

Entry Deadline: December 31, 2009.

Photographs will be judged for first place only in each category. Each first-place photograph will then be entered in the "Best of Show" contest for our Grand Prize.

PRIZES

Best of Show: Lifetime Nova Scotia General Fishing Licence.

1st prizes for each category will vary, but may include Nova Scotia Atlases, fishing tackle, compasses, magazine subscriptions and apparel.

CATEGORIES

- General (can include any angling subject matter)
- Family (adult and child, or any family group)
- Young Anglers
- Scenic (your favourite fishing spot, and could include snow, fall foliage, etc.)
- Couples Afield
- Species (outstanding photos of fish)

RULES

- Contest is open to amateur photographers (those who have not had photographs published for pay.)
- Photographs must be taken during the 2009 calendar year in Nova Scotia by the person entering the contest. Anglers shown in boats must be wearing properly fitted and fastened PFDs.
- A photo release form is attached to our entry form. Entrants must provide a photo release for each photograph, signed by those appearing in the photograph (or for minors, by the subject's legal guardian.)
- Entries must be made by mail to the following address:

Photo Contest

Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture,
Inland Fisheries Division
PO Box 700
Pictou, NS
B0H 1H0

Emailed submissions will not be accepted. Inland Fisheries accepts no responsibility for lost, delayed or damaged submissions.

Entrants may submit:

- (1) original photographic prints which are commercially produced (ink jet prints and photocopies will not be accepted)

- (2) slides with print attached (one print per slide)
- (3) digital images on CD with print attached (one print per digital image.) Digital submissions must be of 800 kb or larger file size, to a maximum of 5 MB, and must be in a .jpg, .tiff, or .gif format. RAW data will not be accepted. Please package submissions with protective material.

All submissions must be in colour. (No black and white photos.)

Each photograph must be labelled on the back with the entrant's name, phone number (including area code), mailing address, date and location where the photograph was shot (including county). Please include an email address if possible. **Please indicate for which category the photograph is entered.**

Contest is open to any amateur photographer who spends time in Nova Scotia, except employees of the Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, employees of prize-sponsoring companies, judges, and their immediate families.

Multiple entries are allowed, although no person may win in more than one category. The Grand Prize winner will receive both the Grand Prize and the 1st Prize for the category entered.

The Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture shall have the right to reproduce all submissions for use in publishing, illustration, web site display, exhibits and promotion or in any other medium without compensation.

Winning entries (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) from other photo contests are not eligible. Previously published photos are not eligible. Submissions will not be returned. Please keep a copy of your prints and digital files. All submissions become the property of Nova Scotia Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

Judging decisions will be made by Inland Fisheries staff and are not open to appeal.

Winners will be contacted directly by telephone or email, and will be announced in February, 2010.

Prizes are not redeemable for cash. Prizes will be mailed to the winners.