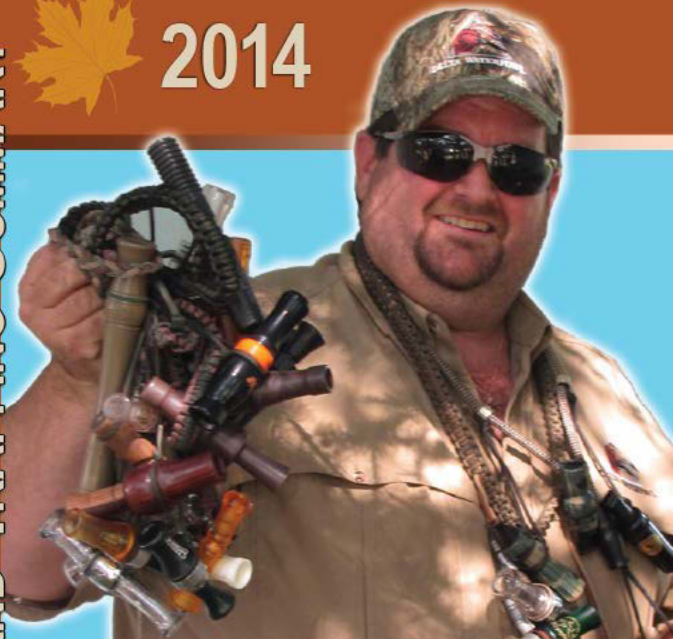


# HUNTING AND TRAPPING SUMMARY



# 2014



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## ***Minister's Message***

As Minister, I am pleased to see renewed interest in hunting, trapping and other outdoor recreational pursuits across Prince Edward Island.

These are important ways for Islanders and visitors to experience a part of PEI that is sometimes forgotten in our increasingly urban and suburban lifestyle. Hunters and trappers appreciate wildlife and value its conservation. Their contributions help manage wildlife populations and contribute to the Island economy.



The Canadian Wildlife Service has announced additional changes to the daily bag limit for black ducks for 2014. Over the last number of years, Island hunters have requested additional hunting opportunities. Changes to bag limits in 2014 reflect those requests, while balancing a need for more restrictive regulations on black ducks than was implemented last year.

There is always some uncertainty in the price of wild fur and the outlook for 2014 certainly reflects that reality. Over the last number of years we have seen many new people take Trapper Education.

I encourage our veteran trappers to take any opportunity to pass on your knowledge and skill to the next generation.

I join Island hunters and trappers in looking forward to the upcoming seasons. On behalf of the Government of PEI, I wish you safe and successful hunting and trapping.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "George Webster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "G".

George Webster, Minister  
Agriculture and Forestry

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## **What's new for 2014**

Changes to season, bag and possession limit for ducks (see additional information on page 18).

Weasel trapping season extended  
Oct. 31 to March 31.

Special early goose permits will not be required for the September goose season. Normal licence requirements apply.

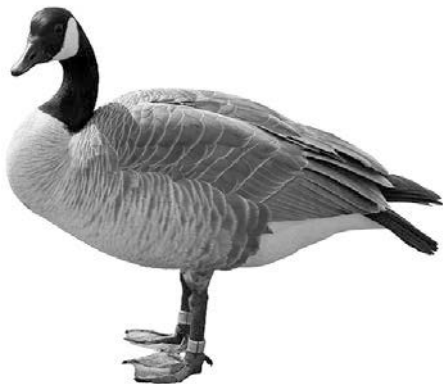


## **Attention Goose Hunters**

### **Early September Goose Hunt**

In early 2013, the Canadian Wildlife Service announced changes to the Canada goose hunting season and daily bag limit that remain in effect for the upcoming hunting season. An increasing population of temperate breeding (local) geese suggests that additional harvest opportunity is available. In order to minimize additional pressure on migrating geese this season is open for the two weeks following Labour Day.

To hunt Migratory Birds on Prince Edward Island including Canada geese in September hunters must be in possession of a valid Provincial Licence and a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Permit. Special permits will not be issued in 2014.



## **IMPORTANT UPDATES TO THE WATERFOWL HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Season length for ducks** (other than Common and Red-Breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed ducks, Harlequin ducks, eiders and scoters) and snipe – the season remains open to the end of December.

**Daily bag limits for American Black Ducks** – Daily bag limit for American Black Ducks reduced to four from Oct 1 to Nov. 7, further reduced to two from Nov.8 - Dec. 31.

**Possession limits for ducks** – Increased possession limit for ducks (other than Common and Red-Breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Harlequin Ducks, eiders and scoters) from 2 to 3 times the daily bag limit.

**Goose seasons** – A new early (September) goose season of 14 days will open on the day following Labour Day. Additionally, the regular goose season remains open to the end of December.

**Daily bag limits for geese** – Increased daily bag limit for early season to eight. Daily bag limit remains at five from Oct. 1 to Nov. 14 and is reduced to three from Nov. 15 until Dec. 31.

**Possession limit for geese** – Increased and is now fixed at 16 throughout the duration of the goose season.

**Barrow's Goldeneye** is listed in the Species at Risk Act as a species of special concern, the bag and possession limit is 1.



## Reminders from 2013

Changes to season, bag and possession limit for ducks (see additional information on page 18).

Changes to season, bag and possession limit for Canada geese (see additional information on page 19).

Raccoon hunting season extended Oct. 1 to March 31.

Muskrat trapping season extended Oct. 31 to March 31.

Dates extended for use of hounds for hunting Oct. 1 to March 31.

Spring training permits for use of hounds for coyote have been eliminated.

### ***Trespass to Property Act***

**All hunters and trappers** are reminded that you need permission of the occupier or a person authorized by the occupier, to enter on land that is a lawn, garden, orchard, commercial berry growing area, golf course or acreage managed for the production of agricultural crops, land that is a tree plantation area or a Christmas tree management area, enclosed premises that indicates the occupier's intention to keep persons off the premises or to keep animals on the premises and engage in an activity which is prohibited on the premises by notice.

