cm
Yellow perch	100	10 cm	No limit		No limit	

BAIT PROVISIONS	DESIGNATED TIDAL WATER	OTHER TIDAL WATER
The following species may not be used as live or dead bait: bass, bullhead, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch, other spiny finrayed fish, pickerel, muskellunge, goldfish or other carp.		
Dead fish	Allowed	Allowed
Live fish	Allowed	Allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In international water live fish may only be used if they were captured from the water being fished and are not the prohibited species listed above</li> <li>In tidal water live fish may only be used if they were captured in NB and are not the prohibited species listed above</li> </ul>		

LIMITS	DESIGNATED TIDAL WATERS		OTHER TIDAL WATERS	
	A total of 5 sport fish per day (not exceeding the daily limit)		All sport fish must be immediately released	
SPORT FISH	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	LENGTH RANGE / MIN. LENGTH
Brook trout, Rainbow trout, Arctic char	5	15 cm	0	n/a
Brown Trout	2	35 cm	0	n/a
Lake Trout	2	45 cm	0	n/a
Landlocked salmon	2	35 cm fork length	0	n/a
Smallmouth bass	5	30 cm	0	n/a
NON-SPORT FISH				
Burbot	No limit		10	10 to 75 cm
Chain pickerel	No limit		10	10 to 75 cm
Muskellunge	No limit		5	10 to 150 cm
Smelt	No limit		60	n/a
Striped bass				
Waters flowing to the Bay of Fundy	0	n/a	1	68 to 150 cm
All other waters	0	n/a	0	n/a
Whitefish	5	n/a	0	n/a
White perch	No limit		25	10 cm / min
Yellow perch	No limit		100	10 to 45 cm

## EXCEPTIONS AND SPECIAL REGULATIONS

<b>Sturgeon</b>	<p><b>No person shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• angle for sturgeon in the tidal waters of New Brunswick that flow into the Bay of Fundy by any method other than artificial fly and baited, barbless hook with a single point.</li> <li>• catch and retain or possess any sturgeon that is less than 130 cm in length measured from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail.</li> </ul>
<b>Big Nictau Lake</b>	<p>Big Nictau Lake is open to winter fishing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— The thoroughfare and Little Nictau Lake are closed</li> <li>• 2 lines are permitted: one set line and one angling line</li> <li>• No live or dead fish are permitted as bait</li> <li>• A total of 3 sport fish may be retained. Only 1 may be a landlocked salmon. Retained landlocked salmon must be between 35 cm and 63 cm fork length.</li> <li>• Retained trout must be at least 25 cm total length</li> </ul>
<b>Lac Baker</b>	Open Saturdays and Sundays only
<b>Tabusintac and Bartibog Rivers</b>	Tidal waters of the Tabusintac River and Bartibog River upstream of the Route 11 bridge are closed to spear fishing for smelt and tomcod from Sept 16 to April 30
<b>Pokemouche, Little Tracadie and Big Tracadie Rivers</b>	<p>Tidal waters of the Pokemouche River upstream of the highway 113 bridge and tidal waters of the Little Tracadie River upstream from a line drawn joining the following coordinates (NAD83): 47°31'41.3»N x 64°56'02.7»W / 47°31'52.5»N x 64°56'00.3»W and tidal waters of the Big Tracadie River, including Portage River, Leech River and Comeau River upstream from a line drawn joining the following coordinates (NAD83): 47°28'30.2»N x 64°55'42.2»W, 47°27'46.2»N x 64°56'01.9»W, 47°28'26.5»N x 64°55'50.5»W, 47°27'25.5»N x 64°55'23.7»W, 47°28'11.6»N x 64°55'56.9»W</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restricted to artificial fly only from Sept 16 to April 30</li> <li>• Closed to spear fishing for smelt and tomcod from Sept 16 to April 30</li> </ul>

