



Information Bulletin

2018 Salmon Angling in Gros Morne National Park

Rocky Harbour, NL, May 30, 2018 – Parks Canada would like to advise the public that the 2018 season for salmon angling in Gros Morne National Park is from **June 15th to September 7th**. Please note that the season in Gros Morne starts two weeks later than the Provincial season.

The catch and possession limit for Atlantic salmon is reduced to **one salmon**. A retained salmon must have both a national park salmon tag and provincial tag 1 affixed through the gill cavity and mouth of the salmon. Anglers will be issued 2 tags and a decision regarding the use of the second tag will be made following a mid-season review to be conducted by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Salmon angling **will only be permitted** on the following watercourses within the park: **Lomond River, East Branch Lomond River**, and the **main stem of Deer Arm Brook** (Eastern Arm Brook) from Deer Arm Pond (Eastern Arm Pond) to the high tide marks at Bonne Bay. Salmon angling will not be permitted on “non-scheduled” waters.

Catch and release of salmon is prohibited with the following exceptions: where a salmon is greater than 63 cm; where a salmon is less than 30 cm; and if a salmon is incidentally caught in waters not open to salmon angling. In these instances, the salmon must be released immediately.

These measures are being implemented due to concern for salmon populations given recent province-wide declines in numbers of returning adult salmon.

Anglers may pick up the tags and license at the following locations: Parks Canada Gateway, Wiltondale; Discovery Centre, Woody Point; Visitor Centre, and Parks Canada Administration Building, Rocky Harbour; Parks Canada Campgrounds – Trout River, Lomond, Berry Hill, and Shallow Bay; and the following local businesses: Deer Lake Esso, Deer Lake; Coyley's Convenience, Wiltondale; Parkway Irving, Rocky Harbour; Bonne Bay Pharmacy, Norris Point; and Valley View Convenience, Trout River.

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