**Trappers** are also reminded that you need permission of the occupier or a person authorized by the occupier, to enter on forest land in order to trap or snare.

## Summary of Hunting Regulations Guides and Outfitters

Hunting Guides and Outfitters are now licensed by the province.

Non-resident hunters must be accompanied by either a licensed resident hunter or a registered hunting guide while hunting in Prince Edward Island.

A resident of PEI who has a valid hunting licence may accompany up to two non-resident hunters but they may not accept payment or other compensation for these services.

A registered guide may accompany up to four non-resident hunters. Registered guides may not actively hunt while guiding but may kill an injured bird for a client if necessary.

**Use “1-800-327-BAND” or [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov)  
to report Waterfowl Bands**

Hunters can now report bird bands (bands on ducks and geese) by dialing this toll-free number: 1-800-327-2263  
You should have the following information available before you call:

1. the band number; and
2. where and when you shot the bird.

### **Chasing Wildlife**

No person shall use any air, land or water vehicle to chase, pursue, worry, molest, take, hunt or kill any wildlife or wilfully destroy wildlife habitat.

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### **Attention Rabbit Snarers**

Everyone who snares rabbits (snowshoe hare) must purchase a **Snowshoe Hare Snaring Licence**.

### **Residency**

A "resident" means a person who

- (i) has resided in the province of a period of six months immediately prior to making an application for a licence,
- (ii) has resided in the province for a period of two weeks immediately prior to making an application for a licence, where that person proves to the satisfaction of the Minister that he or she was required to take up residence in the province as a result of being transferred to the province by his or her employer,
- (iii) is taking educational training of a three-month minimum duration within the province and has resided in the province for a period of two weeks immediately prior to making an application for a licence,

- (iv) is taking educational training outside the province and resided in the province for a period of six months immediately prior to taking the educational training,
- (v) proves to the satisfaction of the Minister that he or she has resided in the province for the purpose of employment for an aggregate period of six months within the twelve months immediately preceding the making of an application, or
- (vi) was born in the province and owns real property in the province;

All other hunters are not considered to be residents and require a Non-resident Hunting Licence.

Non-resident hunters must be accompanied by either a licensed resident hunter or a registered hunting guide while hunting in Prince Edward Island.

Youth (resident or non-resident under 16 years of age) require a Hunting Licence. No youth shall use or carry a firearm except in company with a parent or guardian, subject to the provisions of the *Firearms Act* and Criminal Code.

**Assume every firearm is loaded.**

## Licences and Fees

Provincial hunting licences can be obtained from authorized vendors around the province or online at [www.gov.pe.ca/forestry/licence](http://www.gov.pe.ca/forestry/licence)

Resident Game Hunting (18-59).....	\$5
Courtesy Resident Game Hunting (60 and over) .....	No Charge
Youth (12-17 years) Hunting.....	No Charge (Available to resident and non-resident youth).
Resident Furbearer Hunting (all ages) .....	\$5
Non-resident Hunting.....	\$75
Non-resident 3-day Hunting (Available online only) .....	\$60
Resident Hunting Guide Licence .....	\$30
Non-resident Hunting Guide Licence.....	\$50
Wildlife Conservation Fund** .....	\$20
Ages 16-64 .....	\$20
65 years and over.....	\$13
Snowshoe Hare Snaring Licence .....	\$5

(Above fees do not include HST)

\*\* Charged once annually with first fishing, hunting or trapping licence purchased. Youth under 16 are not required to purchase a Wildlife Conservation Fund Licence.

**Control the muzzle by pointing  
it in a safe direction**

## **Bald Eagles and Lead Poisoning**

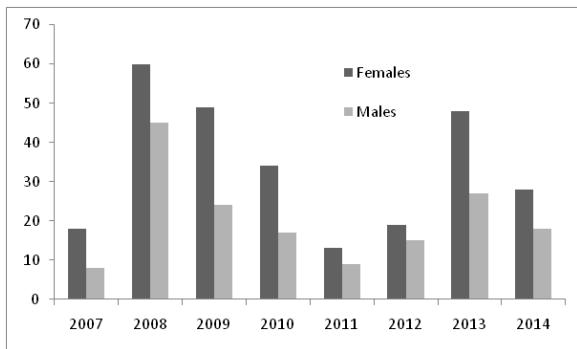
- Lead, ingested in large enough quantity has negative effects on the nervous system and reproductive systems of mammals and birds.
- Dead eagles recovered on the Island have tested positive for lead poisoning.
- Eagles frequently scavenge carcasses of dead animals that may contain lead or lead fragments.
- Symptoms of lead poisoning in eagles include loss of balance, gasping, tremors and impaired ability to fly.
- The birds become emaciated and death can occur within 2 to 3 weeks after lead ingestion.

### **Hunters can help reduce lead poisoning**

- Use non-toxic shot for all shotgun hunting.
- If lead ammunition is used, recover or remove all shot game from the field.
- Hide carcasses by burying or covering with rocks and/or brush.
- Remove lead bullets, pellets or fragments and surrounding flesh from any carcass remains in the field.

## Pheasant Introduction Program

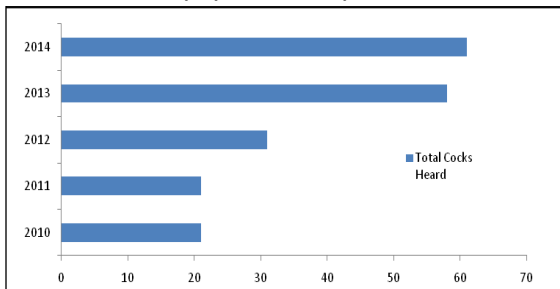
Since 2007 ring-necked pheasants have been released on the Island in an attempt to re-establish a wild population. The majority of the birds were caught in Nova Scotia while a lesser number were caught in New Brunswick.



**Ring-necked pheasants released 2007-2014.**

Fish and Wildlife, Conservation Officers and dedicated volunteers have been monitoring the success of this program through spring cock crowing surveys. Each survey consists of 10 predetermined stops where the surveyor listens for the distinctive call of the cock pheasant.

