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Angling Summary 2003



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Prince Edward Island is recognized for some of the finest angling in some of the most beautiful natural areas you will find anywhere. From brook trout and Atlantic salmon to white perch, mackerel and smelt, PEI offers a wide variety of fishing experiences to please both veteran fishers and those new to the sport.

In recent years, conservation measures and habitat restoration work have significantly increased recreational fishing opportunities in Prince Edward Island. I commend the many Islanders who have formed groups to carry out enhancement projects in their communities. Licensed anglers, hunters and trappers support these efforts through an annual contribution to the Wildlife Conservation Fund (WCF). Through WCF and the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, as well as contributions from other federal, provincial and private funding agencies, community groups are accomplishing more than \$1million worth of enhancement work each year.

I encourage all anglers to continue to play an active role in conserving our recreational fishery and protecting fish habitat. As part of that, I invite you to support Prince Edward Island's new anti-litter campaign by never littering at your favourite fishing spot.

Best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable angling season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Chester Gillan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. Chester Gillan
Minister of Environment



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This booklet contains a summary of the fishing regulations and other information for persons who plan to fish in Prince Edward Island.

Because this is a summary, not all of the laws contained in the Wildlife Conservation Act or regulations are included. For additional information contact the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment or any of the Conservation Officers listed in this book.

This is a summary prepared for the information and convenience of persons who plan to fish in Prince Edward Island. The original act and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law. The rules contained in this angling summary are in compliance with the Maritime Provinces Fisheries Regulations in respect to close times, limits and quotas subject to variation under the authority of The Fishery General Regulations.

The laws are subject to change at any time.

New Angling Opportunities - What's New

The opening date for the trout angling season has been returned to April 15 and closes on September 15, with the exception of the following waters:

- 1) Gordon's Pond, Huntley River, May 15 – September 15;***
- 2) Trout River Trout Management Zone, where the section from*
 - (a) Leard's Pond (Route 140) to Carleton (Route 2), is open from May 1 to September 1; and***
 - (b) Carleton (Route 2) to 200 meters downstream of Goff's Bridge (Route 12) is open from April 15 to September 1;*****
- 3) Marchbank's Pond, Wilmot River, closed to angling in 2003.***
- 4) Arsenault's (Millar's) Pond, Wilmot River at Mill Valley, closed to angling in 2003.***

Anglers are reminded that since 2001 it is unlawful to hold live sportfish in captivity by means of a live well, in a creel, or by any other means.

Anglers are reminded that if convicted of littering while angling, their angling privileges will be suspended.

Those anglers wishing to participate in the Winter Ice Fishery should retain both their Trout Angling License and Wildlife Conservation License. Anglers who lose or discard either of these licenses will be required to purchase a Winter Ice Fishing License and/or Wildlife Conservation License.

Anglers are reminded that a Pleasure Craft Operators Card is now required to operate any motorized craft under 4 meters. Further details may be obtained by phoning the Boating Safety Info Line at 1- 800-267-6687.

Anglers are also reminded that if they are fishing from a boat, they are required to have a personal floatation device for each person in the boat, as well as a bailer and safety throw line.

General Information

Definitions

“Angling” means fishing with a line to which one or more hooks are attached and that is held in the hand or attached to a rod that is held in the hand or closely attended.

“Artificial fly” means a single or double hook dressed with silk, tinsel, wool, fur, feathers or any combination of those or other materials commonly used in making artificial flies, but does not include a fly that has a spinning device, or a weight that causes the fly to sink.

“Chumming” refers to the practice of using any material to attract fish to a particular location while angling.

“Commercial fisher” means a person registered at the time relevant for the purposes of this act with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Canada) and whose chief occupation is fishing.

“Daily limit” refers to the lawful capture and retention of fish during a day, with angling restricted to the period of two hours before sunrise to two hours after sunset in any given day. The daily limit is one’s possession limit and is interpreted to be the only legal limit one can possess.

