

NOTICE

Winter angling fishery for brook (speckled) trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, chain pickerel, white and yellow perch

The Regional Director-General, Maritimes Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, hereby gives notice of changes to the 2015 Winter angling seasons and bag (quota) limits for brook (speckled) trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, chain pickerel and white and yellow perch for Nova Scotia.

Season Dates:

The open season for brook (speckled) trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, chain pickerel and white and yellow perch is **January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015**.

Daily Limits:

The daily quota or limit for trout is **two (2) per day**, except the Cape Breton Management Area, where the daily quota or limit is **ten (10) trout per day**.

The daily catch and retain aggregate for trout as fixed by subsection 107.(2)(a) of the **Maritime Provinces Fishery Regulations** is hereby varied to be **two (2)** trout for the inland and tidal waters of Nova Scotia, except for the Cape Breton Highlands Management area where the aggregate is hereby varied to be **ten (10)** trout.

The daily quota or limit for chain pickerel, white perch or yellow perch is **twenty-five (25) per day for each species**. Aggregates do not apply to these species.

White and yellow perch may be retained from any of the waters listed for trout. Please note, one or more of these species may not live in the waters listed for trout.

The following waters are specific for certain species:

1. Brook (Speckled) Trout

The Cape Breton Highlands Management Area:

From **January 1st to March 31st**, the daily quota or limit for brook (speckled) trout is **ten (10)** fish.

For the purpose of this Notice, the Cape Breton Highlands Management Area is the area enclosed by the following boundaries:

1. *Highway 105, from Exit 11 (St. Anns) to Exit 7 (Hunters Mountain);*
2. *the Cabot Trail Highway from Exit 7 (Hunters Mountain) to the Victoria/Inverness County line;*
3. *the Victoria/Inverness County line to the Cape Breton Highlands National Park boundary;*
4. *the Cape Breton Highlands National Park boundary to the Cabot Trail Highway at Ingonish;*
5. *the Cabot Trail Highway at Ingonish to Exit 11 on Highway 105 (St. Anns) but **does not include** the following waters which are located within the Cape Breton Highlands;*
 - *Baddeck River, North Branch Baddeck River and Canes Pond, not including tributaries;*
 - *Barachois River, not including tributaries;*
 - *Indian Brook downstream from the confluence of the East and West Branches, not including tributaries;*
 - *Ingonish River, not including tributaries;*
 - *Middle River, including tributaries;*

- *North River downstream from a point at the Benches marked by a fishery officer, not including tributaries.*

2. Brook (Speckled) Trout and Rainbow Trout

NOTE: The daily quota or limit for **brook (speckled) trout and rainbow trout** is **two (2)** fish for the following waters and the daily quota or limit for **white and yellow perch** in these waters is **twenty-five (25) per species**.

1. Antigonish County - Cameron and Gillis Lake;
2. Cape Breton County - #20 Dam Pond (Beacon St. Pond) and Levers Lake;
3. Colchester County - Deyarmont Lake;
4. Cumberland County - Isaac Lake, Angevine (Dewars) Lake and Harrison Lake;
5. Digby County - Everitts Lake;
6. Guysborough County - Goose Harbour Lake, Pringle Lake;
7. Halifax County - Albro (Big) Lake, Maynard Lake, Penhorn Lake, Round Lake (located in Jerry Lawrence Park), Lewis Lake (located near Jerry Lawrence Park) at grid reference 433089 4948324 (NAD 1927), Cow Bay Pond and First Lake;
8. Hants County - St. Croix Pond, located at grid reference 419168 4979250 (NAD 1927), Meadow Pond;
9. Inverness County - Petit Lac;
10. Kings County - Silver Lake and Sunken Lake;
11. Lunenburg County - Sucker Lake;
12. Pictou County - Gairloch Lake;
13. Queens County - Hidden Hills Lake and Victoria Lake; and
14. Richmond County – Eco-Trail Pond, Isle Madame.

3. Rainbow and Brown Trout

NOTE: The daily quota or limit for **rainbow and brown trout** is **two (2)** fish for the following waters and the daily quota or limit for **white and yellow perch** in these waters is **twenty-five (25) per species**.

NOTE: The minimum size limit for **rainbow trout** in the tidal waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes is **35 cm** (13.8 in).

1. **The tidal waters of the Bras d'Or Lakes:**

NOT INCLUDING

the waters of Deny's Basin, North Basin and River Deny's upstream (inside) of a straight line drawn across the Broom Channel from Martins Point on the western end of Boom Island, in a true North direction, to the opposite shore;

which are closed to trout angling from Jan. 1 to March 31.

And **NOT INCLUDING**

- waters of the Baddeck River upstream from the Highway 105 bridge;
- waters northeast (inside) of the East Bay Sandbar;
- waters upstream from Black River bridge in Dundee;
- waters upstream from Crowdis Bridge in River Deny's Basin; and
- waters upstream from MacKenzie Brook bridge near South Side Basin of River Deny's;

which are closed to all angling from Jan. 1 to March 31.

4. White and Yellow Perch

NOTE: The daily quota or limit for **white and yellow perch is twenty-five (25) per species** for the following waters and the daily quota or limit for **any species of trout** in these waters **is zero (0)**.

1. Annapolis County - Springfield Lake;
2. Cumberland County - Long Lake and Smith Lake; and
3. Hants County - Woodward Sanford Lake.

5. Chain Pickerel, White and Yellow Perch

NOTE: The daily quota or limit for **chain pickerel, white and yellow perch is twenty-five (25) per species** for the following waters and the daily quota or limit for **any species of trout** in these waters **is zero (0)**.

1. Colchester County - Shortts Lake;
2. Digby County - Meteghan River including all lakes and tributaries;
3. Halifax County - Fish Lake located at grid reference 454059 4972664 (NAD 1927), Morris Lake, Russell Lake, Kinsac Lake, Micmac Lake, Red Bridge Pond, Grand Lake located at grid reference 452285 4971814 (NAD 1927), Powder Mill Lake, Bisset Lake, Beaver Bank Lake, Beaver Pond (near Kinsac Lake) and Lake Egmont;
4. Hants County - Lily Lake (Cogmagun Pond);
5. Kings County - Lake Paul, Lake George, Nicholas Lake and North River Lake;
6. Pictou County - Black Lake, West Branch Lake;
7. Queens County - Louis Lake;
8. Shelburne County - Walls Lake, The Ponds in Port LaTour, Bakers Flats on Cape Sable Island and Lake George; and
9. Yarmouth County - Annis River including all lakes and tributaries; Kiack Brook (near Belleville South) including all lakes and tributaries.

These winter fisheries have been implemented at the request of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture following consultations with the Recreational Fisheries Advisory Councils throughout the Province. Please note that salmon and smallmouth bass **may not** be retained during any of these fisheries.

For further information, please contact the local fishery officer or a representative of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and refer to Maritimes Region Variation Orders 2015-001, 2015-002, 2015-003, 2015-004, 2015-005, 2015-006, 2015-007, 2015-008 and 2015-009.

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