Results are mixed; ring-necked pheasants are certainly reproducing in the wild however widespread suitable habitat may be the limiting factor to overall population expansion.



**Total number of cock ring-necked pheasants heard on all eight routes.**





# **Wear Your Personal Floatation Device (PFD)!**

## ***The Truth Cold Water Immersion*** **by Mario Vittone**

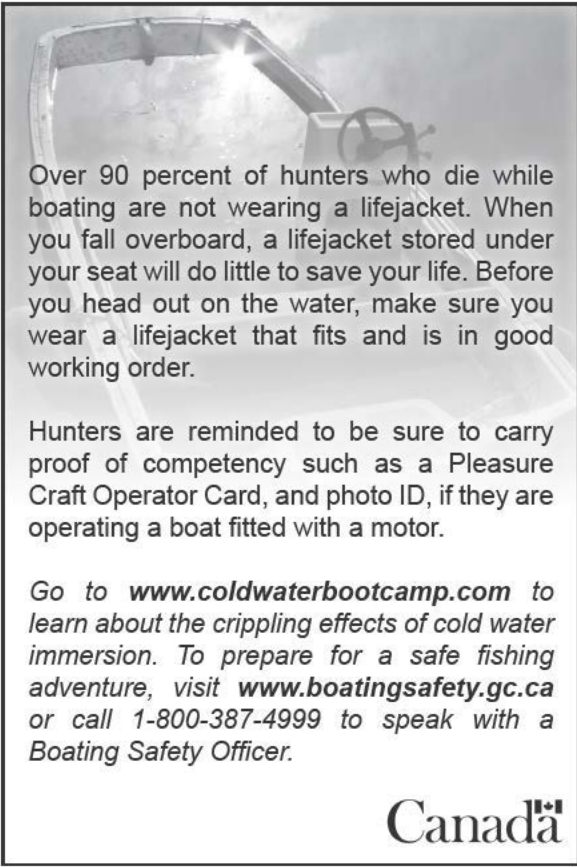
**You Can't Breathe:** The first phase of **cold water** immersion is called the cold shock response: It is a stage of increased heart rate and blood pressure, uncontrolled gasping, and sometimes uncontrolled movement. Lasting anywhere from 30 seconds to a couple of minutes depending on a number of factors, the cold shock response can be deadly all by itself. In fact, of all the people who die in cold water, it is estimated that **20% die in the first two minutes.** They drown, they panic, they take on water in that first uncontrolled gasp, if they have heart problems – the cold shock may trigger a heart attack. Surviving this stage is about getting your breathing under control, realizing that the stage will pass, and staying calm.

**You Can't Swim:** One of the primary reasons given by recreational boaters when asked why they don't wear a life jacket is that they can swim. Listen up, Tarzan; I swam for a living for the better

part of my adult life, and when the water is cold – none of us can swim for very long. The second stage of cold water immersion is called **cold incapacitation**. Lacking adequate insulation your body will make its own. Long before your core temperature drops a degree, the veins in your extremities (those things you swim with) will constrict, you will lose your ability control your hands, and the muscles in your arms and legs will just flat out quit working well enough to keep you above water. Without some form of flotation, and in not more than 30 minutes, the best swimmer among us will drown – definitely – no way around it. Without ever experiencing a drop in core temperature (at all) over 50% of the people who die in cold water, die from drowning perpetuated by cold incapacitation.

From: <http://mariovitton.com/2010/10/the-truth-about-cold-water/>





Over 90 percent of hunters who die while boating are not wearing a lifejacket. When you fall overboard, a lifejacket stored under your seat will do little to save your life. Before you head out on the water, make sure you wear a lifejacket that fits and is in good working order.

Hunters are reminded to be sure to carry proof of competency such as a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, and photo ID, if they are operating a boat fitted with a motor.

Go to ***www.coldwaterbootcamp.com*** to learn about the crippling effects of cold water immersion. To prepare for a safe fishing adventure, visit ***www.boatingsafety.gc.ca*** or call 1-800-387-4999 to speak with a Boating Safety Officer.

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## Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

The open season, bag limits and possession limits are as follows:

### Hunting Seasons and Limits

Game	Open Season	Daily Bag	Possession
Pheasant	No open season	-	-
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 29 to Dec. 31	3	6
Hungarian (Grey) Partridge	Oct. 14 to Nov. 8*	3	6
Snowshoe Hare*** (Rabbit)	Oct. 1 to Feb. 28	5	-
Fox	Nov. 1 to Jan. 31	-	-
Raccoon	Oct. 1 to Mar. 31**	-	-
Coyote	Oct. 1 to Mar. 31**	-	-
Red Squirrel	No closed season	-	-

\* There will be no open season for Hungarian (Grey) Partridge in Lots 1 to 10, inclusive, and Lots 43 to 47 inclusive, in 2014/2015.

\*\* Hunting with hounds is permitted from October 1 to March 31. The running of hounds for training or any other purpose will not be permitted from April 1-September 30, except by permit.

\*\*\* A Snowshoe Hare Snaring Licence is required to snare snowshoe hare.

**It is illegal to have in your possession, when hunting all game birds, migratory birds, crows or ravens, any shot larger than “BB” in the case of lead shot or size “T” in the case of steel shot.**

Note: A shipping permit is required for all game leaving Prince Edward Island. A valid non-resident hunting licence, attached to the game being exported, is a shipping coupon authorizing the export of game from the province by the license holder in accordance with possession limits.

Most birds are completely protected throughout the year, including eagles, hawks, owls, seagulls, cormorants and non-game migratory birds.



Hunting **raccoon** at night requires a special permit available from Fish and Wildlife at 902 368-4683.

Because raccoons are traditionally hunted after dark, hunters should be aware that their activities (dogs, lights, etc.) may alarm uninformed members of the public. Hunters should make every effort to advise local residents before they hunt in that area.

**Landowner permission should be obtained prior to accessing private property for the purpose of hunting.**

**Please Note:**

Furbearer hunting is a popular pursuit for many Islander hunters. Please note the following regulations:

- Muzzle loading firearms are permitted for coyote hunting only.
- The restriction to possess more than one uncased shotgun while hunting game does not apply to rifles.