“Farmer” means a person who is the lessee, owner, manager or occupier of farmland in the province, and who is actually resident therein, and whose chief occupation is that of farming, and includes the immediate members of the farmer’s household who are actually resident and employed on that farmland.

“Fly fishing” means angling by the use of an artificial fly or flies that are attached to a line or to a leader that is attached to a line.

“Grilse” means a salmon that is less than 63 cm but not less than 35 cm in length.

“Hook” means a single, double or treble pointed hook on a common shank or shaft, with or without barbs.

“Jigging” means fishing by manipulating one or more hooks so as to pierce a fish in any part of its body instead of luring the fish to take the hook or hooks into its mouth.

“Possession limit” is interpreted to be one’s daily limit.

“Resident” means a person who has resided in Prince Edward Island for a period of six months immediately preceding the time that residence becomes material under this act or regulations.

“Sport fishing” means fishing for pleasure and not for sale or barter.

“Sport fish” means salmon and trout.

General Prohibitions

General Angling

It is unlawful to:

- 1) use a gill-net or trap-net for fishing in non-tidal or inland waters, unless authorized by the Maritime Provinces Fisheries Regulations;
- 2) use an artificial light or flame of any kind for fishing in non-tidal or inland waters;
- 3) jig, snare or spear fish of any kind in non-tidal or inland waters;
- 4) have in your possession an untagged salmon;
- 5) fish with an artificial fly that has more than two hooks;
- 6) angle with more than one fishing line or with a fishing line having more than three separate hooks;
- 7) angle salmon except by fly fishing;
- 8) angle within a 100-metre radius of any facility operated by or on behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans or the province for the purpose of counting passage or rearing of fish;
- 9) angle in non-tidal or inland waters that are frequented by any sport fish during the closed time for that sport fish;
 - a) angle within a fishway or within 25 metres downstream of the lower entrance of a fishway, canal, obstacle or leap;
 - b) angle during the time period extending from two hours after sunset to two hours before sunrise; (**please refer to table on page 6**)
- 10) export any trout from the province without a valid angling license and then only in accordance with the possession limit of 10 trout;
- 11) litter at any time or place, conviction may result in loss of angling privileges;
- 12) operate a motor boat while intoxicated;
- 13) chum while angling for trout or salmon;
- 14) possess, use or sell fish eggs as bait for angling;
- 15) **retain any sport fish alive while angling. All fish must be:**
 - a) **immediately released alive back to the wild; or**
 - b) **killed immediately and counted towards the daily bag limit.**
- 16) to angle for striped bass;
- 17) **release or introduce live fish species into the waters of Prince Edward Island.**

Official Sunrise and Sunset

All Times Listed Are Local Times

Date	Sunrise	Sunset	Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Apr. 11-20	6:27 DST	8:00	Aug. 11-20	6:10 DST	8:20
Apr. 21-30	6:10 DST	8:12	Aug. 21-31	6:24 DST	8:03
May 1-10	5:52 DST	8:25	Sept. 1-10	6:37 DST	7:43
May 11-20	5:40 DST	8:37	Sept. 11-20	6:50 DST	7:24
May 21-30	5:30 DST	8:49	Sept. 21-30	7:02 DST	7:04
May 31-June 9	5:23 DST	8:58	Oct. 1-10	7:14 DST	6:44
June 10-19	5:20 DST	9:04	Oct. 11-19	7:29 DST	6:27
June 20-30	5:22 DST	9:08	Oct. 20-31	7:43 AST	6:09
July 1-10	5:27 DST	9:05	Nov. 1-10	6:57 AST	4:53
July 11-20	5:36 DST	9:00	Nov. 11-20	7:12 AST	4:41
July 21-31	5:46 DST	8:50	Nov. 21-30	7:26 AST	4:32
Aug. 1-10	5:58 DST	8:37			

*DST*Daylight Saving Time

*AST*Atlantic Standard Time

Note:

Anglers are reminded that it is illegal to angle during the time period extending from two hours after sunset to two hours before sunrise.

