



PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 35(1) of the *National Parks of Canada Fishing Regulations* and to provide for the continued protection and management of the natural resources of Cape Breton Highlands National Park; the Park Superintendent hereby authorizes the following restrictions to angling for 2025-26.

Season Restrictions

1. Angling for all species is prohibited in all park waters from 01 October 2025 to 14 April 2026 (Item 30.1 of Schedule II of the Regulation is revoked), with the exception of Atlantic salmon during the month of October on a portion of the Cheticamp River. See Regulations Summary brochure for details regarding open seasons.
2. All park waters except for the Cheticamp River are closed to salmon angling.
3. No person shall fish that portion of the Cheticamp River from the downstream end of Terre Rouge Pool up to and including Third Pool, unless in possession of a park salmon fishing licence. Note: If angling for trout, a general park angling permit is also required.
4. Within park boundaries, the North Aspy River and all its tributaries are closed to angling from 1 September to the Friday preceding Victoria Day of the following year.
5. Clyburn Brook and all its tributaries are closed to angling from 1 September to the Friday preceding Victoria Day of the following year.

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6. No person shall, while fishing in any water of Cape Breton Highlands National Park of Canada, use a hook with barbs, or use a barbed hook that has not had the barbs pinched to the shaft.
7. No person shall, while fishing in any water of Cape Breton Highlands National Park of Canada, use anything other than a **single** hook. A single hook means a single hook shaft with only one hook point. Therefore, 'double hooks' and 'treble hooks' are prohibited.



Bait Restrictions

8. Use of natural bait is restricted to earthworms.
9. While fishing in any water of Cape Breton Highlands National Park of Canada from 01 September to the end of all open seasons, use or possession of natural bait is prohibited.
10. No person shall use or possess any chemical attractant while fishing in any waters in Cape Breton Highlands National Park of Canada.

Catch Limits

11. From 01 September to the end of all open seasons, the daily catch and possession limit for Brook, speckled or sea trout is zero (0).
12. Daily catch and possession limit for striped bass is one (1).
13. Notwithstanding Schedule III, no person shall fish in any waters of Cape Breton Highlands National Park of Canada on any day after having caught and released two (2) Atlantic salmon, whether or not the person was fishing specifically for salmon.

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