

# Winter Fishing 2024

- Your 2023 season angling licence is valid for the 2024 winter fishing season.
- Season angling licences expire annually on March 31<sup>st</sup> and are available through the Fish & Wildlife Licensing System [online](#), at [authorized vendors](#), and at [Service New Brunswick centres](#).
  - Conservation fees and HST are included

Resident Angling \$26.45	Resident Salmon \$41.40	Non-Resident Angling \$73.60
Resident Angling (65 & over) \$17.25	Resident Salmon (10-15/65 & over) \$23.00	Non-Resident Salmon \$198.95

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>



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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.

<u>GENERAL REGULATIONS</u>	Other Inland Waters	Designated Inland Waters	Designated International Waters	Designated Tidal Water	Other Tidal Water
<b>Season:</b>	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	Open (see Exceptions)
<b>Licence required:</b>	NB Angling/Salmon Season	NB Angling/Salmon Season	NB Angling/Salmon Season	Not required	Not required
<b>Fishing times:</b>	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
<b>Winter Fishing permitted through:</b>	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
<b>Number of set lines permitted:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
		→ 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			
<b>Number of angling lines permitted:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1*</b>	<b>1*</b>
	→ 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				

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<u>LIMITS</u>	Other Inland Waters		Designated Inland Waters		Designated International Waters		Designated Tidal Water		Other Tidal Water	
	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)				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	Minimum length	Daily limit	Minimum length	Daily limit	Minimum length	Daily limit	Length range / min. length
<b>Brook trout, Rainbow trout, Arctic char</b>	5	15 cm	5	15 cm	5	15 cm	5	15 cm	0	n/a
<b>Brown Trout</b>	2	35 cm	2	15 cm	2	15 cm	2	15 cm	0	n/a
<b>Lake Trout</b>	2	45 cm	2	45 cm	2	45 cm	2	45 cm	0	n/a
<b>Landlocked salmon</b>	2	35 cm fork length	2	35 cm fork length	2	35 cm fork length	2	35 cm fork length	0	n/a
<b>Smallmouth bass</b>	5	30 cm	5	30 cm	2	25 cm	5	30 cm	0	n/a
<b>NON-SPORT FISH:</b>										
<b>Burbot</b>	10	10 cm	No limit		No limit		No limit		10	10 to 75 cm
<b>Chain pickerel</b>	10	10 cm	No limit		No limit		No limit		10	10 to 75 cm
<b>Muskellunge</b>	5	10 cm	No limit		No limit		No limit		5	10 to 150 cm
<b>Smelt</b>	60	n/a	60	n/a	60	n/a	No limit		60	n/a
<b>Striped bass</b>										
Waters flowing to the Bay of Fundy	0	n/a	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	0	n/a
<b>Whitefish</b>	8	10 cm	5	n/a	3	n/a	5	n/a	0	n/a
<b>White perch</b>	25	10 cm	No limit		25	10 cm	No limit		25	10 cm / min
<b>Yellow perch</b>	100	10 cm	No limit		No limit		No limit		100	10 to 45 cm
<b>BAIT PROVISIONS:</b>										
<b>The following species may not be used as live or dead bait:</b> bass, bullhead, chain pickerel, goldfish and other carp species, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch and other spiny-rayed fish										
<b>Dead fish</b>	Allowed		Allowed		Allowed		Allowed		Allowed	
<b>Live fish</b>	Not allowed		Not allowed		Allowed		Allowed		Allowed	
→ <i>In international water live fish may only be used if they were captured from the water being fished</i>										
→ <i>In tidal water live fish may only be used if they were captured in NB</i>										

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Exceptions and Special Regulations	
<p><b>Sturgeon</b> No person shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>angle for sturgeon</u> 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>• <u>catch and retain or possess</u> 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>	
<p><b>Big Nictau Lake</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big Nictau Lake is open to winter fishing</li> <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> <p><b>Tabusintac and Bartibog Rivers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidal waters of the of the Tabusintac and Bartibog River upstream of the Route 11 bridge</li> <li>• Closed to spear fishing for smelt and tomcod from Sept 16 to April 30</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pokemouche, Little Tracadie and Big Tracadie Rivers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tidal waters of the Pokemouche River upstream of the highway 113 bridge <u>and</u> 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 <u>and</u> 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</li> <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> <p><b>Baker Lake (Madawaska County)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is open Saturdays and Sundays only</li> </ul>

### Waters Open to Winter Fishing

Designated International Waters	Designated Tidal Waters	Other Tidal 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>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 Water”</li> <li>• Contact your local Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) office for further information on the location of head of tide</li> </ul>

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*Waters Open to Winter Fishing (cont'd)*

Designated Inland Waters			Other Inland Waters		
<p><b>Carleton County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kilmarnock Deadwater</li> <li>• Mactaquac Lake (<i>from the dam upstream to Grafton Bridge</i>)</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>• Baker Lake</li> </ul> <p><i>(Saturday and Sunday only)</i></p>	<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 (<i>Quaker Brook to a point marked by DFO at Gladwyn</i>)</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 (<i>from the dam upstream to Grafton Bridge</i>)</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 (<i>McAdam</i>)</li> </ul>	<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> </ul>	<p><b>Kings County (cont'd)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 Deuxieme-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> </ul>	<p><b>Saint John County (cont'd)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>