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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549 Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of: September, 2010

Commission File Number: 002-09048

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

(Name of Registrant)

44 King Street West, 8th Floor, Scotia Plaza, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1H1 416-866-4269

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes o No b

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

Date: September 30, 2010 By: /s/ Ian Berry

Name: Ian Berry

Title: Managing Director & Head,

Funding & Liquidity Management

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Description of Exhibit

99.1 Underwriting Agreement dated September 30, 2010