

Ice Fishing 2019

- The New Brunswick winter fishing season is open from January 1st to March 31st
- Designated inland, tidal and international waters are open for ice fishing during this period (see reverse for a list of these waters)
- Ice Fishing licences are available through e-Licensing [online](#), at [authorized vendors](#), and at [Service New Brunswick centres](#) as of December 1st
Cost: Resident - \$23.00; Non-Resident - \$26.45 (prices include conservation fees and HST)

Ice Fishing Shacks:

- cannot be placed on the ice prior to January 1st
- must be removed prior to midnight April 2nd or earlier as stipulated by Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- must bear the name and address of the owner in print at least 5 cm in height

GENERAL REGULATIONS	Designated Inland Waters	Designated International Waters	Designated Tidal Water	Other Tidal Water
Season:	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	January 1 to March 31	Open (see Exceptions)
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	30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset	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
	→ 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			

LIMITS	Designated Inland Waters		Designated International Waters		Designated Tidal Water		Other Tidal Water	
	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	Length range / minimum length
Brook trout, Rainbow trout, Arctic char	5	15 cm	5	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	2	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	60	n/a	No limit		60	n/a
Striped bass: 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	3	n/a	5	n/a	0	n/a
White perch	No limit		25	10 cm	No limit		25	10 cm / min
Yellow perch	No limit		No limit		No limit		100	10 to 45 cm

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

Baker Lake (Madawaska County)

- is open Saturdays and Sundays only

New Horton Lake

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

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
- Moores Mills Lake
- Potters Lake

Gloucester County

- Pabineau Lake
- Teagues Lake

Kent County

- Round Lake

Kings County

- McManus Lake
- Mud Lake
- Oram Lake

Madawaska County

- Baker Lake (*Saturday and Sunday only*)

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
- Douglas Lake

Pokemouche, Little Tracadie and Big Tracadie Rivers:

- Tidal waters of the Pokemouche River upstream of the highway 113 bridge and 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 and 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
- 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

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

Restigouche County

- Big Nictau Lake
- Lower Tetagouche Lake
- Middle Tetagouche Lake
- Upper Tetagouche Lake
- Windermere Pond

Saint John County

- Fisher Lakes
- Hanson Stream Reservoir

Sunbury County

- Designated surface mine ponds
- Gaspereau Lake
- Swan Lake

Victoria County

- Tobique 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 Lake (*McAdam*)

Designated International Waters Open to Ice Fishing:

Charlotte County

- Grand Falls Flowage
- Woodland Flowage

Madawaska County

- Glasier Lake
- Two ponds at the outlet of Glasier and Grew and McPherson Ponds at the head of the lake
- Grand Falls head pond (*from Route 2 bridge to the Route 17 bridge in St. Leonard*)

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
- 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

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