**Migratory Birds**

Only the following migratory game birds may be killed: ducks, geese, woodcock, and Wilson or common snipe. Both a Provincial Hunting Licence and a Migratory Bird Hunting Permit are required. Seasons and bag limits are established by the Federal Government. A Migratory Bird Hunting Permit can be obtained at your local post office for a fee of \$17 plus HST.

<b>Open Seasons – Both Dates Inclusive</b>	
Woodcock	Sept. 29 to Dec. 13
Ducks (other than Common and Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Harlequin Ducks, Eiders and Scoters), Snipe and Geese	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31
Special Early Goose Season	Sept. 2 to Sept. 15
Common and Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Eiders and Scoters	Oct. 1 to Dec. 31
Waterfowler Heritage Day* Ducks and Geese (other than Harlequin Ducks)	Sept. 20

Note: No open season for Harlequin Duck

\*A special day for youth ages 12 to 17 to hunt with a licensed adult mentor before the opening of the regular waterfowl hunting season. The mentor is not permitted to carry or shoot a firearm but is there to provide a safe hunting environment and offer guidance on hunting skills, conservation and the ethical aspects of hunting. A license from the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division is required at no charge.

<b>Bag and Possession Limits</b>		
<b>Game</b>	<b>Daily Bag</b>	<b>Possession</b>
Ducks (other than Common and Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Harlequin Ducks, Eiders and Scoters)	6*	18**
Common and Red-breasted Mergansers, Long-tailed Ducks, Eiders and Scoters	6***	12****
<b>Geese</b>	**** See below	16
Woodcock	8	16
Snipe	10	20

\* Except that not more than one may be Barrow's Goldeneye. Oct. 1 to Nov.7, not more than four may be Black Ducks or Black-Mallard Hybrids. Nov. 8 to Dec. 31, not more than two may be Black Ducks or Black-Mallard Hybrids.

\*\* Except that not more than one may be Barrow's Goldeneye

\*\*\*Except that not more than four may be Scoters

\*\*\*\*Except that not more than eight may be Scoters

\*\*\*\*\***Geese** - eight from Sept. 2-Sept.15, five from Oct.1-Nov.14., three from Nov.15-Dec. 31.



Non-game migratory birds are all protected under the *Migratory Bird Convention Act*. It is illegal to shoot such non-game migratory birds as yellowlegs, shorebirds, plover, curlews or any of the smaller non-game birds.



## **General Hunting Regulations**

It is unlawful to:

- 1) carry a firearm in game habitat or hunt any game unless you are in possession of a Hunter Safety Certificate;
- 2) hunt any wildlife for which an open season has not been prescribed;
- 3) without a shipping coupon take, or ship out of the province any game or parts thereof;
- 4) disturb, molest or take the nest or eggs of any game bird;
- 5) hunt any game birds by means of any trap, cage or snare;
- 6) hunt game birds with a rifle or other firearm loaded with a bullet or bullets;
- 7) use a shotgun that has a capacity of more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined, while hunting game;
- 8) possess more than one shotgun, unless each shotgun in excess of one is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased, while hunting game;
- 9) hunt on Sunday;
- 10) shoot at any game within 200 metres of any school, church, meeting place or any occupied dwelling, farm building, or livestock, without the

owner's permission; or shoot any game within 300 metres of a location where migratory birds are kept under permit;

- 11) while in or on any vehicle, discharge or have in personal possession a loaded firearm;
- 12) discharge any firearm in any locality where game is usually found between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise;
- 13) sell fox, raccoon or coyote to anyone other than a licensed fur dealer or fur auction house representative;
- 14) wilfully allow the flesh of any game suitable for food to be spoiled or destroyed;
- 15) hunt waterfowl within 400 metres of an area baited with grain or other food;
- 16) ship or take out of the province, snowshoe hare, raccoon, fox or coyote without a Game Export Permit. If pelts are held by the hunter longer than 10 days after the close of the open season, a Possession Permit is required;
- 17) possess or use shot other than non-toxic shot for hunting ducks, geese or snipe;
- 18) be in possession or under the influence of an intoxicant while hunting;
- 19) possess a firearm that is not cased one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise unless authorized by a permit;

- 20) hunt or shoot at waterfowl, including all ducks and geese, from within the highway right-of-way;
- 21) hunt any game birds, crows or ravens with shot size larger than BB (lead shot) or T (non-toxic shot);
- 22) set a snare for snowshoe hare made of materials other than single strand brass wire of 20 to 24 gauge, or set a snare for snowshoe hare with a wire loop greater than 10 cm. (4 inch);
- 23) hunt foxes with cartridges larger than .22 rim fire or .17 centre fire.

Note: If you are in possession of migratory birds belonging to or taken by another person, each bird must be tagged with:

- (a) the name and address of the owner,
- (b) the number of the migratory game bird permit under which the bird was taken, and
- (c) the date the bird was taken and signed by the person who killed the birds.



## **Hunter Safety Certificate**

Everyone hunting in Prince Edward Island is required to be in possession of a Hunter Safety Certificate. ALL PERSONS wishing to acquire a PEI hunting licence are required to exhibit a Hunter Safety Certificate to the licence vendor. Vendors are prohibited from issuing a licence to any person who does not possess a certificate.

Hunter Safety Certificates are available, from the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division as follows:

All first-time hunters are required to successfully complete a Hunter Safety Course before being issued a PEI Hunter Safety Certificate. You can register at any Access PEI Centres in order to take the course.

Changes of address or lost or stolen cards should be brought to the attention of the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division (902) 368-4683.

Non-residents are advised that Hunter Safety Certificates issued by the province, state, or country where they live are accepted in PEI.

The Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division continue to issue new PEI Wildlife Cards. The cards are credit card style plastic cards with an attractive image of a ruffed grouse, taken by well known island birder Dwaine Oakley.

