

## Licence

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- All persons, except residents 15 years of age and under, require a salmon fishing licence to angle for Atlantic salmon. A general fishing licence is only required for persons who fish in non-tidal waters for any species other than Atlantic salmon.

(All fees include H.S.T.)

Residents (18 years & over) (Seasonal)	\$42.00
Non-Residents (age 18 and over) (Seasonal)	\$157.40
Non-Residents (age 18 and over) (7-Day)	\$63.65
Residents and non-residents (one-day)	\$30.00
Residents and non-residents ages 16 and 17	No charge for any Salmon Fishing Licence

- Included in the fees for all salmon fishing licences is a \$5.91 surcharge for projects funded under the Sportfish Habitat Program.
- More than one 7-day or one-day salmon fishing licence may be purchased during the same salmon fishing season, provided a person is not issued more than one such licence for any of the same (overlapping) day(s).
- **Please Note: Non-residents do not need a guide to fish for salmon.**

## Size and Bag Limits and Gear Requirements

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- All salmon caught shall be returned alive to the water immediately. Catch and release only.
- The daily catch and retain limit is ZERO
- The daily catch and release limit is any combination of grilse or salmon totaling four in SFA 18 and two in SFA 19
- The yearly catch and retain limit is ZERO.
- When fishing for salmon, only **BARBLESS ARTIFICIAL FLIES** are permitted.

## Notice

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- This is a summary prepared for the information and convenience of the salmon anglers in Nova Scotia only and has no legal force or effect. This should be used in conjunction with the Anglers Handbook issued by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. The original Acts and Regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law. These Regulations are subject to change at any time.
- For further information or clarification, please contact the Nova Scotia Department of Environment Conservation Officer or the Federal Fisheries Officer in your area.

## Stub Return

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By law, the stub return on the salmon licence must be properly filled out and mailed within seven days of the close of the season or the licensee may be subject to a fine, or fishing privileges may be suspended in future years. This applies even if you didn't catch anything. If no Atlantic salmon were released, you should still record the date and rivers fished. If you did not fish for Atlantic salmon this should be indicated on the card, before mailing it to the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture. No stamp is required. This information is critical to the management of Atlantic salmon in our rivers, so your cooperation is extremely important.

- Please fill out one line on the card for each day you fish for salmon. Record the following at the end of each fishing day: date (day and month), river fished, county, number of salmon released, number of grilse released

# 2021 SALMON REPORT CARD

Licence No. **21-000001**

(Please Print)

Check here if you DID NOT fish for Salmon

DATE		RIVER	County	Number released		DATE		RIVER	County	Number released	
Day	Month			Salmon	Grilse	Day	Month			Salmon	Grilse

**Note:** If more than one river is fished in one day, use a separate line for each river. Only record a fish as being released if you intentionally release it by breaking/cutting your line or by removing the hook.

**Note:** If your Atlantic salmon licence stub return card does not have sufficient space, please continue on the form above. If you complete this additional form, please record your N.S. Atlantic salmon licence number and mail to N.S. Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Inland Fisheries Division, Box 700, Pictou, NS, B0K 1H0 (Fax 902-485-4014), or email to [inland@novascotia.ca](mailto:inland@novascotia.ca), or take it to an office of the N.S. Lands & Forestry or the N.S. Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

## Aquatic Invasive Species

- The intentional or accidental movement of fish or other aquatic organisms from one river to another can negatively affect Atlantic salmon populations through competition, predation, disease, and changes to the ecosystem. While the threat from **chain pickerel** and **smallmouth bass** is already apparent in some of our rivers, the following aquatic invasive species may also impact Atlantic salmon.
- *Didymosphenia geminata*, or **didymo** is a freshwater algae and has been recently documented in several rivers in Quebec including the Matapedia which flows into the Restigouche on the Quebec/New Brunswick border. It can form extensive algal mats on rocky streambeds under the right environmental conditions and its appearance greatly reduces the esthetic appeal of salmon streams giving the impression the water is polluted. However, it is non-toxic to humans or aquatic life. Although not present in Nova Scotia, it could be transferred here by fishing or boating equipment which has come into contact with the microscopic cells from other rivers. It has been suggested that felt soled waders are an especially good vector for this organism because they take a long time to dry and provide tiny spaces for the cells to adhere. Placing waders in the freezer overnight is also an effective way to kill didymo. More information on didymo can be found at: <https://www2.qnb.ca/content/dam/qnb/Departments/nr-rn/pdf/en/Publications/Didymo.pdf>

