



## HA'OOM FISHERIES NOTICE Winter Suuhaa Fishery 2023

The leadership of the Five Nations is authorizing a fishery to open on the terms set out in this notice. It is important for fishers to be aware that DFO is imposing some licence conditions on this fishery opening that the leadership of the five Nations are not including as a requirement for the aboriginal-rights based fishery.

The areas highlighted in blue in this notice indicate those licence conditions by DFO. 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, including for violations of the Fisheries Act and regulations.

**OPENING TIME:** Start: March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 End: TBD. (subject to closures based on catch rates)

**FISHING AREA:**

Winter Suuhaa: Area 124, Area 125, a portion of Area 126, Areas 24, Area 25, and Area 26-1. Rockfish conservation areas are closed (see map on Page 4).

**DESIGNATION:**

Fishers **MUST** have a valid 2021 T'aaq-wiihak card **AND** be fishing on a registered T'aaq-wiihak vessel with a valid 2021 T'aaq-wiihak decal. Participating vessels **MUST** fly a red T'aaq-wiihak flag while on a Five Nations fishing trip and **MUST** hail out for each trip **AND** hail in before each landing.

**ALL FISHER AND VESSEL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE VAILD FOR 2023**

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

**GEAR:** Hook and Line, Troll

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

Species	Size Limits and Restrictions	T'aaq-wiihak Trip Limits
		Suuhaa Directed
Suuhaa (Chinook)	Minimum Size: 55 cm fork length	No Limit.
Cuʷit (Coho)	Marked	No Limit.
Hinkuʷas (chum) Čaapi (pink)	No size limit	May be kept for home use.
Miɕaat (Sockeye)	No size limit	May be kept for home use.
ᑭuuʔi (halibut)	81.3 cm (head-on), 61 cm (head-off)	May be kept for home use.
Túskuuh (lingcod)	65 cm (head-on), 50 cm (head-off)	May be kept for home use.
Rockfish	No size limit	May be Sold as by-catch. <b>All rockfish must be retained</b>

**Fishers are required to retain 100% of the fish they catch** (including all rockfish), with the exception that fishers can release undersized salmon, halibut, lingcod, and all dogfish. Fish that cannot be sold may be taken for home use.

### **HAIL OUT PROCEDURES:**

**Fishers are required to hail out for each trip. "Hailing out"** is when a Five Nations 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.taag.ca](http://www.taag.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 from Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm. Please call the hail phone and pre-arrange a time before Friday at 5pm if you are landing on the weekend.

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.

**PLEASE NOTE: Designated monitors will only be available to validate catch from Monday to Friday but must be pre-arranged for Winter Opening. (No scheduled evening offloads until April)**

### **LANDINGS CAN OCCUR ONLY AT THE DESIGNATED LANDING SITES OUTLINED BELOW:**

<b>Tofino</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Street Dock</b>	<b>Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.</b>
	<b>Lions Gate Fisheries</b>	<b>Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.</b>
<b>Zeballos</b>	<b>Mid Island Ice</b>	<b>Not open for landings.</b>
<b>Gold River</b>	<b>Gold River Dock/Ahminaquis Boat Launch</b>	<b>Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.</b>
<b>Ucluelet</b>	<b>Tinlet Fish co.</b>	<b>Buyers need to be pre-arranged by the fisher before landing.</b>

**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.

## 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. In Zeballos, CWT sampling will be performed by J.O. Thomas.
- 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.

## COVID-19 LANDING PROCEDURES

Please refer to the COVID-19 notices posted at the landing sites for landing procedures.

## 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 OR CONTACT:**

### Five Nations Fisheries Managers

Luke Swan (AFN)	250-670-9535 (office)
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### Ha'oom Fisheries Society