Initially, the cards will be supplied as required to replace those currently held by islanders trained in hunter safety, bow hunter safety, fur harvesters, and professional guides. The card is a Hunter Safety Certificate which is required by anyone in possession of firearms in game habitat and a pre-requisite to purchasing a hunting licence.




Date Issued:

Course Codes and Certifications:  
H – Certified to hunt (IHEA standard)  
N – Qualified to hunt on PEI (no course)  
T – Qualified to trap furbearing animals  
B – Bowhunter (IBEP certified)  
G – Hunting Guide

Buy your licence online: [www.gov.pe.ca/eellicence](http://www.gov.pe.ca/eellicence)

Card issued under authority of the  
PEI Wildlife Conservation Act.  
Inquiries:  
Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division:  
(902) 358-4583

Photo: D. Oakley

# Summary of Fur Harvesting Regulations

## Trapping Seasons

Fur Bearing Animals	Open Season
Beaver	8:00 a.m. October 31 – March 31*
Mink	8:00 a.m. October 31 – February 28*
Muskrat	8:00 a.m. October 31 - March 31*
Weasel	8:00 a.m. October 31 - March 31*
Fox (snaring & trapping)	November 15 - January 31
Fox (modified foothold only) **	November 1 - November 14
Raccoon	October 15 – March 31
Coyote (snaring & modified foothold)	November 15 - January 31
Coyote (modified foothold only) **	November 1 - November 14 February 1 - February 28
Red Squirrel	No closed season
Skunk	No closed season

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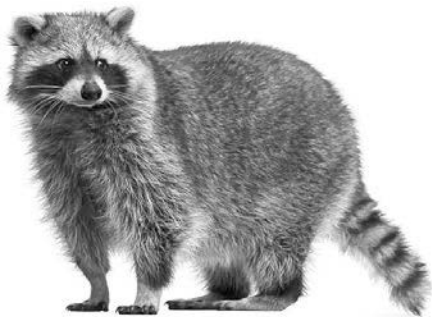
\* During the months of February and March, trap sets for beaver, muskrat and mink are restricted to those set in or over water. Weasel traps are restricted to Victor rat traps.

\*\* A “modified foothold trap” is a foothold trap that has been altered to improve the humaneness of the trap by laminating the jaws, off-setting the jaws or padding the jaws.

## Licence Fees

Resident Trapping Licence (16 and older)	\$10 +HST
Junior Trapping Permit (under 16)	\$5 +HST
Resident Fur Dealers Licence	\$25
Non-Resident Fur Dealers Licence	\$175

Trapping licences may be obtained from the Forests, Fish and Wildlife office, 183 Upton Road, Charlottetown, or from the Access PEI Centre in your area.





## **Licences**

1. Any person who traps furbearing animals must be the holder of a Trapping Licence or a Junior Trapping Licence.
2. The Minister may issue a Trapping Licence to an applicant who is 16 years of age or older and has successfully completed a trapper education course. A Junior Trapping Licence may be issued to an applicant who is under 16 years of age and has successfully completed a trapper education program.
3. A trapper who has not held a valid trapping licence within the previous five years must successfully complete a trapper education program prior to being issued a trapping licence, unless the Minister exempts that person from this subsection.
4. All licensed trappers are issued a permanent trapper registration number (a combination of letters and/or numbers) and the metal dies for stamping their registration number on traps and snares. No person shall set a trap or snare for furbearing animals unless the trap or snare is clearly stamped or tagged with their trapper registration number.

## **Foot-hold Traps**

1. No person shall set a foothold trap for taking furbearing animals unless:
  - (a) the trap is set for beaver, mink or muskrat and is

- attached to a device that is designed to submerge the animal and prevent it from resurfacing;
- (b) the trap is set for muskrat or mink and is sufficiently heavy to submerge the mink or muskrat and prevent the animal from resurfacing;
  - (c) the trap is set for weasel or red squirrel and is set in such a manner as to kill the animal immediately upon the springing of the trap;
  - (d) the trap is set for a raccoon and has jaws which are padded with rubber compound specifically designed to reduce injury to the animal;
  - (e) the trap is a foot-encapsulating trap (e.g. Duffer, L'l Griz, Egg Trap);
  - (f) the trap is set for coyote or red fox and has been modified to improve humaneness by such means as laminating the jaws, off-setting the jaws, padding the jaws, or other similarly effective means of improving humaneness of the trap.

### **Body-gripping Traps**

1. No person shall set a body-gripping (Conibear type) trap having a jaw spread greater than 6.3 inches or 16 centimetres (No. 220 or larger) except
  - (a) in or over water
  - (b) in a dog-proof enclosure or
  - (c) where the trap is set at least five feet off the ground.

2. A dog-proof enclosure set using a body-gripping trap with a jaw spread 17.8 cm by 17.8 cm (7 inches by 7 inches) or larger shall have
  - (a) an opening no greater than 17.8 cm by 17.8 cm (7 inches by 7 inches) with the trap trigger set back at least 17.8 cm (7 inches) from the opening; or
  - (b) an opening no greater than 20.3 cm (8 inches) in height and no greater than 25.4 cm (10 inches) in width with the trap trigger set back at least 25.4 cm (10 inches) from the opening.
3. A dog-proof enclosure with an opening larger than 20.3 cm (8 inches) in height and greater than 25.4 cm (10 inches) in width shall be placed so that no part of the opening is more than 17.8 cm (7 inches) off the ground.
4. A person may only use a body-gripping trap that is listed in Schedule C as approved as a killing trap for use on land for that species to take a beaver, raccoon or muskrat on land.
5. A person may only use a body-gripping trap to take a beaver or muskrat underwater if one of the following applies:
  - (a) the trap is listed in Schedule C as approved as a killing trap for use underwater for that species;
  - (b) the trap is set for muskrat and prevents the muskrat from resurfacing.