## WATERS OPEN TO WINTER FISHING

OTHER INLAND WATERS		
<p><b>Albert County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Horton Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Carleton County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greens Lake</li> <li>• Nashwaak Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Charlotte County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Kedron Lake</li> <li>• Boone Lake</li> <li>• Cranberry Lake (45°18' x 67°18')</li> <li>• Cundy Lake</li> <li>• Digdeguash Lake</li> <li>• Gibson Lake</li> <li>• Goldsmiths Lake</li> <li>• Little Long Lake</li> <li>• Little McDougall Lake</li> <li>• McDougall Lake</li> <li>• Ormond Lake</li> <li>• Red Rock Lake</li> <li>• Sparks Lake</li> <li>• Stein Lake</li> <li>• Trout Lake</li> <li>• Victoria Lake</li> <li>• Wheaton Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Gloucester County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bass River Lake</li> <li>• Lac Saint-Coeur</li> </ul> <p><b>Kings County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bates Lake</li> <li>• Belvidere Lake</li> <li>• Cassidy Lake</li> <li>• Clark Lake</li> <li>• Jenkins Lake</li> <li>• Mechanic Lake</li> <li>• Oram Lake</li> <li>• Pickett Lake</li> <li>• Ritchie Lake</li> <li>• Waltons Lake</li> <li>• Williams Lake</li> </ul>	<p><b>Madawaska County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Étang Deuxième-Sault</li> <li>• Lac Unique</li> </ul> <p><b>Northumberland County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blind Lake</li> <li>• Estey Lake</li> <li>• McKendrick Lake</li> <li>• Mullin Stream Lake</li> <li>• North Lake (46°56' x 66°26')</li> <li>• Peabody Lake</li> <li>• Serpentine Lake</li> <li>• Second Bear Lake (46°56' x 66°29')</li> <li>• Third Bear Lake (46°56' x 66°29')</li> <li>• Upsalquitch Lake</li> <li>• Whitney Pond</li> </ul> <p><b>Queens County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower Lake</li> <li>• Trout Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Restigouche County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Portage Lake</li> <li>• Island Lake (47°37' x 66°24')</li> </ul> <p><b>Saint John County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arnold Lake</li> <li>• Bradley Lakes (South)</li> <li>• Dolan Lake</li> <li>• Nelson Lake</li> <li>• Perch Lake</li> <li>• Quinn Lake</li> <li>• Round Lake</li> <li>• Taylor Lake</li> <li>• Theobald Lake</li> <li>• Treadwell Lake</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sunbury County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peltoma Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Victoria County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sisson Branch Reservoir</li> </ul> <p><b>York County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amelia Lake</li> <li>• Big Duck Lake</li> <li>• Clear Lake (45°47' x 67°16')</li> <li>• Davidson Lake</li> <li>• Deer Lake (45°49' x 67°24')</li> <li>• East Brook Lake</li> <li>• First Lake</li> <li>• Indian Lake (46°12' x 67°15')</li> <li>• Killarney Lake</li> <li>• Kilburn Lake</li> <li>• Lake George</li> <li>• Lily Lake</li> <li>• Little Lake</li> <li>• Little Magaguadavic Lake</li> <li>• Magaguadavic Lake</li> <li>• McAdam Pond</li> <li>• Mud Lake (45°50' x 67°11')</li> <li>• Napadogan Lake</li> <li>• Second Eel Lake</li> <li>• Second Harvey Lake</li> <li>• Shogomoc Lake</li> <li>• Skiff Lake</li> <li>• Taffy Lake (East)</li> <li>• Third Eel Lake</li> </ul>

