



**T'AAQ-WIIHAK FISHERIES NOTICE**  
**AABM Suuhaa Directed Fishery: Updated September 6, 2024**  
**Notice Valid from September 5 - 11, 2024**

The Ha'wiih of the Five Nations are authorizing a fishery to open on the terms set out in this notice. Fishers must be aware that DFO is imposing some licence conditions on this fishery opening that the Ha'wiih are not including as requirements for the Aboriginal rights-based fishery. Fishers should be aware of these conditions. Fishers who choose not to follow licence conditions imposed by DFO may face potential ramifications, including charges and prosecution from DFO, for violations of the Fisheries Act and other regulations.

The five Nations acknowledge the conditions of licence on this fishery for Suuhaa. The five Nations also acknowledge that the department and the five Nations recognize there are disagreements in the conditions of licence and are working collaboratively to address the issues.

**OPENING TIME:** Start: August 29th, 2024 End: **23:59 September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**FISHING AREA:**

**Suuhaa (Chinook)**

- Portions of PFMA 123 (Area G guideline); Portions of PFMA 124; Portions of PFMA 125; Portions of PFMA 126 (Area G guideline); Portions of PFMA 127(Area G guideline). Rockfish conservation areas are closed. See map on page 5.
- 5nm boundary applies

**GEAR:** Troll, Jig, Hook and Line.

**SPECIES ALLOWED FOR SALE (Size Limits & Trip Limits):**

Species	Size Limits and Restrictions	T'aaq-wiihak Trip Limits
Suuhaa (Chinook)	<b>Size: 45 cm fork length</b>	<b>No trip limit.</b>
Cu'wit (Coho)	No size limit.	<b>Marked and unmarked may be kept for home use.</b>
Hinkuuas (chum) Čaapi (pink)	No size limit.	May be kept for home use.
Miŋaat (Sockeye)	No size limit.	May be kept for home use.
Ḵuuʔi (halibut)	81.3 cm (head-on) 61 cm (head-off)	May not be sold. May be kept for home use.
Túskuuḥ (lingcod)	65 cm (head-on), 50 cm (head-off)	<b>500lbs</b> <b>Lingcod may also be landed live for sale.</b>
Rockfish	No size limit. <b>May be sold as by-catch only.</b> <b>NO DIRECTED TRIPS.</b>	<b>ALL ROCKFISH MUST BE RETAINED.</b> <b>NO RELEASES.</b> <b>Rockfish may be landed live for sale.</b>
Non-quota Species	No size limit.	<b>Sculpin/Cabazon: 100lbs per trip.</b> <b>Other rockfish: 100lbs per trip.</b> (other species are listed on DFO license) <b>Pacific Cod: 100lbs per trip.</b> <b>Sole and Flounder: No Limit.</b>

**Hail Phone (call/text/voicemail): 250-266-0418**

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### **DESIGNATION:** Participating fishers **MUST:**

- have a valid 2022/23 T'aaq-wiihak card, **AND**
- **MUST** be fishing on a registered T'aaq-wiihak vessel with a valid 2022/23 T'aaq-wiihak decal.

### Participating vessels **MUST:**

- fly a red T'aaq-wiihak flag while on a T'aaq-wiihak fishing trip, **AND**
- **MUST** hail out for each trip **AND** hail in before each landing.

### **ALL FISHER AND VESSEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE VALID FOR 2023**

*Registration can be completed online at [www.taaq.ca](http://www.taaq.ca).*

**HAIL OUT PROCEDURES:** **Fishers are required to hail out for each trip.** "Hailing out" occurs when a participating skipper communicates that they are heading out into a Five Nations fishery to our monitoring company, Ecotrust Canada. Hail outs can be made up to 12 hours before leaving the dock. Landings will not be authorized if you do not hail out. **Hail outs to our Facebook page, left on our office phone line, or sent to our Fisheries Coordinators will not be accepted.** Hail outs can be made 24 hours/day using our website ([www.taaq.ca](http://www.taaq.ca)) or by calling the hail phone:

**Hail Phone (call/text/voicemail): 250-266-0418**

**LANDING / HAIL IN PROCEDURES:** Fishers **MUST HAIL IN** to 250-266-0418 to confirm a landing time at least **24hrs in ADVANCE** of landing to arrange for a designated monitor to be present at your landing. Please understand that the monitors need time to arrange this. The hail phone is monitored seven days a week, 7 am – 7 pm. There is no 5pm – 7pm scheduled offloads at this time.