## Snares

1. No person shall place in wildlife habitat any snare larger than single strand brass wire of 20 gauge except during the open season for snaring red fox or coyote.
2. All snares larger than 20 gauge single strand brass wire must be equipped with a self-locking device. This section does not apply to snares set under water during the open season for beaver.
3. No person shall set a snare for coyote or fox within 50 metres of a bait unless the bait is camouflaged or concealed in a manner that renders the bait undetectable from the air. This does not apply to bait placed in open fields.
4. No person shall have in possession untagged snares while in wildlife habitat.
5. No person shall set a snare within 200 metres of an occupied dwelling without the permission of the homeowner or occupier.
6. No person shall set a baited snare within 300 metres of an occupied dwelling without the permission of the homeowner or occupier.
7. No person shall set a snare for coyote or red fox unless the snare is constructed of wire cable having a minimum size of 1.98 millimetres or 5/64 inches.
8. No person shall set a snare for coyote or red fox within the highway right-of-way.

## General Trapping Regulations

No person shall,

- 1) while in wildlife habitat, possess or set a trapping device unless the trapping device is:
  - (a) a box trap;
  - (b) a body-gripping trap that is designed to kill quickly;
  - (c) a submarine trap;
  - (d) a non-powered snare; or
  - (e) a steel-jawed trap that has a jaw spread of less than 19 cm (7.5 inches).
2. shall set a trap designed to hold animals alive without examining each trap at least once a day.
3. set a snare designed to kill a fox or coyote without examining each snare at least once every 48 hours.
4. set a body-gripping trap listed in Schedule C, a submarine trap or underwater snare for beaver without examining each trap at least every 72 hours.
5. set a toothed trap, a deadfall or a hook.
6. use a running pole set or a spring pole set in combination with a foothold trap.
7. shall place a trap or snare in wildlife habitat, either set or unset, before the opening of the trapping season for each species.

8. leave a trap or snare in wildlife habitat, either set or unset, after the close of the season for each species.
9. be in possession of a green hide, pelt, carcass or any portion thereof of any beaver, muskrat, raccoon, fox, coyote, mink, weasel, skunk or squirrel between the 10th day after the close of the open season and the first day of the next open season without a permit
10. cut, spear, break, destroy or interfere with any beaver house or dam, a muskrat house or den, a mink den, a fox den or burrow, a coyote den or burrow.
11. break, interfere with, destroy, remove or otherwise disturb any trap not registered to that person. This section shall not apply to enforcement officers responsible for the enforcement of trapping regulations in the discharge of their duty.
12. during the closed season for mink or muskrat, set traps for or attempt to trap raccoon in places frequented by mink or muskrat, or at any time during the closed season for mink or muskrat attempt to trap raccoon by use of traps set in water.
13. take or attempt to take any beaver, mink or muskrat by any means other than trapping.
14. shall set a trap inside an active muskrat house.
15. shall ship raw furs from the province (PEI) without first obtaining an Export Permit.
16. trap on private property without asking permission.

17. anyone who buys the pelts or hides, either skinned or unskinned, of wild furbearing animals in PEI must be the holder of a valid Fur Dealer's Licence.
18. everyone is guilty of an offence who sells furs to a resident or non-resident who is not the holder of a Fur Dealer's Licence.

### **General Information**

Hunters and trappers are advised that seized equipment shall be automatically forfeited to the crown for the following offences:

- (1) all second offences,
- (2) taking game or wildlife out of season,
- (3) hunting while under suspension, and
- (4) possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle or boat
- (5) possess or be under the influence of an intoxicant.

An automatic one-year suspension of hunting privileges results from a conviction under the *Wildlife Conservation Act* or Regulations or the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* or Regulations.

A trapper will be required to take a trapper education course after the date of conviction before purchasing another trapping licence.



## **SCHEDULE C**

List of Approved Body-Gripping Traps (Certified under the Canadian Trap Certification Program and Approved for use as Killing Traps for Beaver, Muskrat and Raccoon in Prince Edward Island)





## Beaver

Traps approved for use underwater and on land:

B.M.I. BT 300	Rudy 330
Bélisle Classic 330	Sauvageau 1000-11F
Bélisle Super X 280	Sauvageau 2001-8
Bélisle Super X 330	Sauvageau 2001-11
B.M.I. 280 Body	Sauvageau 2001-12
Gripper	Species-Specific 330
B.M.I. 330 Body	Dislocator Half Magnum
Gripper	Species-Specific 440
Bridger 330	Dislocator Half Magnum
Duke 330	Woodstream Oneida
LDL C280	Victor Conibear 280
LDL C280 Magnum	Woodstream Oneida
LDL C330	Victor Conibear 330
LDL C330 Magnum	
Rudy 280	

## Raccoon

Traps approved for use on land:

Bélisle Classic 220	LDL C 280 Magnum
Bélisle Super X 160	Northwoods 155
Bélisle Super X 220	Rudy 160
Bélisle Super X 280	Rudy 160 Plus
B.M.I. 160 Body Gripper	Rudy 220
B.M.I. 220 Body Gripper	Rudy 220 Plus
B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper	Sauvageau 2001-6
B.M.I 280 Magnum Body Gripper	Sauvageau 2001-7
Bridger 160	Sauvageau 2001-8
Bridger 220	Species-Specific
Duke 160	220 Dislocator Half Magnum
Duke 220	Woodstream Oneida
Koro #2	Victor Conibear 160
LDL C 160	Woodstream Oneida
LDL C 220	Victor Conibear 220
LDL C 220 Magnum	

## Annual Trappers Meeting

Meet other trappers, Fish and Wildlife staff, fur dealers and conservation officers. Get your shipping permits. This is an opportunity to have your say by actively participating in the PEI Trappers Association. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 3, 2015. Contact Fish and Wildlife at 368-4683 for further details.

## Muskkrat

Traps approved for use on land:

Bélisle Super X 110	Rudy 120
Bélisle Super X 120	Rudy 110
B.M.I. Body Gripper 120	Rudy 120 Magnum Sauvageau 2001-5
B.M.I. Body Gripper 120 Magnum	Sauvageau C120 Magnum
B.M.I. 126 Magnum	Sauvageau C120
Bridger 120	“Reverse Bend”
Duke 120	Triple M
Koro Muskrat	Woodstream Oneida
LDL B120 Magnum	Victor Conibear 110
Ouell 4-11-180	Woodstream Oneida
Ouell RM	Victor Conibear 120

This summary is prepared for the information and convenience of those who plan to hunt or trap in Prince Edward Island. The original act and regulations should be consulted for all purposes of interpreting and applying the law. These laws are subject to change at any time.