DESIGNATED INLAND WATERS		
<p><b>Carleton County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kilmarnock Deadwater</li> <li>• Mactaquac Lake (from the dam upstream to Grafton Bridge)</li> <li>• Williamstown Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Charlotte County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canoose Flowage</li> <li>• Foster Lake</li> <li>• Middle Lake</li> <li>• Mill Lake</li> <li>• Moores Mills Lake</li> <li>• Potters Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Gloucester County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pabineau Lake</li> <li>• Teagues Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Kent County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Kings County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McManus Lake</li> <li>• Mud Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Madawaska County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lac Baker (Saturday and Sunday only)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Northumberland County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chatham Reservoir</li> <li>• Crocker Lake</li> <li>• Macs Lake</li> <li>• North Little River Lake</li> <li>• Shaddick Lake</li> <li>• South Little River Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Queens County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated surface mine ponds</li> <li>• Lake Stream Lake</li> <li>• Douglas Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Restigouche County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Nictau Lake</li> <li>• Lower Tetagouche Lake</li> <li>• Middle Tetagouche Lake</li> <li>• Upper Tetagouche Lake</li> <li>• Windermere Pond</li> </ul> <p><b>Saint John County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fisher Lakes</li> <li>• Hanson Stream Reservoir</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunbury County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated surface mine ponds</li> <li>• Gaspereau Lake</li> <li>• Swan Lake</li> </ul>	<p><b>Victoria County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobique Headpond (Quaker Brook to a point marked by DFO at Gladwyn)</li> <li>• Trousers Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Westmorland County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morice Pond</li> <li>• Poucette Lake</li> <li>• Square Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>York County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolton Lake</li> <li>• Fifth Lake</li> <li>• First Eel Lake</li> <li>• Foster Lake</li> <li>• Lower Nashwaak Lake</li> <li>• Mactaquac Lake (from the dam upstream to Grafton Bridge)</li> <li>• Miramichi Lake</li> <li>• Modsley Lake</li> <li>• Oromocto Lake</li> <li>• Pocowagamis Lake</li> <li>• Scotch Lake</li> <li>• Sixth Lake</li> <li>• Thompsons Lake</li> <li>• Tuttle Lake</li> <li>• Wauklahegan Lake (McAdam)</li> </ul>
DESIGNATED INTERNATIONAL WATERS		
<p><b>Charlotte County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grand Falls Flowage</li> <li>• Woodland Flowage</li> </ul> <p><b>Madawaska County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glasier Lake</li> <li>• Two ponds at the outlet of Glasier and Grew and McPherson Ponds at the head of the lake</li> <li>• Grand Falls head pond (from Route 2 bridge to the Route 17 bridge in St. Leonard)</li> </ul>	<p><b>York County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East Grand Lake</li> <li>• Mud Lake</li> <li>• North Lake</li> <li>• Palfrey Lake</li> <li>• Spednic Lake</li> <li>• Thoroughfare between North Lake and East Grand Lake</li> </ul>	
DESIGNATED TIDAL WATERS	OTHER TIDAL WATERS	
<p><b>Queens County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coy Lake</li> <li>• Hart's Lake</li> <li>• Washademoak Lake</li> <li>• Grand Lake</li> </ul> <p><b>Sunbury County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French Lake (Burton Parish)</li> <li>• French Lake (Sheffield Parish)</li> <li>• Indian Lake</li> <li>• Maquapit Lake</li> <li>• Grand Lake</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidal waters are all waters downstream from an inland water boundary – often referred to as head of tide. Boundaries for our main waterways are listed on our web site under “Tidal Waters”</li> <li>• Contact your local Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) office for further information on the location of head of tide</li> </ul>	



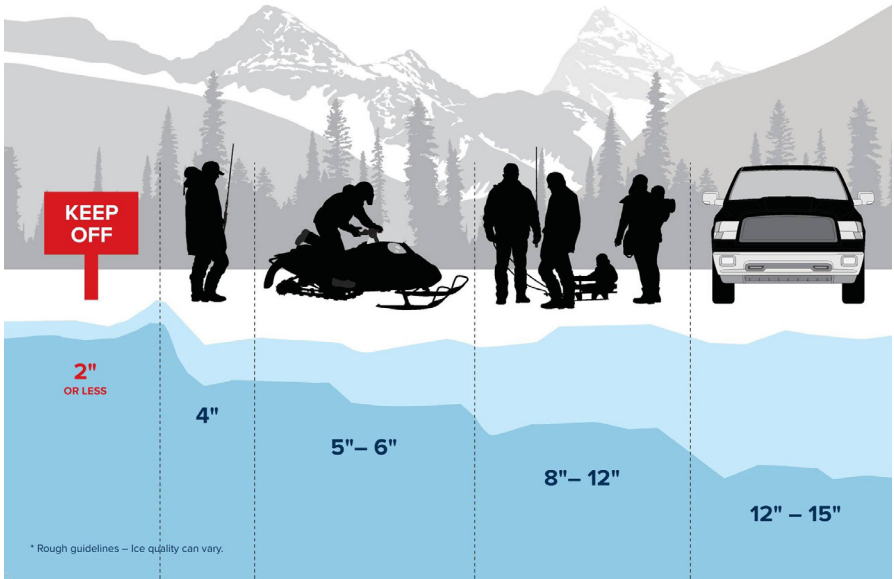


**ICE IS NEVER 100% SAFE.**

- The province does not measure ice thickness for recreational purposes. Your safety is your responsibility!
- Let others know where you're planning to fish and when you plan to return. Wear appropriate clothing and carry safety equipment.
- Before you venture out, check local ice conditions.
- Watch for changes in colour as you move across the ice. Clear blue ice is the strongest; white or opaque ice is much weaker; grey ice indicates weak spots.
- The only way to be certain is to measure ice thickness
- Remember that local weather conditions, winds and currents make coastal ice unstable and unpredictable!