License Fees

Trout angling licenses can be obtained from authorized vendors throughout the province, Access PEI Centres and from the Fish and Wildlife Division, Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment, 11 Kent Street, Charlottetown.

Salmon licenses and winter ice fishing licenses are available from the Fish and Wildlife Division, Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment, Access PEI Centres and a limited number of vendors.

For further information and a list of vendors, please call the Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment's Fish and Wildlife Division, (902) 368 6080.

Please Note:

Trout licenses (resident and non-resident) will entitle the licensee to angle brook and rainbow trout only. Youth under the age of 16 years are not required to obtain a trout angling license.

An Atlantic salmon angling license is required, in addition to a trout license, to angle Atlantic salmon. All anglers, including youth under the age of 16 years, must obtain a license.

All licensed anglers are required to be in possession of the new Wildlife Conservation Fund License. Youth under the age of 16 are exempt from this licensing requirement.

Resident Trout Angling License \$9.35 + GST

Courtesy Resident Trout Angling License
(65 years of age and over, residents only
and includes the spouse
of the licence holder) Free

Non-Resident Trout Angling License
(License is valid for entire season for License Holder.
In addition, spouse and dependents
may angle on this license for a period
of two weeks from date of issue.) \$18.70 + GST

Non-Resident Trout Day Angling License \$ 6.51 + GST
(Valid for date of purchase)

Resident Farmer/Commercial Fisher Trout Angling License Free
(Refer to Definitions section, page 1.)

Atlantic Salmon Angling License \$9.35 + GST

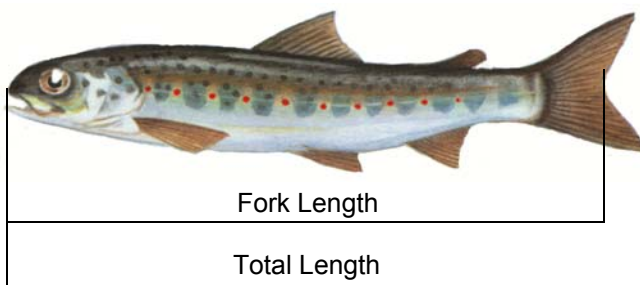
Winter Ice Fishing License \$4.67 + GST
(Special license to participate in this fishery for those who
do not possess a trout licence.)

Wildlife Conservation Fund \$12.15 + GST
(All licensed anglers are required to contribute to this fund.)

Season Dates and Creel Limits

Trout

- a) Daily catch limit of 10, of which not more than five can be rainbow trout, and of which not more than one trout (either rainbow or brook) may be greater than 40 cm in fork length. (See diagram below).
- b) Possession Limit – Have in your possession, in the field and elsewhere in storage, not more than 10 trout in total (not more than five may be rainbow trout).
- c) Open season – All waters from April 15 to September 15.
- d) Fly fishing only in portions of the Morell River after June 1.
- e) Extended season for **rainbow trout** – Glenfinnan and O’Keefe Lakes only from April 15 to **November 15**.
- f) New trout angling regulations have again been adopted for Trout River (Coleman), Morell River and Gordon’s Pond, Wilmot River on a trial basis for the 2003 angling season, as highlighted.



Waters	Daily Limit	Season Dates
Province with exceptions listed below	10 *, only one greater than 40 cm.	April 15 – Sept 15
Morell Note 1	10 *, only one greater than 40 cm.	April 15 – Sept 15
Gordon’s Pond, Huntley River	10 *, only one greater than 40 cm.	May 15 – Sept. 15
Trout River (Coleman) Note 2	6 *, only one greater than 35 cm.	May 1 – Sept.1
Trout River (Coleman) Note 3	6 * only one greater than 35 cm.	April 15 – Sept 1
Glenfinnan Lake	5 rainbow, only one greater than 40 cm.	April 15 – Nov.15
O’Keefe’s Lake	5 rainbow, only one greater than 40 cm.	April 15 – Nov.15

* no more than 5 rainbow trout can be included in the daily limit.

