



Responsibilities of Maa-nulth Harvesters When Fishing for Domestic Purposes

- ✓ A Maa-nulth First Nations (MFN) harvester has the right to harvest fish and aquatic plants in accordance with the Maa-nulth Treaty and Maa-nulth Protocol in the Domestic Fishing Area (see maps).
- ✓ In order to fish, a MFN member must obtain a harvesting license from their Nation's Fisheries Department. This license is the property of the Maa-nulth Nation and is not transferrable, it must always be carried while fishing and produced on request of an enforcement officer.
- ✓ License holders must comply with the Maa-nulth Treaty, Maa-nulth Harvest Documents, the Maa-nulth Resources Harvesting Act with its Fisheries Regulation, the MFN Fishing Plan and all orders and directives given by their Nation's Fisheries Manager.
- ✓ Fish harvested under this Fishing Right cannot be sold but may be traded and bartered with other aboriginal people of Canada.
- ✓ If a harvesting license is suspended, the person must cease fishing immediately and return the license to their Nation's Fisheries Manager within 5 business days of the notice of cancellation.
- ✓ Maa-nulth harvesters must keep their catch in such a manner that the species, number, weight, and size of fish can be readily determined until arrival at a landing site, unless consumed or used as bait prior to landing.
- ✓ If a Maa-nulth harvester catches a fish for which the possession or retention is prohibited by an order of the MFN Fisheries Manager, the fish must be released with the least harm possible where it was caught.
- ✓ When the Maa-nulth annual allocation for a species is attained, the Maa-nulth Nation's Fisheries Manager will notify all harvesters to stop fishing for that species.
- ✓ Vessels fishing for FSC food fish must be registered with the Nation's Fisheries Department, must be compliant with the applicable marine safety legislation, and must display a current Maa-nulth Nation flag. One fishing license number must be painted or otherwise securely affixed to a tag, float, or buoy, always attached to unattended fishing gear and be legible and readily visible. The numerals must not be less than 75 mm (3") in height and in a color that contrasts with their background.

Maa-nulth harvesters are required to record the Date, Gear, Location, Species and Number and/or Weight for their weekly catch on the Weekly Catch Report Form and deliver this form (by paper copy, email, or telephone) to their Nation's Fisheries Department before 16:00 the following Monday.

All Weekly Catch Report Forms must be delivered in paper copy to the member Nation's Fisheries Department at the end of the fishing season.

There is no harvesting of Salmon less than 30 cm in nose-fork length, Male Dungeness Crab less than 16.5 cm and male Red Rock Crab less than 11.5 cm in crab shell width. All Female Crabs must be released.