**ICE THICKNESS SAFETY**





## Crown Reserve Waters

### General information

- New Brunswick's Crown Reserve system is a limited entry fishery, whereby angling opportunities on prime salmon and brook trout angling waters are allocated on a rod-per-day basis.
- 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 [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife), 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 2 Atlantic salmon per calendar day. Once 2 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 [Page 55](#) for details.)

- Licence fees are per angler per day, taxes not included.
- All Crown Reserve Waters are fly fishing only. Barbless flies are required on all waters except Crown Reserve Lakes (not including California Lake) and the Nepisiguit River stretch.

### Accommodations

- Camps are available to Crown Reserve anglers on 24 of 40 Crown Reserve stretches. Their use, where available, is included with the purchase of a Crown Reserve angling licence. (**Note:** An exception is the Patapedia Crown Reserve where accommodations are booked on a fee basis through the *Corporation de Gestion des Rivières Matapédia et Patapédia* located in Matapédia Quebec; phone: 1-418-865-2080)
- Camp descriptions are provided in the "Stretch Description" documents available from the DNRED web site and included with Crown Reserve licence information packages. Crown Reserve camps include basic amenities such as a stove, table, chairs, etc. Crown Reserve anglers are responsible for all other incidentals such as firewood, food, and drinking water.
- Firewood is not provided. It is recommended that only kiln dried firewood be brought to Crown Reserve to minimize the risk of spreading invasive insects and disease. If using firewood that has not been kiln dried, buy it locally (as close to your destination as possible), burn it all on site and do not bring any remaining firewood home. Information on best practices and regulations related to the movement of firewood is available at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website at: [inspection.gc.ca/plants/forestry/don-t-move-firewood/firewood/eng/1330963478693/1330963579986](http://inspection.gc.ca/plants/forestry/don-t-move-firewood/firewood/eng/1330963478693/1330963579986).
- Crown Reserve stretches without a camp may feature camping facilities such as a tenting area, picnic table, etc. Refer to the Stretch Description documents for further information.

## 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 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, or 10 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 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 anglers are encouraged to submit their information online if possible.

Further information on the Crown Reserve Creel census process is available at [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife).

## Regular Crown Reserve

Twenty of these salmon angling waters are located in the Miramichi and Restigouche river systems see [Page 55](#). 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. The Patapedia stretch is valid for three consecutive calendar days.

## Application and payment procedures

Applicants may apply online at [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife), at the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Fredericton, or at any DNRED 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 [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife) or at the Fish and Wildlife Branch in Fredericton. No payments will be accepted at DNRED 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 or 8 salmon angling licence. For exception, see above "Youth on Crown Reserve".
- 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 [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife) or by contacting any DNRED district office.
- Crown Reserve anglers are encouraged to book stretches unclaimed in the Regular Crown Reserve draw online at [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife). Persons without Internet access will be able to book unclaimed stretches by contacting one of the following designated DNRED district offices:

1. Miramichi River stretches  
DNRED Miramichi: 506-627-4050
  2. Restigouche River stretches  
DNRED Campbellton: 506-789-2336
  3. North Branch Kedgwick stretch  
DNRED 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 2023, bookings by unsuccessful draw applicants will be accepted online and at designated DNRED 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 2023, bookings for this period will be accepted online and at designated DNRED 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 56](#). 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 [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife) or by calling the appropriate DNRED district office between 8:30 am 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 11:00 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 [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife) 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.
- To book, visit [gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife) or call the appropriate DNRED 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 or 8 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 52](#).
- 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 and those periods shall not be consecutive over month's end. 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 and all fish species must be live released.** There are five of these reserves in the Miramichi drainage and stretches are available on a single fishing day basis except for the Palisades and Sinclair stretches which are available for two consecutive fishing days. See [Page 57](#). The season extends from June 1 - Sept 15 and waters are closed before and after the Live Release Crown Reserve season. Exception: The Lower and Upper Cains River Crown Reserve stretches are available from June 1 to August 31 and are open for angling before and after these dates subject to regulations described in the Miramichi Recreational Fishery Area in this summary.