*Myriophyllum spicatum* or **Eurasian water-milfoil** is an invasive aquatic plant native to Europe, Asia and northern Africa. Introduced to North America in the 19th century, it is now one of the most widely distributed invasive aquatic plants on the continent and known to be present in the St.John River watershed of New Brunswick. The plant reduces biodiversity by competing aggressively with native plants. Reduced oxygen levels in the water caused by decomposing plants can kill fish. More information on water-milfoil can be found at <http://www.invadingspecies.com/eurasian-water-milfoil/>

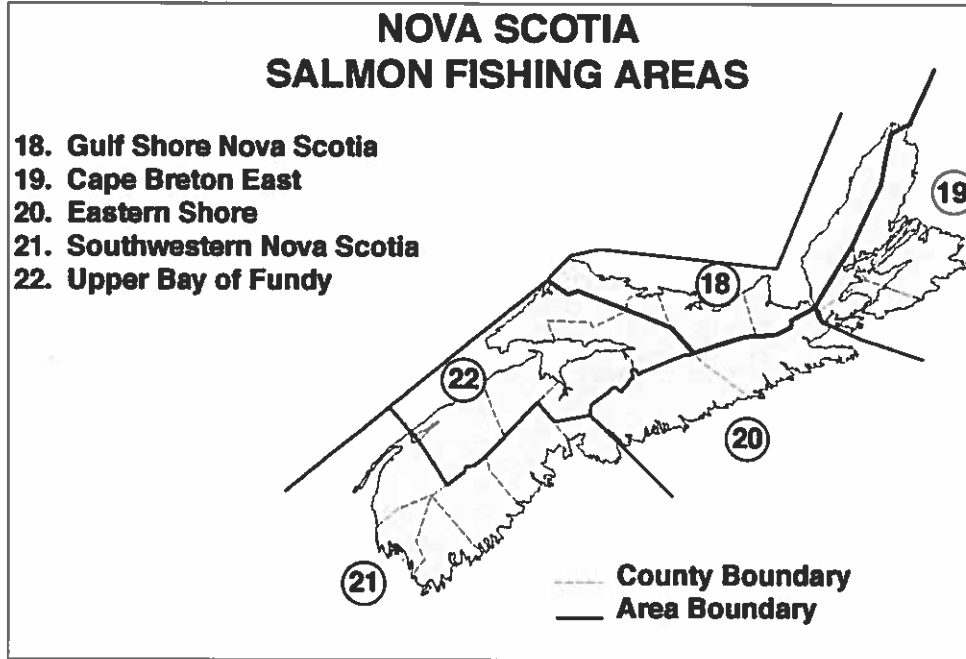
- Adopting some simple measures such as washing your fishing and boating equipment thoroughly in hot water, removing any plants or plant fragments or allowing gear to dry in the sun for at least five days before transporting it to another water body will reduce the chance of spreading aquatic invasive species.



### 2021 Salmon Angling Seasons

The Regional Director-General for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Maritimes Region, wishes to advise the public of the following changes to seasons and bag limits for Atlantic salmon in Nova Scotia.

The Maritimes Region Variation Orders MAR-VAR-2020-068, 2020-069 and 2020-070 are hereby revoked.



1.
  - a. **SALMON FISHING AREA 18 (Gulf Shore of Nova Scotia)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area, except the waters referred to in paragraphs (b) to (j).....(catch and release only) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - b. East River, Pictou County.....(catch and release only) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - c. West River, Pictou County.....(catch and release only) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - d. River Phillip.....(catch and release only) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - e. Wallace River.....(catch and release only) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - f. West River, Antigonish County.....(catch and release only) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - g. South River, Antigonish County.....(catch and release only) Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - h. Margaree River, Northeast Margaree River, Southwest Margaree River and tributaries, except the waters referred to in paragraphs (i) and (j).....(catch and release only) June 1 to Oct. 15
  - i. Margaree River upstream from the highway bridges at East Margaree to the Big Intervale bridges on the Northeast Margaree River and upstream to the Scotsville highway bridge on the Southwest Margaree River, not including tributaries.....(catch and release only) June 1 to Oct. 31
  - j. Northeast Margaree River and tributaries upstream from the Big Intervale bridges.....Closed all year