For the complete regulations please refer to the *Wildlife Conservation Act*, Regulations available on request from the Forests Fish and Wildlife Division or online at: <http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/regulations/index.php3>

## **PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund** **Putting your money to work!**

When you pay a PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund fee, you are helping to improve habitat for fish and many other species of Island Wildlife. Applications for funding are made by many stream and river management groups annually. In 2013, approximately \$208,742 was awarded to watershed, wildlife and environmental groups across PEI to restore, protect and improve Island waterways. Research and education projects were also funded. Groups receiving WCF funds in 2013 are listed below. For more information on the PEI Wildlife Conservation Fund you can call (902) 892-7513, email: [wcfund@eastlink.ca](mailto:wcfund@eastlink.ca), or visit the web at [www.gov.pe.ca/forestry/wcf](http://www.gov.pe.ca/forestry/wcf)

**PEI Wildlife Federation** - Fish stock enhancement, Youth Waterfowl Workshop, BOW

**Lot 11 and Area Watershed Management Group**  
- MacDonalds River Interpretive trail & Foxley River sediment trap

**West Point Community Enhancement Committee** - River restoration

**Huntley-Montrose-Kildare Watershed Committee** - River restoration

**Ducks Unlimited Canada** - Project Webfoot

**Friends of Covement-Brackley Bay** - Wheelchair accessible fishing

**Morell River Management Co-op** - Morell River & Bristol Creek restoration

**PEI Bait Fishers Group** - Youth Fishing derbies  
**Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group** -  
Habitat enhancement and education  
**Trout Unlimited Prince County Chapter** - fish trap  
monitoring  
**PEI Trappers Association** - Pisquid River restoration  
**Richmond Bay Watershed Association** - River and  
upland habitat restoration, monitoring  
**Central Queens Branch of PEI Wildlife Federation**  
- Education  
**Arsenaults Pond Improvement Committee** -  
Improve fish passage  
**International Children's Memorial Place** - Scales  
Pond Restoration  
**Bedeque Bay Environmental Management  
Association** - Habitat enhancement  
**Canadian Rivers Institute UPEI** - Rainbow trout  
research project  
**Kensington North Watersheds Association** -  
River restoration and maintenance  
**Souris & Area Branch of the PEI Wildlife  
Federation** - river restoration, education, fish trap  
monitoring  
**Hillsborough River Association** - Watershed  
restoration  
**Hunter-Clyde Watershed Project** - River restoration,  
education, monitoring, natural areas  
**Wheatley River Improvement Group** - Stream  
habitat restoration  
**Sierra Club Canada Foundation** - Water Wizards  
Program

**Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association**

- River restoration

**Atlantic Veterinary College UPEI** - Bald eagle lead exposure project

**South Shore Watershed Association** - habitat restoration

**Island Nature Trust** - Farmland birds education project

**Roseville/Miminegash Pond Enhancement Committee** - Habitat Enhancement

**Kensington Police Service** - Fishing derby  
U.P.E.I. - Ecology and behaviour of urban foxes

**Cascumpec Bay Watershed Association** - Silt traps  
Finnans Creek

**Wrights Creek Watershed Environmental Committee** - Development of Charlottetown area youth fishing facility

**PEI Archery Association** - National archery in schools program

**Canadian Rivers Institute** - Investigating movement patterns on non-native trout on PEI

**Charlottetown Trap and Skeet Club** - Introduction to skeet shooting and safe gun handling

**Nature Conservancy of Canada** - Natural areas

**PEI Invasive Species Council** - Education  
Miscouche Community Center - Archery

**PEI Chapter of Pheasants Forever** - Reintroduction and expansion of pheasants on PEI

**Cornwall and Area Watershed Group** - Watershed education program



**Report poachers and polluters!  
Call Crime Stoppers toll free  
1-800-222-8477**

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**Report Litterers!  
Call the hot line toll free  
1-866-368-5024**

## Investigation and Enforcement

For enforcement of any of the environment acts or regulations during regular working hours, telephone a Conservation Officer at any of the following locations:

Wellington	854-7250
Summerside	888-8000
Charlottetown	368-4808
Queens County	368-4808
Montague	838-0600
Souris	687-7000

For environmental emergencies after normal office hours telephone **1-800-565-1633**. For wildlife related enforcement after normal office hours telephone **902 368-4808**.





**Access PEI Centres**

**Queens County**

Charlottetown ..... 368-5200

**Kings County**

Montague..... 838-0600

Souris ..... 687-7000

**Prince County**

Alberton ..... 853-8622

O'Leary ..... 859-8800

Summerside ..... 888-8000

Tignish ..... 882-7351

Wellington..... 854-7250



## **Courses/Workshops**

Each year, the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division offers a number of courses and workshops. If you are interested in any of the following courses, please contact our office (902) 368-4683.

- Trapping (beginner and advanced)
- Hunting (Hunter Safety, Bow hunting, Hunting Guide)
- Becoming an Outdoors Woman workshop
- Youth Waterfowl Hunting Workshop
- Chainsaw (Weekend Woodsman, Chainsaw Filing, Cutting Firewood Safely, Basic Silviculture Lesson Plan)



**2013 Youth Day Hunt**

## Proposals for 2015

The department meets annually with representatives from various hunting and trapping organizations. The following regulator amendments are considered for the **2015** season.

### Seasons

Open the trapping season for various furbearers on November 1st rather than October 31st

### Equipment

Prohibit raccoon trapping in the highway right of way. Certified traps will be required for weasel in 2016.

Questions or comments on these proposals can be directed to **Fish and Wildlife 368-4683**.

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**Fish and Wildlife has also undertaken a consolidation of various wildlife regulations. The following changes are being considered.**

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Prohibit interference with a legal hunt.