Note 1: Specific to Morell River :

Specific to the Morell River, fly fishing only is permitted after June 1, and barbless hooks only, are permitted from September 16 – October 31.

Note 2: Specific to Trout River (Coleman)

Specific to the Trout River (Coleman), anglers are advised there is currently a Trout Management Zone on the section of the river from Route 2 in Carleton, downstream to a point 200 meters below Goff's Bridge at Route 12. Special regulations for the Trout Management Zone include a daily bag limit of six, of which only one may be greater than 35 cm., and closure of the trout season on September 1, 2003.

Note 3: Specific to Trout River (Coleman)

Specific to the Trout River (Coleman) anglers are advised there is currently a Trout Management Zone on the section of the river at Route 2 in Carleton, upstream to Leard's Pond, Coleman (Route 140). Special regulations for this Trout Management Zone include a daily bag limit of six trout, of which only one may be greater than 35 cm., and an open trout season from May 1 to September 1, 2003.

Waters Closed to Sport Fishing

River	Waters	Dates	Reason
Morell	Crane's Bridge	July 1 – Sept.15	Trout brood stock conservation
Morell	Mooney's Pond to MackKay's Note 4	May 4 - May 10	Salmon smolt release
Wilmot	Marchbank's Pond Note 5	Closed for season	Trout brood stock conservation
Wilmot	Arsenault's (Millar's) Pond Note 6	Closed for season	Trout brood stock conservation
Huntley	Gordon's Pond	April 15 – May 15	Trout brood stock conservation

Note 4: Specific to the Morell Rver

Please note that these dates for the smolt release on the Morell River are tentative. All anglers are advised to check with local newspapers and to observe closure signs posted along the Morell River in early May.

Note 5: Specific to Marchbank's Pond on the Wilmot River

Angling within Marchbank's Pond is closed in 2003. The closure affects that part of that Wilmot River between the road stream intersection at

Highway 120 (McMurdo Road) and the intersection of Klondike Brook with the Wilmot River at grid reference 4774 3764 (Refer to map Summerside 11L/5) (Tributary at upper end of pond on south side).

Note 6: Specific to Arsenault's (Millar's) Pond on the Wilmot River
Angling within Arsenault's (Millar's) Pond is closed in 2003. The closure affects that part of that Wilmot River between the road stream intersection at Highway 109 and the intersection of the north brook with the Wilmot River, 200 meters upstream of the Confederation Trail, at grid reference 5265 3879 (Refer to map Summerside 11L/5) (Tributary upstream of Confederation Trail at upper end of pond on north side).

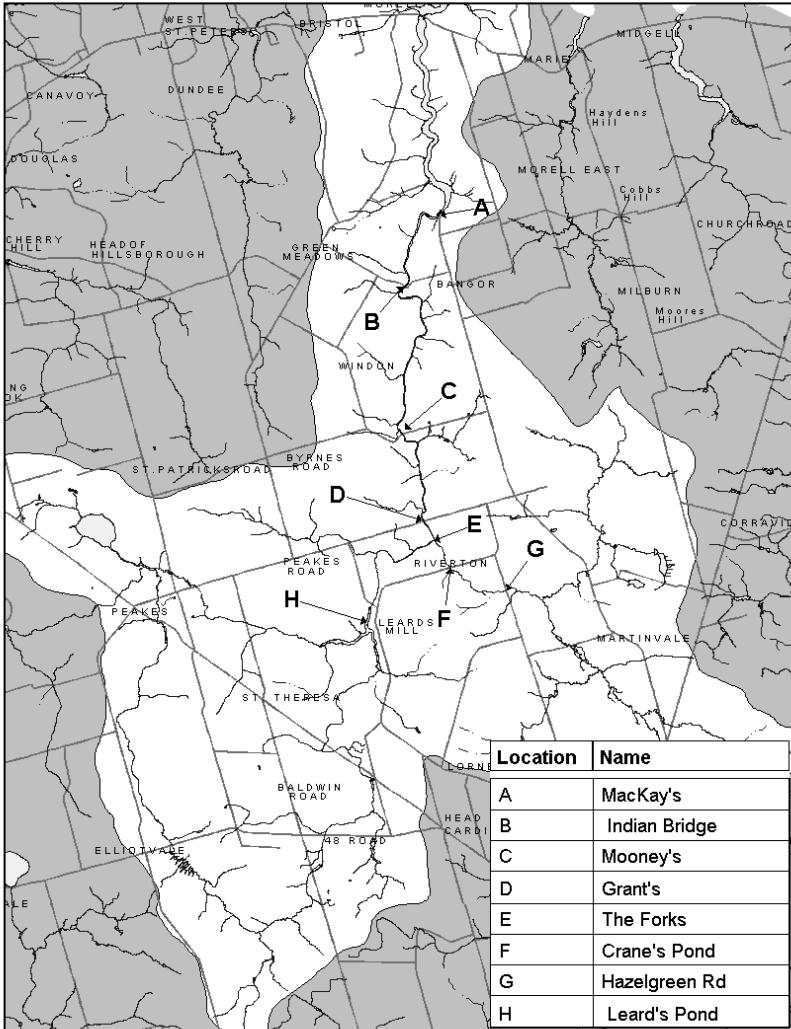
Regulations Specific to the Morell River