**NOTES FOR SALMON FISHING AREA 18**

- The daily catch and retain limit is **ZERO**.
  - The daily catch and release limit is any combination of **GRILSE** or **SALMON** totaling **FOUR (4)**.
  - The yearly catch and retain limit is **ZERO**.
  - When fishing for **SALMON**, **ONLY BARBLESS ARTIFICIAL FLIES ARE PERMITTED**.
- 2.
- a. **SALMON FISHING AREA 19 (Cape Breton East)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area, except the waters referred to in paragraphs (b) to (e).....**Closed all year**
  - b. Baddeck River.....**(catch and release only)** Oct. 1 to Oct. 31
  - c. Middle River.....**(catch and release only)** Oct. 1 to Oct. 31
  - d. North River downstream from the area known as "The Benches" as marked by a Fishery Officer .....**(catch and release only)** June 1 to July 14 and Sept. 1 to Oct. 31
  - e. North River upstream from the area known as "The Benches".....**Closed all year**

**NOTES FOR SALMON FISHING AREA 19**

- The daily catch and retain limit is **ZERO**.
  - The daily catch and release limit is any combination of **GRILSE** or **SALMON** totaling **TWO (2)**.
  - The yearly catch and retain limit is **ZERO**.
  - When fishing for **SALMON**, **ONLY BARBLESS ARTIFICIAL FLIES ARE PERMITTED**.
3. **SALMON FISHING AREA 20 (Eastern Shore)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area.....**Closed all year**
4. **SALMON FISHING AREA 21 (Southwestern Nova Scotia)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area.....**Closed all year**
5. **SALMON FISHING AREA 22 (Upper Bay of Fundy)** and all waters of the Province flowing into that Area.....**Closed all year**

**REMINDERS**

**FOR 2021, ANGLERS ARE REMINDED THAT:**

- **SALMON FISHING IS ONLY PERMITTED USING BARBLES ARTIFICIAL FLIES.**
- **ALL SALMON MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IN A MANNER THAT CAUSES THE LEAST POSSIBLE HARM TO THAT FISH.**

**SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME FOR CONSERVATION REASONS AND SUBJECT TO ABORIGINAL HARVEST AGREEMENTS.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FISHERY OFFICER AND REFER TO MARITIMES REGION VARIATION ORDERS 2021-063, 2021-064 AND 2021-065.**

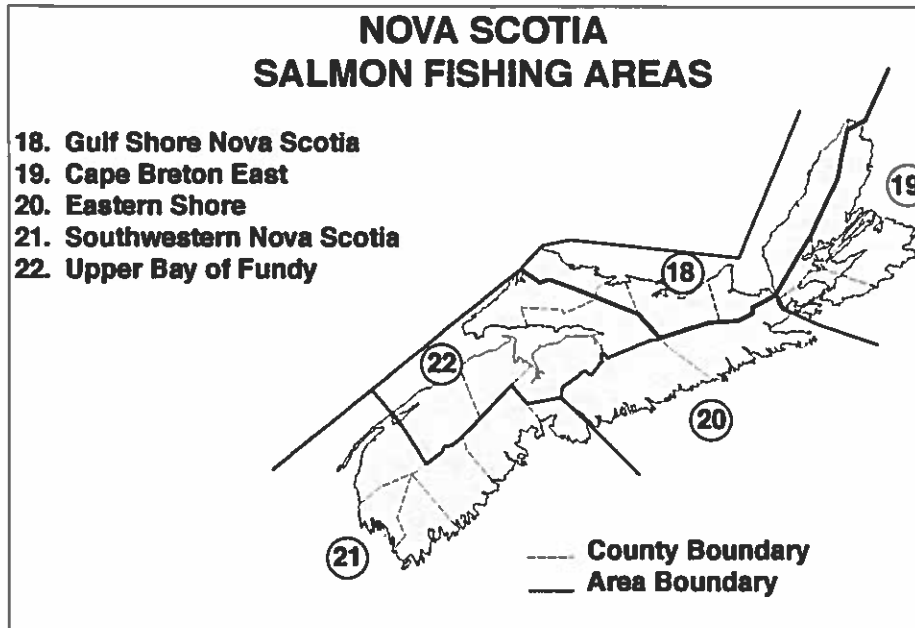
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Maritimes Region**



## Saisons de pêche à la ligne du saumon en 2021

Le directeur général régional du ministère des Pêches et des Océans de la région des Maritimes informe le public des changements suivants apportés aux saisons de pêche et aux limites de prises concernant le saumon de l'Atlantique en Nouvelle-Écosse.

Les ordonnances de modification de la région des Maritimes MAR-VAR-2020-068, 2020-069 et 2020-070 sont par la présente abrogées.