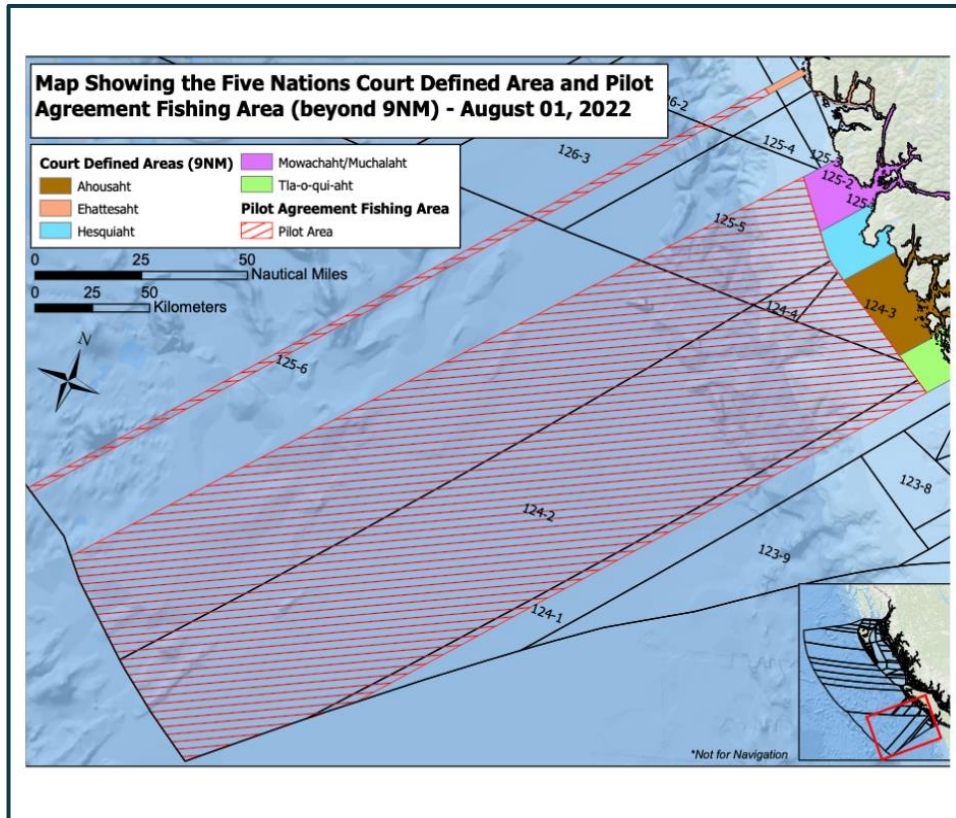
Office Location: 200 Grice Rd, Tofino BC	250-725-2802 (office)
Vanessa Buchanan (Fisheries Coordinator)	604-349-0494 (cell)
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### DFO Staff

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**PILOT AGREEMENT FISHING AREA - BEYOND 9NM**  
(UNTIL MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2023)



**Pilot Agreement Fishing Area Coordinates- Beyond 9NM**

Those waters of Subareas 124-1 to 124-4, 125-5, and 125-6 bounded by a line commencing at 49°31.844 N and 127°01.427 W (Subarea 125-5), then southeasterly to a point at 49°21.283 N and 126°49.027 W (within Subarea 125-5), then southeasterly to a point at 49°18.344 and 126°45.585 W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°16.641 N and 126°43.409 W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°15.956 N and 126°42.386 W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°15.250 N and 126°41.054 W (within Subarea 124-4), then southeasterly to a point at 49°12.233 N and 126°34.324 W (within Subarea 124-3), then southeasterly to a point at 49°00.323 N and 126°07.711 W (within Subarea 124-3), then southeasterly to a point at 48°54.451 N and 125°53.981 W (within Subarea 124-1), then southwesterly to 46°59.637 N and 128°21.378 W (EEZ within Subarea 124-1), then following the boundary of Fishing Zone 5, as described in Schedules III and IV from the Fishing Zones of Canada (Zones 4 and 5) Order to 47°05.199 N and 130°10.453 W (EEZ within Subarea 125-6), then northeasterly to the beginning point. Those water of Subareas 125-6, 126-2, and 126-3 bounded by a line commencing at 49° 48.213 N and 127°25.125 W (within Subarea 126-2), then southeasterly to a point at 49°47.167 N and 127°23.161 W, then southwesterly to 47°15.067 N and 130°31.419 W (EEZ within Subarea 125-6), then following the boundary of Fishing Zone 5, as described in Schedules III and IV from the Fishing Zones of Canada (Zones 4 and 5) Order to 47°15.768 N and 130°33.240 W (EEZ within Subarea 125-6), then northeasterly to the beginning point. then easterly to a point at 49°52.078 N and 126°43.221 W, then easterly to a point at 49°52.026 N and 126°42.917 W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°51.775 N and 126°42.516 W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.644 N and 126°41.072 W, then easterly to a point at 49°51.637 N and 126°40.721 W then southeasterly to 49°51.512 N and 126°40.476 W, then southerly to a point at 49° 51.438 N and 126° 40.475 W, then southerly and westerly following along the shoreline of Nootka Island to a point at 49°39.562 N and 126°50.683 W (Calvin Creek), then southwesterly to a point at 49°31.844 N and 127°01.427 W (Subarea 125-5), then southeasterly to a point at 49°21.283 N and 126°49.027 W (within Subarea 125-5), then southeasterly to a point at 49°18.344 and 126°45.585 W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°16.641 N and 126°43.409 W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°15.956 N and 126°42.386 W, then southeasterly to a point at 49°15.250 N and 126°41.054 W (within Subarea 124-4), then southeasterly to a point at 49°12.233 N and 126°34.324 W (within Subarea 124-3), then southeasterly to a point at 49°00.323 N and 126°07.711 W (within Subarea 124-3), then southeasterly to a point at 48°54.451 N and 125°53.981 W (within Subarea 124-1, then northeasterly to a point at 49°02.307 N and 125°43.228 W (Seal Rocks within Subarea 124-3), then easterly to a point at 49°02.340 N and 125°41.631 W (Long Beach), then following the shoreline back to the point of commencement.

