

Provincial Investigation and Enforcement Office
Conservation Officer Activity Report
Charges and Warnings – Opening of Angling season



Activity Report Issued – April 25, 2017

Note – this report is not comprehensive and does not include ongoing investigations

Conservation officers patrol Island highways, seashores, farmlands, and wild places to preserve and protect the province's wildlife and natural environment.

Conservation Officers were on patrol on opening day of angling seasons. They remind the public to keep safety and the environment in mind when enjoying the outdoors. Please obey bag limits and avoid littering. Never operate a boat or any vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- 244 trout anglers checked for compliance
- 9 vessel checks
- 30 smelt fishers checked for bag limit compliance
- 65 anglers checked for compliance by DFO Prince County

Anglers are reminded they can only possess one brook trout over 40 cm in length. Anglers face fines, seized equipment and loss of angling privileges for 1 year.



Seized trout

A number of charges and warnings were laid in April for violations under the provincial *Wildlife Conservation Act* and the federal *Fisheries Act*.

Summary Offence Tickets were issued for the following offences:

- 1 charge for littering while angling, Wildlife Conservation Act
- 2 charges for keeping too many brook trout over 40 cm in length, Fisheries Act
- 3 charges for over possession of rainbow smelt, Fisheries Act
- 1 charge for angling without a license, Wildlife Conservation Act

Conservation officers also issued warnings for:

- failing to provide angling license, Wildlife Conservation Act

Conservation Officers remind Islanders that tractors, loaders and dump trucks are prohibited from hauling sand or operating a vehicle on a beach unless under permit from the Minister of Communities, Land and Environment. Fines for an individual range from \$200 to \$1000 and for a corporation \$1000 to \$10,000. Conservation Officers continue to patrol these coastal areas for compliance



Call 911 to report a fire, report a crime or save a life.

To report a wildlife related enforcement matter after normal office hours call (902) 368-4884