1.
  - a. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 18 (littoral du Golfe, Nouvelle-Écosse)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent, à l'exception de celles visées aux alinéas b) à j) ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - b. Rivière East, comté de Pictou ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - c. Rivière West, comté de Pictou ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - d. Rivière Phillip ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - e. Rivière Wallace ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - f. Rivière West, comté d'Antigonish ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - g. Rivière South, comté d'Antigonish ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - h. Rivières Margaree, Northeast Margaree, Southwest Margaree et leurs affluents, à l'exception des eaux visées aux alinéas i) et j) ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> juin au 15 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - i. Rivière Margaree, en amont des ponts routiers d'East Margaree jusqu'aux ponts de Big Intervale sur la Northeast Margaree, et en amont jusqu'au pont routier de Scotsville sur la Southwest Margaree, à l'exclusion des affluents ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> juin au 31 oct.  
(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)
  - j. Rivière Northeast Margaree et ses affluents en amont des ponts de Big Intervale  
Pêche fermée toute l'année



### REMARQUES CONCERNANT LA ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 18

- Le quota quotidien de pêche avec rétention des prises est de **ZÉRO**.
  - Le quota quotidien de pêche avec remise à l'eau est de **QUATRE (4)** poissons, qu'il s'agisse de **MADELEINEAUX OU** de **SAUMONS**.
  - Le quota annuel de pêche avec rétention des prises est de **ZÉRO**.
  - **Dans la pêche du SAUMON, seules les mouches artificielles à hameçon simple sans ardillon ou à ardillon rabattu sont autorisées.**
- 2.
- a. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 19 (Cap-Breton Est)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent, à l'exception de celles visées aux alinéas b) à e)..... **Pêche fermée toute l'année**
  - b. Rivière Baddeck ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> oct. au 31 oct.  
**(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)**
  - c. Rivière Middle..... du 1<sup>er</sup> oct. au 31 oct.  
**(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)**
  - d. Rivière North, en aval d'un point marqué par un agent des pêches à l'endroit connu sous le nom de « The Benches » ..... du 1<sup>er</sup> juin au 14 juill. et du 1<sup>er</sup> sept. au 31 oct.  
**(pêche avec remise à l'eau des prises seulement)**
  - e. Rivière North, en aval de l'endroit connu sous le nom de « The Benches »  
**Pêche fermée toute l'année**

### REMARQUES CONCERNANT LA ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 19

- Le quota quotidien de pêche avec rétention des prises est de **ZÉRO**.
  - Le quota quotidien de pêche avec remise à l'eau est de **DEUX (2)** poissons, qu'il s'agisse de **MADELEINEAUX OU** de **SAUMONS**.
  - Le quota annuel de pêche avec rétention des prises est de **ZÉRO**.
  - **Dans la pêche du SAUMON, seules les mouches artificielles à hameçon simple sans ardillon ou à ardillon rabattu sont autorisées.**
3. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 20 (côte Est)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent  
**Pêche fermée toute l'année**
4. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 21 (Sud-Ouest de la Nouvelle-Écosse)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent..... **Pêche fermée toute l'année**
5. **ZONE DE PÊCHE DU SAUMON 22 (arrière-baie de Fundy)** et toutes les eaux de la province qui s'y jettent..... **Pêche fermée toute l'année**



### RAPPELS

#### **POUR 2021, NOUS RAPPELONS AUX PÊCHEURS CE QUI SUIT**

- LA PÊCHE DU SAUMON N'EST AUTORISÉE QU'À LA MOUCHE ARTIFICIELLE À HAMECON SIMPLE SANS ARDILLON OU À ARDILLON RABBATU.
- TOUS LES SAUMONS DOIVENT ÊTRE REMIS À L'EAU DE MANIÈRE À LES PERTURBER LE MOINS POSSIBLE.

LES SAISONS DE PÊCHE ET LES LIMITES DE PRISES PEUVENT CHANGER À TOUT MOMENT POUR DES MOTIFS DE CONSERVATION ET SOUS RÉSERVE DES ENTENTES DE PÊCHE CONCLUES AVEC LES AUTOCHTONES.

POUR EN SAVOIR PLUS, VEUILLEZ COMMUNIQUER AVEC L'AGENT DES PÊCHES DE VOTRE RÉGION ET VOUS REPORTER AUX ORDONNANCES DE MODIFICATION DE LA RÉGION DES MARITIMES 2021-063, 2021-064 ET 2021-065.

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