Crows to be listed as wildlife, hunting regulations will apply. Proposal is for no closed season.

Shooting of ravens to be prohibited

Prohibit toxic shot for crows and pigeons.

Remove requirement for non-residents to have a guide.

Licensed guides and guide certification still required for paid hunts.

Remove prohibition on hunting while guiding.

Sunrise/sunset calculator taken from the National Research Council of Canada Website

[www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/sunrise/index.html](http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/services/sunrise/index.html)

Time zone is AST, -4 UTC, Add one hour to listed times when Daylight Saving Time is in effect (ends Nov 1)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
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4-Sep	5:36	18:46
5-Sep	5:38	18:45
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7-Sep	5:40	18:41
8-Sep	5:42	18:39
9-Sep	5:43	18:37
10-Sep	5:44	18:35
11-Sep	5:45	18:33
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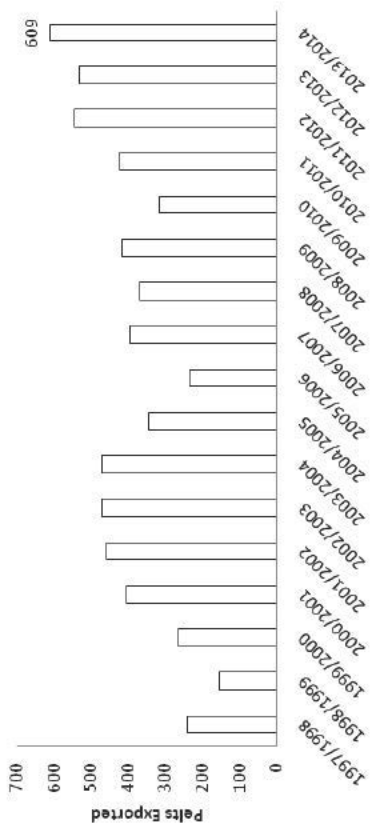


## **Trapping Statistics**

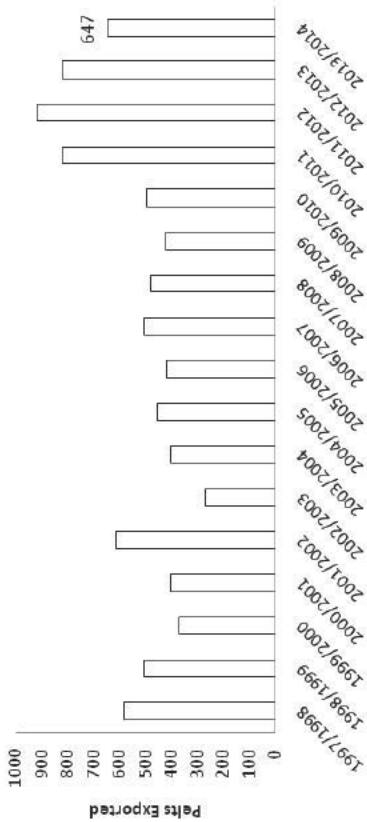
Trappers had a successful year in 2013/14! Renewed interest lead to high harvest for many species. Muskrat remained strong and the highest coyote harvest recorded to date.

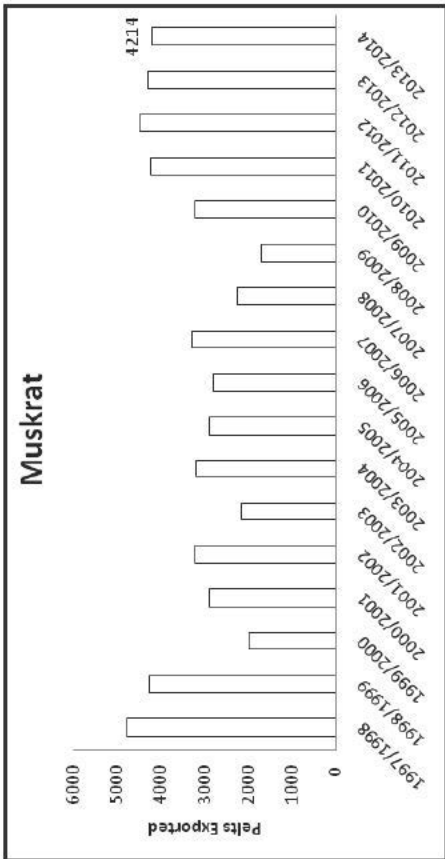


## Coyote



## Beaver







## Let's talk turkey!

Fish and Wildlife has received numerous reports of “wild turkeys” in various locations on PEI.

- o It is not believed that these are true wild turkeys. They look similar but are captive bred and escaped or deliberately released. This is indicated by behavior.
- o They will not produce a sustainable wild turkey population. They simply lack the basic survival instincts.
- o They are an extremely poor indicator of whether or not true eastern wild turkeys would survive on PEI.
- o They will create nuisance problems. These problems will jeopardize any proposed sanctioned trap and transfer program of true eastern wild turkeys.



## Accessing Public Lands

While most of Prince Edward Island is privately owned, there are areas of forest and wetland which are available for public use - the Island's 33,000 hectares of public land. In general terms, these properties are classified as Natural Areas, Ponds and Wetlands, Provincial Forests, and Wildlife Management Areas. They are managed for a variety of public values and benefits such as recreation, wildlife habitat, protection of unique or rare species, high-value timber and non-timber forest products, forest/wildlife research, and outdoor education.

The signs listed below identify public lands which are open to the public for uses such as hunting, fishing, hiking, bicycling, bird watching, tours and outdoor education. However, some uses such as off road vehicle (ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.) are only permitted on certain properties and open fires are not permitted at all. Prohibited uses are listed on the signs. Please do not litter or smoke on these properties.

Many of these properties are working forests, so as conditions dictate, forest harvest and management operations may occur. In all cases, harvest sites on public land are quickly renewed to forest cover.

You can access more information on the location of public lands on-line at [www.gov.pe.ca/gis](http://www.gov.pe.ca/gis) or by purchasing a Public Land Atlas at any Forests, Fish and Wildlife office.



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