

## **Seven recent convictions in NL related to Atlantic salmon and trout**

**September 29th, 2011**

### **Convictions for salmon and trout-related offences in Newfoundland during August and September**

*Notes forwarded from SPAWN*

On **August 1, 2011** at Provincial Court in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL, Donald Buckley of Botwood, NL was convicted of possessing untagged salmon. Mr. Buckley received a sentence of 1 month house arrest. Mr. Buckley was also prohibited from holding an inland fishery licence for a period of 5 years. The 31 Atlantic salmon seized during the investigation were forfeited to the Crown.

On **August 23, 2011** at Provincial Court in Gander, NL, Mervin Hodder of Stoneville, NL was convicted of retaining trout during close time and angling with a line equipped with something other than artificial fly. He received a total fine of \$600 and was prohibited from being within 30 meters of inland waters and scheduled waters for a period of one year. Items seized during the investigation were forfeited to the Crown including a rod, reel and eight trout. Mr. Hodder was apprehended by a Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Officer on May 23, 2011 at Island Pond Brook near Gander, NL.

*Latest list of convictions by FWED (Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Division):*

On **August 23, 2011** at Provincial Court in Gander, NL, Travis Collins of Gambo, NL was convicted of angling/retaining trout during closed time and angling with a line equipped with something other than artificial fly. He received a total fine of \$600 and was prohibited from being within 30 meters of inland waters and scheduled waters for a period of one year. Items seized during the investigation were forfeited to the Crown including a rod, reel and trout. Mr. Collins was apprehended by Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Officers on May 16, 2011 near Gambo River, NL.

On **August 23, 2011** at Provincial Court in Gander, NL, Denise White of Gambo, NL was convicted of angling with a line equipped with something other than artificial fly. She received a fine of \$300 and was prohibited from being within 30 meters of inland waters and scheduled waters for a period of one year. Items seized during the investigation were forfeited to the Crown including a rod & reel. Ms. White was apprehended by Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Officers on May 16, 2011 near Gambo River, NL.

On **August 23, 2011** at Provincial Court in Gander, NL, Clyde Abbott of Musgrave Harbour, NL was convicted of angling/retaining trout during close time and angling with a line equipped with something other than artificial fly. He received a total fine of \$600 and was prohibited from being within 30 meters of inland waters and scheduled waters for a period of one year. Items seized during the investigation were forfeited to the Crown including a rod, reel and trout. Mr. Abbott was apprehended by Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Officers on May 16, 2011 near Ragged Harbour River, NL.

On **September 12, 2011** at Provincial Court in Stephenville, NL Derek Lomond of Stephenville, NL was convicted of possession of a salmon larger than 63 cm and failing to remove month and day of capture on an inland fishery licence salmon tag. Mr. Lomond received a total fine of \$1,000 and a one year prohibition from being at or near inland waters. Items seized during the investigation were forfeited to the Crown. Mr. Lomond was apprehended on July 12, 2011 by Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Officers.

On **September 23, 2011** at Provincial Court in Corner Brook, NL, Glen Decker of Hughes Brook, NL was convicted of netting fish in inland waters, possession of a net near inland waters and being in possession of salmon caught in contravention. Mr. Decker received a total fine of \$3,000 and was prohibited for 2 years from fishing of any kind; not to be in a boat; and not to hold a fishing licence. Mr. Decker was apprehended on June 27, 2011 by a Fish & Wildlife Enforcement Officer near Deer Lake, NL.

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