Ice Fishing 2020

- The New Brunswick winter fishing season is open from January 1st to March 31st.
- Ice Fishing licences are available through the Fish & Wildlife Licensing System online, at authorized vendors, and at Service New Brunswick centres.
  Cost: Resident - $23.00; Non-Resident - $26.45 (prices include conservation fees and HST)

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 here: 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), Prichard Lake, Smith Lake (Restigouche County), and Nelson Lake (Saint John County). Only portable ice fishing shelters are permitted and must not be left overnight.

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<td>Season:</td>
<td>January 1 to March 31</td>
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<td>Fishing times:</td>
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<td>Ice Fishing permitted through:</td>
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<td>1) man made hole in ice</td>
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<td>2) natural opening in ice if angling from shore</td>
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<td>→ Set lines are restricted to 1 hook with a single point</td>
<td>→ Set lines must be closely attended and visible to the angler at all times</td>
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<td>Number of angling lines permitted:</td>
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<td>→ An angling line may have up to 3 hooks with no more than 3 points per hook</td>
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<td>→ * 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</td>
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## Limits

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<td>Brook trout, Rainbow trout, Arctic char</td>
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<td>Landlocked salmon</td>
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<th>NON-SPORT FISH:</th>
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<th>Length range / min. length</th>
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<td>Burbot</td>
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<td>Chain pickerel</td>
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<td>Muskellunge</td>
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<td>Smelt</td>
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<td>All other waters</td>
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<td>White perch</td>
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<td>10 cm / min</td>
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<td>Yellow perch</td>
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<td>10 cm</td>
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## Bait Provisions

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
  - Allowed

- **Live fish**
  - Not allowed
  - Not allowed
  - Allowed
  - Allowed
  - Allowed

→ In international water live fish may only be used if they were captured from the water being fished

→ In tidal water live fish may only be used if they were captured in NB
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Exceptions and Special Regulations

Sturgeon
No person shall:
• 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.
• 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.

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 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.
• Retained trout must be at least 25 cm total length

Tabusintac and Bartibog Rivers
• Tidal waters of the of the Tabusintac and Bartibog River upstream of the Route 11 bridge
• Closed to spear fishing for smelt and tomcod from Sept 16 to April 30

Pokemouche, Little Tracadie and Big Tracadie Rivers:
• Tidal waters of the Pokemouche River upstream from a line drawn joining the following coordinates (NAD83): 47°28’30.2”N x 64°55’42.2”W, 47°27’25.5”N x 64°55’23.7”W, 47°28’11.6”N x 64°55’56.9”W
• Restricted to artificial fly only from Sept 16 to April 30
• Closed to spear fishing for smelt and tomcod from Sept 16 to April 30

Baker Lake (Madawaska County)
• is open Saturdays and Sundays only

Waters Open to Ice Fishing

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<td>• Grand Falls Flowage</td>
<td>• East Grand Lake</td>
<td>• 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”</td>
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<td>• Woodward Flowage</td>
<td>• Mud Lake</td>
<td>• Contact your local Department of Fisheries and Oceans office for further information on the location of head of tide</td>
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<td><strong>Madawaska County</strong></td>
<td><strong>Queens County</strong></td>
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<td>• Glasier Lake</td>
<td>• Coy Lake</td>
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<td>• Two ponds at the outlet of Glasier and Grew and McPherson Ponds at the head of the lake</td>
<td>• Hart’s Lake</td>
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<td>• Grand Falls head pond (from Route 2 bridge to the Route 17 bridge in St. Leonard)</td>
<td>• Washademook Lake</td>
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<td><strong>York County</strong></td>
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<td>• East Grand Lake</td>
<td>• French Lake (Burton Parish)</td>
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<td>• North Lake</td>
<td>• French Lake (Sheffield Parish)</td>
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<td>• Palfrey Lake</td>
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<td>• Thoroughfare between North Lake and East Grand Lake</td>
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### Designated Inland Waters

**Carleton County**
- Kilmarnock Deadwater
- Baker Lake

**Northumberland County**
- Chatham Reservoir
- Sisson Branch Reservoir

**Victoria County**
- Tobique Headpond (Quaker Bk to a point marked by DFO at Gladwyn)
- Morice Pond

**Westmorland County**
- First Eel Lake
- Lower Nashwaak Lake

**York County**
- Bolton Lake
- First Lake
- Little Long Lake
- Blind Lake

**Restigouche County**
- Big Nictau Lake
- Lower Nashwaak Lake
- Lower McNicoll Lake

**Saint John County**
- Indian Lake (46°12’ x 67°15’)
- Killarney Lake

**Kings County**
- Baker Lake
- First Portage Lake

**Saint John County (cont’d)**
- Little Lake
- Little Macaguadavic Lake

**Madawaska County**
- Trout Lake
- Fishermen’s Lake

**Albert County**
- New Horton Lake
- McAdam Pond

**Kings County (cont’d)**
- Ritchie Lake
- Williams Lake

**Saint John County**
- Boulardier Lake

**Other Inland Waters (New for 2020 – effective February 15th)**

**Carleton County**
- Greens Lake
- Nashwaak Lake
- Brook Lake

**Charlotte County**
- Big Pedron Lake
- Cranberry Lake (45°18’ x 67°18’)
- Forks Lake

**Queens County**
- Designated surface mine ponds
- Dam Lake

**Restigouche County**
- Big Nictau Lake
- Lower Nashwaak Lake
- Upper Nashwaak Lake

**Northumberland County**
- Lake Stream Lake
- Oromocto Lake
- First Lake

**Victoria County**
- Lake Stream Lake
- Powder Lake
- Lake at Gladwyn

**Westmorland County**
- South Lake
- Sisson Branch Reservoir

**York County**
- First Lake
- Round Lake
- Little Long Lake
- Blind Lake

**Restigouche County**
- Big Nictau Lake
- Lower Nashwaak Lake
- Upper Nashwaak Lake

**Saint John County**
- Lake Stream Lake
- Powder Lake
- Lake at Gladwyn

**Kings County**
- Baker Lake
- First Portage Lake

**Restigouche County**
- Big Nictau Lake
- Lower Nashwaak Lake
- Upper Nashwaak Lake

**Saint John County**
- Lake Stream Lake
- Powder Lake
- Lake at Gladwyn

**Kings County**
- Baker Lake
- First Portage Lake

**Restigouche County**
- Big Nictau Lake
- Lower Nashwaak Lake
- Upper Nashwaak Lake

**Saint John County**
- Lake Stream Lake
- Powder Lake
- Lake at Gladwyn