

NOVA SCOTIA COURT OF APPEAL

Citation: *R. v. Bell*, 2007 NSCA 101

Date: 20071019

Docket: CAC 273181

Registry: Halifax

Between:

William R. Bell

Appellant

v.

Her Majesty the Queen

Respondent

Judge:

The Honourable Justice Jill Hamilton

Appeal Heard:

October 11, 2007

Subject:

Summary Conviction Appeal, Breaches of Fisheries Act,
R.S.C. 1985, c. F-14

Summary:

Mr. Bell was convicted in Provincial Court of four offences under the **Fisheries Act**: possession of undersized, egg bearing and v-notched lobsters and failure to produce his licence to fish. He was fined \$4,200 and had his licence suspended for four days at the beginning of the 2006 lobster season. His appeal to the Summary Conviction Appeal Court was dismissed. He appealed to this Court.

Issue:

Did the Summary Conviction Appeal Court judge err in concluding that the trial judge did not reach an unreasonable verdict or one not supported by the evidence or in concluding that her conduct of the trial did not give rise to a reasonable apprehension of bias?

Result:

Leave granted but appeal dismissed. The summary conviction appeal court judge reviewed the record and applied the right

tests. His decision discloses no error of law that would attract appellate intervention.

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