1. On any day, an angler who holds a salmon license must cease all angling on the Morell River for that day after
 - a) one grilse has been retained; or
 - b) two fish, either salmon or grilse, have been caught and released; whichever occurs first.
2. Grilse captured on the Morell River may be retained (one per day) while the season is open on that section of the river, and must be tagged immediately when caught. Please refer to sections 4, 5, and 6 below, and the table and map on pages 14 and 15 for further details.
3. It is unlawful to angle in the Morell River except by fly fishing from June 1 to November 30. The restriction will apply to Leard's Pond, Riverton, the West Branch below Leard's Pond, all that section of the East Branch below the Hazelgreen Road (Route 329); and the main section of the river from the point of union of the West and East Branches to MacKay's in the Bangor area. See table and map on pages 14 and 15.
4. The section of the East Branch of the Morell River containing the old Crane's Pond dam site will be closed to angling for the period July 1 - September 15, 2003. The section of river affected includes all waters 250 yards upstream of the highway bridge on Route 355. This closure is being introduced on a trial basis as a conservation measure.
5. Salmon angling is restricted to those areas on the Morell River, as defined in Section 3 above, for the period September 16 - October 15.
6. Salmon angling, for the period October 15 - October 31, inclusive, is restricted to that portion of the Morell River downstream from the Forks to MacKay's.
7. Salmon angling on Leard's Pond is permitted from September 16 to November 30, inclusive.

Morell River						
Section	Trout		Salmon Fly-Fishing Only			
	April 15 to May 31	June 1 to September 15	June 1 to September 15	September 16 to October 14	October 15 to October 31	November 1 to Nov. 30
A-E MacKay's to Forks	Lure Bait Fly	Fly	Open	Open Barbless Hooks Only	Open Barbless Hooks Only	Closed
E-G Forks to Hazelgreen Rd.	Lure Bait Fly	Fly	Open	Open Barbless Hooks Only	Closed	Closed
E-H Forks to Leard's Pond	Lure Bait Fly	Fly	Open	Open Barbless Hooks Only	Closed	Closed
H Leard's Pond	Lure Bait Fly	Fly	Open	Open Barbless Hooks Only	Open Barbless Hooks Only	Open Barbless Hooks Only

Note that in the lower section of the Morell River from MacKay's to the mouth of the river (the railway bridge) trout may be taken on any tackle from April 15 to September 15. Any Atlantic salmon taken by lure or bait must be released immediately with the least possible harm to the fish. This section of river is closed to all angling after September 15.

