

PCAMU Project



OPERATIONAL PLAN 2012



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Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Fishing Plan
Atlantic Salmon 2012

Part I

Conservation Targets

Deposition Levels:
71 Million salmon eggs

Escapement Levels:
12,200 Salmon
2,500 Grills

Part II

Harvesting in the Estuary Area

Location:

The estuary area of the Restigouche River Watershed for the purpose of the fishing plan is defined as being bounded on the east side by a line from Miguasha Point adjacent to the ferry landing dock to the ferry landing dock in Dalhousie. New Brunswick on the north and south sides by lines running along the respective shorelines and on the west side by a line that begins at the marker pier (PINK). Quebec running in a southwestern direction to marker No. 1 located in the Restigouche River and then running to the Old Mission Point in New Brunswick.

Harvesting techniques:

The following rules apply to harvesting techniques in the Estuary area:

Rod and Reel – unrestricted use

Trap nets – permitted with prior approval from the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government;

Spearing - permitted with prior approval from the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government;

Gill nets – permitted with prior approval from the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation Government.

Special Provisions for the Use of Gill Nets in the Estuary Area:

The length of any gill net shall not exceed 500 feet;

Gill nets shall be made immobile when placed in the Estuary and are to be perpendicular to the shoreline;

Gill nets shall not be placed in the Estuary for two consecutive days after five consecutive days of fishing have expired;

For the purpose of this plan there shall be no fishing between the times of 08h00 (Monday morning) and 16h00 (Wednesday afternoon);

Fishing with gill nets is restricted to the period of time between 16h00 and 08h00 the next morning;

For the benefit of the Mi’gmaq harvesters, gill nets should have floats that indicate the owner’s band number, thus avoiding any misunderstanding when nets which were removed from the water are returned to the owner;

Gill nets shall be placed on the north side of the Restigouche River Estuary as set out in Schedule “B”;

The owner of a gill net shall maintain a log book to record the daily number of fish caught and is required to present it to a Mi’gmaq Ranger upon request;

A schedule/posting of dates and times that gill nets may be placed in the Estuary shall be prepared by the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation Government and posted in the public areas.

Part III

Harvesting In the River Are:

Location:

The River Area is located up river from the Estuary Area and includes all the rivers and tributaries contiguous thereto.

Harvesting Techniques:

The following rules apply to harvesting techniques in the River Area:

Rod and Reel conducted in accordance with prescribed regulations as agreed to by the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation Government and the appropriate river manager;

Trap nets – permitted with prior approval of the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation Government and in accordance with any agreements between the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation Government and the

appropriate river manager;

Spearing - permitted with prior approval of the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation Government and in accordance with any agreements between the Listuguj Mi’gmaq First Nation Government and the appropriate river manager;

Gill nets – not permitted

Rules on Monitoring Atlantic Salmon

The monitoring and reporting – of non-compliances shall be conducted by the Mi’gmaq Rangers as set out in Part VI of the Listuguj Mi’gmaq Fishing Law. The Mi’gmaq Rangers shall apply the rules to ensure compliance with the Listuguj Mi’gmaq Fishing Law.

In the event of non-compliance the Mi’gmaq Ranger shall apply the following rules:

If a gill net or other fishing device is used in a way

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that does not respect the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Fishing Law, a Mi'gmaq Ranger shall be dispatched to investigate the situation to determine if, in fact, the law is not being respected;

If it is found that a gill net or other fishing device is being used to fishing contrary to the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Fishing Law, a Mi'gmaq Ranger will attempt to ask the owner to remove the gill net or other fishing device;

In the event an owner refuses to voluntarily remove the net or other fishing device the Mi'gmaq Ranger may remove the gill net or other fishing device and this action will constitute a seizure;

All seized equipment shall be returned to the owner in the following matter;

First incident, return after two days;

Second incident, return after one week; and

Third incident, return on the closing of the fishing season.

Special Protection Areas:

1. The Bottleneck – being that area commonly referred to as “the Bottleneck” located from the last pier of the north boom proceeding westerly to the western point of Mcbeath Island;
2. Spawning Beds – those areas located in the upper reaches of the various river of the Restigouche River system containing salmon eggs which are not to be disturbed from October 1 to March 31 of any year.

Part IV
Salmon Fishing

The Listuguj Salmon Season will begin on June 6, 2012. And the season will end on July 26, 2012. The schedule will start on Wednesday and end

on Sunday (16h00 – 08h00). Off days will be a Monday and Tuesday. The schedule will be based on 80 hours per week of salmon fishing