A designated Ecotrust monitor must be present at all landings. An Ecotrust monitor will validate your catch, collect fishing logs, and provide you with a landing slip. Twenty percent of landings will also be CWT sampled by Ecotrust monitors in Tofino.

### **Landings can occur only at the designated landing sites outlined below:**

	Location	Information
Tofino	4 <sup>th</sup> Street Dock	Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.
	Lions Gate Fisheries	Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.
Zeballos	Mid Island Ice	Call Before Landing.
Gold River	Gold River Dock/Ahminaquis Boat Launch	Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.
Ucluelet	Tinlet Fish co.	Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.

**FISHING LOGS:** Fishers must fill out a Fishing Log on a daily basis (one page per fishing day), recording all kept **AND** released fish. This fishing log must be submitted to the Ecotrust monitor at the time of landing.

**PACKING FISH:** Packing, or landing catch for another vessel, is only authorized in cases where the combined catch onboard the vessel does not exceed the trip limit. **If the catch does exceed the trip limit, written authorization from your fisheries manager will be required.** The packer must produce a signed fishing log (completed by the fisher) for the catch.

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**MONITORING:** 100% of landings and catch must be monitored by a designated monitor prior to sale. A landing slip is required before any fish can be sold.

- Fishers must provide Ecotrust monitors access to their catch for validation and CWT sampling.
- All halibut being sold will be tagged with a white **HA'OOM tag** prior to sale to support traceability and accountability of Five Nations fish and to mark it as unique in the marketplace.
- Home use fish may be offloaded prior to landing at the designated landing site if your fisheries manager verifies the catch and provides you with an offload record to be provided to the Ecotrust monitor at the time of landing.
- Your Nations' Guardians and DFO will be doing on-water patrols.
- DFO license condition 6" plugs: (2) Plugs equipped with one single, barbless hook are required. The plug size shall be no smaller than 6 inches (15.2 cm) as measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail of the plug (excluding the hook).
- Steelhead rolling window closures apply
- Vessels equipped with commercial troll gear configurations shall be equipped with a revival tank, the purpose of which is to temporarily hold and revive injured, stressed or weak fish which the vessel is prohibited from retaining. Those salmon and steelhead that are injured, weak or appear dead shall be placed in the revival tank until revived to a vigorous condition or for at least one hour and then released back into the water from which they were caught in the manner that causes the least harm. The revival tank shall: (a) be constructed of non-transparent material; (b) either consist of a single compartment with minimum inside dimensions of 90 cm x 40 cm x 40 cm, or consist of two or more compartments each with minimum inside dimensions of 100 cm X 20 cm X 40 cm; (c) have a separate tight fitting lid for each compartment, made of non-transparent material; (d) have a separate inlet and outlet for each compartment; (e) have a separate release mechanism for each compartment that will allow revived fish to be released without being handled; (f) be in operation while hooks are in the water and at all times when fish are being held in the tank; (g) at all times while in operation, be full of water that is continually exchanged with water drawn directly from overboard, at a minimum rate of 36 litres (7.9 Imp gal) per minute; (h) be kept clean and in operable condition; and (i) shall not be used for any purpose other than that outlined above.

### **FISHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Fishers are required to secure their own ice (salted) and ensure that their fish are delivered dressed and properly chilled. Failure to do so may affect the price received and/or the ability to sell their catch.
- Fishers are required to adhere to the conditions and restrictions defined in the T'aaq-wiihak Requirements & Responsibilities Agreement with their Ha'wiih.
- Fishers are required to ensure their vessels comply with Transport Canada, CFIA, and WorkSafeBC regulations.

### **BUYERS:**

It is the business of each fisher who they sell to and at what price. There will not be buyers present for evening offloads during the winter fishery. **Please see the website for a list of buyer contacts.**

<https://taaqwiihakfisheries.ca/buyers/>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [TAAQ.CA](http://TAAQ.CA) OR CONTACT:**

<b>Five Nations Fisheries Managers</b>	
Luke Swan (AFN)	250-670-9535 (office)
Tyler Hanson (ECFN)	250-761-4155 (office)
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Vacant (MMFN)	250-283-2015 (office)
Andrew Jackson (TFN)	250-725-3350 (office)
<b>Ha'oom Fisheries Society</b>	
Office Location: 200 Grice Rd, Tofino BC (old Icehouse Restaurant)	250-725-2802 (office)
Kadin Snook (Fisheries Coordinator)	250-204-1522 (cell)
<b>DFO Staff</b>	
Savanna Eidse (Finfish Resource Manager)	
Juanita Rogers (Senior Implementation Advisor)	