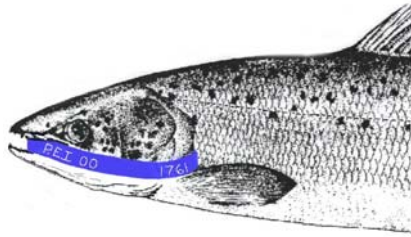
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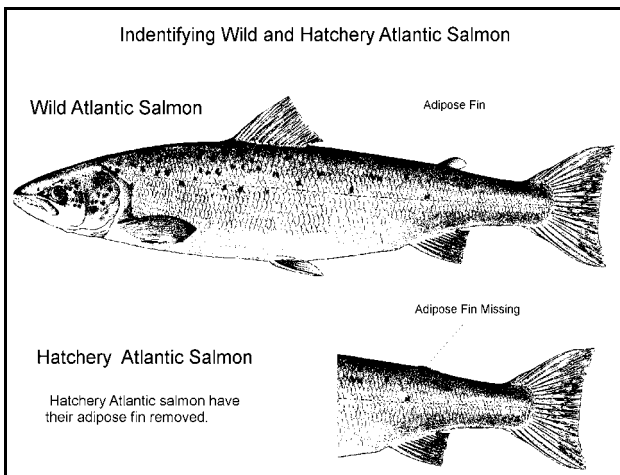
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Atlantic Salmon

- a) Daily possession limit of one grilse. (35 – 63 cm in length)
- b) Daily catch and release limit of not more than two (grilse or salmon).
- c) Season limit of seven grilse. (35 – 63 cm in length)
- d) All salmon greater than 63 cm or less than 35 cm in fork length must be released immediately with the least possible harm to the fish.
- e) Open Season – All waters from June 1 to September 15 except for Morell River and waters noted in table below.
- f) Angling for Atlantic salmon is restricted to an artificial fly as defined under Definitions, page 1. It does not include a fly that has a spinning device or weight that causes the fly to sink; however, a fly so altered can be used to angle for trout.
- g) Every holder of an Atlantic salmon angling license shall immediately, upon killing any salmon, attach a tag to it by inserting one end of the tag through the mouth and locking the tag. (See diagram below).



- h) "Length", in relation to a salmon, means the distance measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail.



River	Waters	Daily Limit	Season
Midgell River	After Sept. 16 below MacDonald's Pond Southampton (Route 313)	Retain 1 grilse (35 – 63 cm) Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	June 1 – October 31 Barbless hooks only after September 16
Naufrage River	After Sept. 16 below Larkin's Pond, Selkirk (Route 307);	Retain 1 grilse (35 – 63 cm) Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	June 1 – October 31 Barbless hooks only after September 16
Valleyfield River	After Sept. 16 below old MacRae's Pond dam site, Heatherdale (Route 206);	Retain 1 grilse (35 – 63 cm) Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	June 1 – October 31 Barbless hooks only after September 16
West River	After Sept. 16 below Green Bay highway culvert (Route 249);	Retain 1 grilse (35 – 63 cm) Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	June 1 – October 31 Barbless hooks only after September 16
Dunk River	After Sept. 16 below Scales' Pond, West Newton (Route 109);	Retain 1 grilse (35 – 63 cm) Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	June 1 – October 31 Barbless hooks only after September 16
Mill River	After Sept. 16 below Howlan highway culvert (Route 148).	Retain 1 grilse (35 – 63 cm) Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	June 1 – October 31 Barbless hooks only after September 16
Trout River	After Sept. 16 below Leard's Pond, Coleman (Route 140);	Retain 1 grilse (35 – 63 cm) Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	June 1 – October 31 Barbless hooks only after September 16
Morell River	See Morell Table and map	Retain 1 grilse Catch and release 2 salmon or grilse	See Morell table and map

Morell River Closures

Anglers are advised that portions of the Morell Rivers may be closed to angling for a period of approximately two weeks during the month of May. This is a management closure to allow stocked salmon smolt to safely migrate to sea.

Winter Ice Fishing

- a) Restricted to Glenfinnan and O'Keefe Lakes.
- b) Daily catch limit of five rainbow trout.
- c) Possession limit of five rainbow trout.

First Saturday of January to last Sunday of March.

