

FISHING GEAR LOAN PROGRAM

Are you excited to experience fishing but you don't have your own equipment?

The Sackville Rod and Gun Club, and the Municipality of Tantramar, are excited to offer the Rod Squad - a Fishing Gear Loan Program.

Rod Squad aims to ensure that everyone can enjoy fishing, no matter their budget or level of experience. By providing free access to rods, reels, and basic tackle, the program invites people of all ages to discover the fun of fishing while building an appreciation for New Brunswick's natural environment and the importance of conservation.

Whether you're trying fishing for the first time or returning to a hobby you once loved, this program offers an easy way to get started. By removing common barriers, the program encourages more people—especially youth—to get outdoors, learn new skills, and develop a lasting interest in this rewarding pastime.

Rod Squad - Fishing Gear Loan Program can be signed out with a library card from the Dorchester Public Library or Sackville Public Library during regular hours. You can also contact 506-364-4955 or bookings@tantrarmarnb.com and pick up from the Tantramar Veterans Memorial Civic Centre during regular hours.

ROD SQUAD

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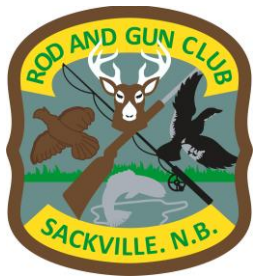
**BORROW A ROD.
REEL IN THE MEMORIES.**





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ANGLING ETHICS

Anglers should appreciate New Brunswick’s natural culture and its history and protect our natural resources. Anglers should fish in a responsible manner, respect the rights of others, and handle their catch in a humane manner.

RESPECT OUR FISH AS A VALUABLE RESOURCE

RESPECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR AQUATIC HABITATS

RESPECT OTHER USERS AND THEIR PROPERTY



GNB FISHING REGULATIONS

Please review the Fish 2026-27 Regulations Summary included with the gear. It is your responsibility to ensure you understand and follow the regulations outlined. Please leave the hard copy of the Fishing Regulations with the gear for the next user.

Tips to Help Understand the Regulations

1. Make sure you know what Recreational Fishery Area (RFA) you will be fishing in.
 - a. Most likely you will be Inner Bay of Fundy
2. Decide what species of fish you want to catch and make sure you know how to identify them.
3. Look up the species in the right RFA section and know the season, bag limit, size limit, and exceptions.
4. Check the Exceptions and Special Regulations to make sure if the water is closed to fishing or has special gear or harvest restrictions.
5. Be aware of the new mandatory retention of invasive species in the RFAs.

FISHING LICENSE

FISH NB DAYS

Twice a year, New Brunswickers are encouraged to get out and try fishing for free. Fish NB Days take place during the Family Day Long Weekend (February 14-16, 2026) and the first full weekend in June (June 6-7, 2026).

An angling license is not required for residents or non-residents on Fish NB Days. However, all current catch limits, closures and other restrictions including access to Crown Reserve Waters, Crown Angling Leases and private waters remain in effect during Fish NB Days. In winter, Fish NB Days includes only those waters that are open for winter fishing.

If you are fishing outside of these two weekends, you may require a license (New Brunswick Outdoors Card). These are available at www.gnb.ca/fishwildlife, authorized vendors or Service NB Centres (112 Main Street, Sackville, NB). Please see page 14 of the Fish 2026-27 Regulations Summary to determine what class of license you need.



BAIT RULES

The following fish are not allowed for use as bait: bass, bullhead, sunfish, yellow perch, white perch, other spiny finrayed fish, pickerel, muskellunge, goldfish or other carp.

No person shall use or possess live fish (including crayfish) as bait in inland waters, with the following exceptions:

- On international boundary waters (between Maine and New Brunswick), live fish may be used as bait provided they are obtained from the water being fished and are not on the prohibited list above.
- In tidal water live fish may be used as bait but only if they were caught in NB and are not on the prohibited list above.
- On international boundary waters (between Maine and New Brunswick), tidal waters and all inland waters, dead fish can be used as bait as long as they are not on the prohibited list above.
- It is illegal to buy, sell, trade or barter any fish unless it was caught under a commercial fishing licence.
- Fishing with bait or lures is not permitted on Crown Reserve Waters.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive species are non-native plants or animals that can spread rapidly and are harmful to the environment. Aquatic invasive species pose a significant threat to New Brunswick's water bodies and fish populations since they can compete for resources, prey on native species, alter habitats, and impact boating access.

Boaters, please practice CLEAN. DRAIN. DRY.

CLEAN: plants, animals, and mud from boat and gear

DRAIN: all water from your boat and gear onto land

DRY: all parts of your boat and gear completely

Check out the New Brunswick Invasive Species Council website for more information. Link is provided on page 9.

MANDATORY RETENTION OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Effective April 1, 2026, The Department of Natural Resources has added a “condition of license” to all recreational angling licenses. This condition requires the mandatory retention of five invasive fish species in the specific RFAs where these species are not currently established. For the **Inner Bay of Fundy RFA**, the following four species are required to be kept and not released back into waters. Please report these fish immediately to FishNB-PecheN-B@gnb.ca or 506-453-3826.



Black Crappie



Largemouth Bass



Chain Pickerel



Muskellunge

FISHING CHECKLIST

We recommend the following for an enjoyable day out:

- Rod Squad gear
- Fishing License (if required)
- Fish 2026-27 Regulations Summary
- Leaving your plans with family/friends
- Patience
- Persistence
- Fun and Adventure!

You might want to add:

- Bait
- Maps
- Net
- Seat
- Tape measure / ruler
- Weigh scale

Personal items to bring:

- Appropriate clothing (hat, rain gear, etc).
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen
- Cell phone
- Flashlight
- Snacks
- Water
- Sunglasses



FISHING PHOTO CONTEST

Share your fishing action shots with

#TantramarRodSquad and tag [@ALCTantramar](#)

(Facebook and Instagram) and [@SackvilleRodandGun](#)

(Facebook and Instagram)

If its your first catch ever, please include

#FirstCatchTantramar

Share on social media or send to

j.ferguson@tantramarnb.com

Deadline is October 31, 2026

All submitted photos will be judged by a selection committee. Prizes will be awarded for biggest fish, best first catch, and people's choice (best photo overall).

FISHING LINKS OF INTEREST

Sackville Rod and Gun Club

www.sackvillorodandgunclub.ca

New Brunswick Master Angler

<https://officenbwf.wixsite.com/masterang>

New Brunswick Wildlife Federation

<https://nbwildlifefederation.org>

Government of New Brunswick Go Fishing

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/go-fishing.html>

New Brunswick Invasive Species Council

<https://www.nbinvasives.ca/>

New Brunswick Public Libraries

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/nbpl.html>

Municipality of Tantramar

www.tantramarnb.com