#### 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 and those periods shall not be consecutive over month's end. 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.)
- In addition to a Live Release Crown Reserve Licence, each angler must have a valid Class 7 or 8 salmon angling licence. For exception, see "Youth on Crown Reserve", [Page 52](#).
- If angling on the Cains River, each angler must have a valid Class 7, 8, 9 or 10 licence in addition to a Live Release Crown Reserve Licence. For exception, see "Youth on Crown Reserve", [Page 52](#).

## REGULAR CROWN RESERVE WATERS

Cost per angler per day is **\$46.00** 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	CAMP	ACCESS
Kedgwick	North Branch Kedgwick	2	Yes	Canoe or wading
Patapedia	Patapedia <sup>a</sup>	2	Yes <sup>b</sup>	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

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

<sup>b</sup> Accommodations for the Patapedia stretch are available from the Corporation de Gestion des Rivières Matapédia et Patapédia, Matapédia, Quebec (Tel: 1-418-865-2080).

**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 2 Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.

### MIRAMICHI DRAINAGE

RIVER	STRETCH	PARTY SIZE	CAMP	ACCESS
LSW Miramichi	Charlies Rock	4	Yes	Wading
Lr North Branch, LSW Miramichi	Adams Pool <sup>a</sup>	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

<sup>a</sup> 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 2 Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.

## DAILY CROWN RESERVE WATERS

### ATLANTIC SALMON

Cost per angler per day is **\$46.00** 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	CAMP	DNRED OFFICE	TELEPHONE
Berry Brook	Upsalquitch	June 1 - Sept 15	2 or 4	No	Campbellton	506-789-2336
Cruickshank	North Branch Sevogle	June 10 - Sept 15	2	Yes	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Grog Island	Restigouche	June 1 - Sept 15	2	No	Campbellton	506-789-2336
Jardine Brook	Little Main Restigouche	June 1 - Sept 15	2 or 4	Yes	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Kedgwick Forks	Kedgwick	June 1 - Sept 15	2	Yes	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Lower Kedgwick	Kedgwick	June 1 - Sept 15	2, 4 or 6 <sup>a</sup>	Yes	Saint-Quentin	506-235-6040
Lower Patapedia	Patapedia	June 3 - Aug 31 <sup>b</sup>	2	Yes <sup>c</sup>	Campbellton	506-789-2336

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

<sup>b</sup> 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.

<sup>c</sup> Accommodations for the Lower Patapedia stretch are available from the Corporation de Gestion des Rivières Matapédia et Patapédia, Matapédia, Quebec (Tel: 1-418-865-2080).

**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 2 Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.

### BROOK TROUT

Cost per angler per day is **\$20.00** for angling dates from June 3 - Aug 31 and **\$13.00** for angling dates from Sept 1 - 15.

STRETCH	SEASON	PARTY SIZE	CAMP	TRIP BAG LIMIT PER PERSON	DNRED OFFICE	TELEPHONE
California Lake <sup>a</sup>	June 1 - Aug 31	2 or 4	No	5	Bathurst	506-547-2080
Caribou Lake	June 1 - Sept 15	2	No	5	Bathurst	506-547-2080
Goodwin Lake <sup>b</sup>	June 1 - Sept 15	2	No	2	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Island Lake	June 1 - Sept 15	2	No	2	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Kenny Lake	June 1 - Sept 15	2	No	2	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Nepisiguit River	July 15 - Aug 15	2	No	2	Bathurst	506-547-2080
Peaked Mountain Lakes <sup>c</sup>	June 1 - Aug 15	2 or 4	No	2	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Valentine Lake	June 1 - Sept 15	2	No	2	Doaktown	506-365-2001

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

<sup>b</sup> Access to Goodwin Lake requires a canoe portage.

<sup>c</sup> Access to the Peaked Mountain Lakes requires 4x4 truck and a canoe portage.

<sup>d</sup> Daily Crown Reserve brook stretches generally feature camping facilities rather than roofed accommodations.

## LIVE RELEASE CROWN RESERVE WATERS

Cost per angler per day is **\$33.00** 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**).

