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**From:** Keith W. Colwell [COLWELKW@gov.ns.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2007 3:17 PM  
**To:** Shalom M. Mandaville  
**Subject:** Re: Reminder re the BROOK TROUT and a query re the Province House

Dear Mr. Mandaville:

Thank you very much for your attached e-mail.

On your first query - Bill 70 An Act to Declare the Brook Trout to be the Provincial Fish of Nova Scotia has passed third reading and received royal assent on November 23, 2006. I have copied and pasted it from the website. You can also get to it by going to this link <http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/> and clicking on Bills and then looking under the 2006-2007 heading.

I thank you very much for your input on this Bill as it could not have been done without your help.

BILL NO. 70  
(as passed, with amendments)

1st Session, 60th General Assembly  
Nova Scotia  
55 Elizabeth II, 2006

Private Member's Bill

Provincial Fish Act  
CHAPTER 20 OF THE ACTS OF 2006

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First Reading: November 1, 2006 (LINK TO BILL AS INTRODUCED)

Second Reading: November 10, 2006

Third Reading: November 23, 2006 (WITH COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS)

Royal Assent: November 23, 2006

An Act to Declare  
the Brook Trout to be the  
Provincial Fish of Nova Scotia

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 This Act may be cited as the Provincial Fish Act.

2 The brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*) is declared to be the Provincial Fish of the Province.

3 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

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On your second query of Joe Howe throwing a rock at Province House, I am attempting to

find out further information on this and will let you know if I am successful.

Yours truly,

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Good morning on New Year's Eve and wish you a productive 2007, Sir! There is one reminder/request and one query here:--

Reminder/request:-- I observe that the House will resume sitting on January 08, 2007. We wonder if you could kindly reintroduce your Private Member's Bill on declaring the Brook Trout as the Provincial Fish of our beloved Province.

I recall what transpired before in January of 2006. I think the House ran out of time and then there were the elections. I don't see this bill as a controversial one and there is no reason why the other parties would not support it! I don't think that there is any true Nova Scotian who does not like the brook (speckled) trout which is also the traditional fish of preference for anglers.

I further recall from the late 1960's when a well known engineering contractor of the time, the now deceased Larry Powell PEng, telling me that salmon fishing was for the guy who drives a Cadillac, and brook trout fishing was for a person who hikes and/or drives a old Volkswagen bug. I will never forget this!

A query re the Province House: I have been trying my utmost to get this answered from as long back as summer-2006 and called several librarians (inclusive of at Dalhousie University) and even a professor, all to no avail.

If you recall from historical anecdotes, JOE HOWE supposedly threw a rock at the Province House when he was frustrated with the lack of Freedom of Press in those days. That rock either shattered a window and/or made a small dent on the wall. That artifice (or whatever) is still supposed to be evident to a small degree since most of the damage was fixed.

I further recall in the media following the elections prior to this year's (i.e., election before the last one) that a newly elected MLA also referred to that incident and how honoured he was to be elected to the House, etc. I can't recall which rookie MLA made that statement to the Press.