

# Angling Act

CHAPTER 14 OF THE REVISED STATUTES, 1989

*as amended by*

1998, c. 18, s. 546



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**An Act Respecting the  
Rights of Fishing in Nova Scotia**

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**Short title**

**1** This Act may be cited as the *Angling Act*. R.S., c. 14, s. 1.

**Interpretation**

**2** In this Act,

(a) “lawfully fishing” means fishing in accordance with the game laws of the Province and the laws of the Dominion of Canada and any regulations made thereunder for the purpose of sport, and includes the taking and carrying away of any fish lawfully caught;

(b) “occupant” means a person having the right, exclusive of the public, to fish in any river, stream or lake either as the owner of the lands abutting thereon or otherwise;

(c) “owner” means a person having the rightful possession of and control over lands, either as holder of the legal title, as tenant or otherwise, and includes joint owners and tenants in common;

(d) “timberland” means uncultivated land used or held only or primarily for lumber purposes;

(e) “uncultivated land” means land that is in its natural wild state, and includes also land that has been wholly or partially cleared, but is otherwise in its natural state. R.S., c. 14, s. 2.

**Right to go upon land, river, stream or lake**

**3 (1)** Any resident of the Province shall have the right to go on foot along the banks of any river, stream or lake, upon and across any uncultivated lands and Crown lands for the purpose of lawfully fishing with rod and line in such rivers, streams or lakes.

**(2)** Any resident of the Province shall have the right to go on, upon or across any river, stream or lake in boat or canoe or otherwise, for the purpose of lawfully fishing with rod and line in such rivers, streams or lakes.

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(3) The rights conferred by this Section shall not in any way limit or restrict the right of any owner or occupant to compensation for actual damages caused by any person going upon or across such lands for the purpose aforesaid, and shall not be construed to give the right to build any fires upon such lands. R.S., c. 14, s. 3.

4 to 9 repealed 1998, c. 18, s. 546.

SCHEDULE

Province of Nova Scotia

Municipality of .....

FISHING LICENCE

In the matter of the *Angling Act*.

This is to certify that ..... is the occupant of lands, not being timber lands within the meaning of said Act, and described as follows ..... (*insert description*)

and as such occupant has paid the sum of ..... dollars, and is hereby licensed under the provisions of said Act, and is accordingly entitled to all the rights and privileges conferred upon an occupant holding such licence.

.....  
Municipal Clerk

R.S., c.14, Sch.

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