STRETCH	RIVER	SEASON	PARTY SIZE	CAMP	DNRED OFFICE	TELEPHONE
Cains Lower	Cains	June 1 - Aug 31	2 or 4	No	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Cains Upper	Cains	June 1 - Aug 31	2 or 4	No	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Lr North Branch	LSW Miramichi	June 1 - Sept 15	4	No	Miramichi	506-627-4050
Palisades <sup>a</sup>	North Pole Stream	July 1 - Sept 15	4	Yes	Doaktown	506-365-2001
Sinclair <sup>b</sup>	North Pole Stream	July 1 - Sept 15	4	Yes	Doaktown	506-365-2001

<sup>a,b</sup> The Palisades and Sinclair stretches are available for two consecutive fishing days. Start dates begin July 1.

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

**Live release limit:** A maximum of 2 Atlantic salmon may be live released per day.

## FOREST ROADS ON CROWN LAND

Not all forest roads on Crown land are maintained for vehicle use. Users must use caution and be aware that travel is at their own risk.

Generally the main access routes are passable by car or light truck and other branch roads are maintained when required.

For personal safety, and to protect property and the environment, anglers are encouraged to use the following practices:

- When possible, avoid access roads used for industrial activities
- Follow all warning signs and drive defensively
- Avoid travel during seasonal times when certain roads are at risk for damage from vehicles
- Use all-terrain vehicles on managed trails (signage by the New Brunswick All-Terrain Vehicle Federation) or on roads without high vehicle usage
- Report road and watercourse crossing issues to the nearest DNRED District Office or contact the department at 506-453-3826 or [dnr\\_mrnweb@gnb.ca](mailto:dnr_mrnweb@gnb.ca)

Authorization to upgrade or repair forest roads on Crown land (including tree cutting) may be obtained by applying to the Land Use Application Service Centre at 1-888-312-5600 or [gnb.ca/crownlands](http://gnb.ca/crownlands).





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#### PROTECTING OUR FORESTS

**Spruce budworm populations are high in Quebec and causing defoliation. The outbreak has been growing and moving towards New Brunswick.**

The Healthy Forest Partnership is a research initiative dedicated to keeping our forests green and healthy by protecting them against spruce budworm.

#### TREATMENT AREAS

Our goal is to slow the outbreak. Beginning in 2014, hotspots of spruce budworm in northern New Brunswick have been treated using aircraft working at low altitudes.

Treatments have included Tebufenozide and Btk; all are approved by Health Canada and **pose minimal environmental risk and are not harmful to humans or other mammals, bees, birds, or fish when used according to label conditions.** Features including water bodies, residential areas, and public **water supplies are identified in advance of treatment and excluded.** Additionally, we work to notify residents within 500 metres of treatment areas. We test samples of water collected near municipal intakes following treatment and make the results available.

**Spruce budworm treatments typically occur in the early mornings and evenings in late-May and June.** While low flying aircraft can be disruptive if passing or turning near homes, roads or waterways, they are not actively spraying during this time. We work hard to minimize disruption to anglers and others as much as possible.

To view a map of the current treatment area and to see status updates of the treatment blocks, visit [HealthyForestPartnership.ca](http://HealthyForestPartnership.ca), email [info@healthyforestpartnership.ca](mailto:info@healthyforestpartnership.ca), or leave a message at 1-844-216-3040.



## DON'T GIVE INVASIVE PESTS A FREE RIDE

- Buy it where you burn it – **Excellent**
- Move it less than 10 km – **Great**
- Move it less than 80 km – **Okay**
- Move it more than 80 km – **STOP!**

**Invasive insects and diseases kill thousands of trees every day.**

**Don't move firewood.**

**Moving firewood more than 80 km puts our trees at risk.**

### INVASIVE INSECTS

#### **Emerald ash borer**

- Native to Asia
- Found in Canada in 2002
- Destroys ash trees



#### **Asian longhorned beetle**

- Native to Asia
- Found in Canada in 2003
- Eats birch, elm, maple, poplar





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## Report your catch!

Help managers make informed decisions and help sustain quality fishing in New Brunswick. **We Need your Fishing Information!**

- Please take a minute to complete and submit this postage-paid angler survey card before April 15, 2024, or complete it online\* **<http://dnr-mrn.gnb.ca/AnglingRecord/?lang=e>**
- Be sure to include your information for days when no fish were caught, or if you fished very little or not at all. All information is important!

\*A New Brunswick Outdoors Card number will be required. Numbers are free and can be obtained from an authorized vendor, Service New Brunswick centre, or by registering online at **[gnb.ca/fishwildlife](http://gnb.ca/fishwildlife)**.

