

Ice Fishing 2012

- The New Brunswick winter fishing season is open from January 1 to March 31.
- Designated inland, tidal and international waters are open for ice fishing during this period (see reverse for a list of these waters).
- Licences: Ice Fishing Licences are available at all Department of Natural Resources district offices and several Service New Brunswick locations.
Cost: Resident - \$22.60; Non-Resident - 25.99 (Prices include conservation fees and HST).

Ice Fishing Shacks:

- cannot be placed on the ice prior to Jan. 1.
- must be removed prior to midnight April 2 or earlier as stipulated by the Department of Environment.
- must bear the name and address of the owner in print at least five centimetres in height.

GENERAL REGULATIONS	Designated Inland Waters	Designated International Waters	Designated Tidal Water	Other Tidal Water
Season:	Jan 1 to March 31	Jan 1 to March 31	Jan 1 to March 31	Open (see exceptions below)
Licence required:	NB Ice fishing	NB Ice fishing	Not required	Not required
Fishing times:	30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset	30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset	24 hours / day	24 hours / day
Ice Fishing permitted through:	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:	5	5	5	0
	→ 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			
Number of angling lines permitted:	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:				
Prohibited bait fish:	The following species may not be used as live or dead bait: bass, bullhead, chain pickerel, goldfish and other carp species, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch and other spiny rayed fish			
Dead fish	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Live fish	Not allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
	→ <u>In international water</u> live fish may only be used if they were captured from the water being fished → <u>In tidal water</u> live fish may only be used if they were captured in NB			

LIMITS	Designated Inland Waters		Designated International Waters		Designated Tidal Water		Other Tidal Water	
	Daily limit	Minimum length	Daily limit	Minimum length	Daily limit	Minimum length	Daily limit	Length range / minimum length
SPORT FISH:	A total of 5 sport fish per day not exceeding the following:		A total of 3 sport fish per day not exceeding the following:		A total of 5 sport fish per day not exceeding the following:		All sport fish must be immediately released	
Brook trout, Rainbow trout, Arctic char	5	15 cm	3	15 cm	5	15 cm	0	n/a
Brown Trout	2	15 cm	2	15 cm	2	15 cm	0	n/a
Lake Trout	2	45 cm	2	45 cm	2	45 cm	0	n/a
Landlocked salmon	2	35 cm fork length	2	35 cm fork length	2	35 cm fork length	0	n/a
Smallmouth bass	5	45 cm	3	25 cm	5	45 cm	0	n/a
NON-SPORT FISH:								
Burbot	No limit		No limit		No limit		10	10 to 75 cm
Chain pickerel	No limit		No limit		No limit		10	10 to 75 cm
Muskellunge	No limit		No limit		No limit		5	10 to 150 cm
Smelt	60	n/a	200	n/a	No limit		60*	n/a
<u>Striped bass:</u> Waters flowing to the Bay of Fundy	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	1	68 to 150 cm
All other waters	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a
Whitefish	5	n/a	8	n/a	5	n/a	0	n/a
White perch	No limit		25	10 cm	No limit		25	10 min
Yellow perch	No limit		No limit		No limit		100	10 to 45 cm

EXCEPTIONS:**Big Nictau Lake:**

- Big Nictau Lake is open to winter fishing. The thoroughfare and Little Nictau Lake are closed.
- 2 lines are permitted: one set line and one angling line
- No live or dead fish are permitted as bait
- A total of 3 sportfish may be retained. Only 1 may be a landlocked salmon. Retained landlocked salmon must be between 35 cm and 63 cm fork length
- Retained trout must be at least 25 cm total length

Baker Lake (Madawaska County)

- is open Saturdays and Sundays only.

New Horton Lake

- No retention of fish except white perch
- Daily bag limit 25

Tidal Water Closures

The following waters are closed to angling from Sept 16 to April 15:

- All waters of the Tabusintac and Bartibog River upstream of the highway 11 bridge
- All waters of the Pokemouche River upstream of the highway 113 bridge
- All 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
- All waters of 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°28'26.5"N x 64°55'50.5"W
47°28'11.6"N x 64°55'56.9"W
47°27'46.2"N x 64°56'01.9"W
47°27'25.5"N x 64°55'23.7"W

Designated Inland Waters Open to Ice Fishing:***Albert County***

New Horton Lake

Carleton County

Kilmarnock Deadwater

Mactaquac Lake (*from the dam upstream to Grafton Bridge*)

Williamstown Lake

Charlotte County

Canoose Flowage

Foster Lake

Middle Lake

Mill Lake

Moore's Mills lake

Potters Lake

Gloucester County

Pabineau Lake

Teagues Lake

Kent County

Round Lake

Kings County

McManus Lake

Mud Lake

Oram Lake

Madawaska CountyBaker Lake (*Saturday and Sunday only*)

Glasier Lake

Two ponds at the outlet of

Glasier and Grew and

McPherson Ponds at the

head of the lake

Northumberland County

Chatham Reservoir

Crocker Lake

Macs Lake

North Little River Lake

Shaddick Lake

South Little River Lake

Queens County

Designated surface mine ponds

Lake Stream Lake

Restigouche County

Big Nictau Lake

Lower Tetagouche Lake

Middle Tetagouche Lake

Upper Tetagouche Lake

Saint John County

Fisher Lakes

Hanson Stream Reservoir

Sunbury County

Designated surface mine ponds

Gaspereau Lake

Swan Lake

Victoria CountyTobique Headpond (*between**Quaker Brook and a point marked by a fishery officer at Gladwyn*)

Trousers Lake

Westmorland County

Morice Pond

Poucette Lake

Square Lake

York County

Bolton Lake

Fifth Lake

First Eel Lake

Foster Lake

Killarney Lake

Lower Nashwaak Lake

Mactaquac Lake (*from the dam upstream to Grafton Bridge*)

Miramichi Lake

Modsley Lake

Oromocto Lake

Pocowagamis Lake

Scotch Lake

Sixth Lake

Thompsons Lake

Tuttle Lake

Wauklahegan (*McAdam*)**Designated International Waters Open to Ice Fishing:*****Charlotte County***

Grand Falls Flowage

Woodland Flowage

Madawaska County

Glasier Lake

Grand Falls headpond (*from Highway**2 bridge to the**St. Leonard bridge*)***York County***

East Grand Lake

Mud Lake

North Lake

Palfrey Lake

Spednic Lake

Thoroughfare between North Lake and East Grand Lake

Designated Tidal Waters Open to Ice Fishing:***Queens County***

Coy Lake

Douglas Lake

Hart's Lake

Washademoak Lake

Grand Lake

Sunbury County

French Lake (Burton Parish)

French Lake (Sheffield Parish)

Indian Lake

Maquapit Lake

Grand Lake

Other Tidal Waters

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 Water](#)"

- Contact your local Department of Fisheries and Oceans office for further information on the location of head of tide.