Those anglers wishing to participate in the Winter Ice Fishery should retain both their Trout Angling License and Wildlife Conservation License. Anglers who lose or discard either of these licenses will be required to purchase a Winter Ice Fishing License and/or Wildlife Conservation License.

Ice Safety

To avoid a potentially life threatening situation, practice caution when fishing on ice. Traditionally, some ponds and rivers are iced over on opening day of the spring angling season, while the winter trout fishery is dependent on ice. For your safety there should be at least 15 cm (six inches) of ice or more for small groups of people and 25cm (10 inches) or more for snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles. You should plan to fish with a friend. Children should be supervised by an adult. Dress warmly, wear a hat, scarf and mitts. Wearing a Personal Floatation Device like a floater coat is a good idea when ice fishing. Should you break through the ice, extend your arms flat on the ice surface and kick your feet. Try to squirm the upper part of your body onto the ice. Once out of the water, roll quickly to one side away from the edge. Once you reach safety, get to shore and warm yourself by building a fire and getting into dry clothing.

For further information, contact:

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For enforcement of any of the environment acts or regulations, during regular working hours call the conservation officer at any of the Regional Services Centres or the Charlottetown Office.

Ross Bernard	859-8853	O'Leary
Sandra Bernard	859-8852	
Roland Richard	854-7250	Wellington
John Clements	888-8000	Summerside
Chuck Gallison	368-5000	Charlottetown
Paul Walker	838-0600	Montague
Gerard (Buddy) MacIntyre	687-7000	Souris
Gerald MacDougall	368-4808	Head, Investigation and Enforcement Section

For environmental emergencies only or enforcement, after normal office hours, phone 1-800-565-1633 (toll-free). This is not an information service.

Access PEI Centres

Charlottetown	368-5200	Alberton	853-8622
Crapaud	658-7885	Montague	838-0600
Kinkora	887-7382	Morell	961-7321
North Rustico	963-7820	O'Leary	859-8800
Souris	687-7000	Summerside	888-8000
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Take Your Family Fishing on the Long Weekend in May!



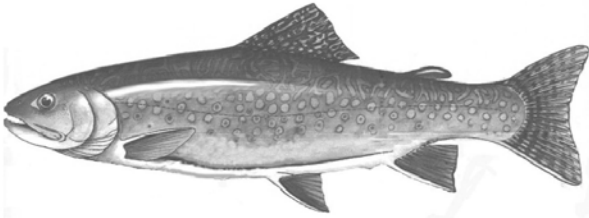
Take your children fishing and let them experience the great outdoors and enjoy a life long pleasure that comes from fishing. The Department of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment encourages parents to share the weekend of May 16 to 19 with their kids fishing. In support of this adventure, no license will be required to fish over the Victoria Day long weekend, May 16 to May 19 inclusive. To further support the outing, on Saturday May 18 several community groups, at least one in each county, will be sponsoring a children's fishing event. Hot dogs and pop will be served and volunteers will even lend a hand baiting hooks. To get information on the times and locations of these events, please call Fish and Wildlife at 368-4683. There will also be information published in the newspaper as the day of the events approaches

To encourage children to learn more about fishing, fish and fish habitat, the governments within Canada have cooperatively established a Web site. To access this site please check [**http://SportfishingCanda.ca**](http://SportfishingCanda.ca)

Fish Identification

Brook trout (speckled trout)

- Pectoral, pelvic and anal fins colored with a leading edge of white.
- Back and dorsal fin vermiculated (wormlike pattern)
- Sides pigmented with orange and red spots fringed with blue.
- Black spots "not" present on the body.



Atlantic salmon parr (juvenile salmon in freshwater).

- Eleven dark bars separated by a single row of red spots on the lateral line.
- Tail fin forked more so than trout species.



Rainbow trout (juvenile in freshwater)

- A band of pink to red coloring the sides
- Five to 10 dark oval parr marks spaced along the side straddling the lateral line.
- Black spots on the dorsal and tail may be visible.



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