



## T'AAQ-WIIHAK FISHERIES NOTICE

### ISBM Muchalat Inlet Fishery

**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 areas highlighted in blue in this notice indicate those licence conditions imposed by DFO.

**OPENING TIME:** **Start:** Friday, August 9, 2024, at 00:01 **End:** September 30, 2024 or until allocation is achieved.

**FISHING AREA:** A portion of 25-1.

**GEAR:** Troll; Gillnet; 50 fathoms, 60 meshes deep.

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

Species	Size Limits and Restrictions	T'aaq-wiihak Trip Limits
Suuhaa (Chinook)	<b>Minimum Size:</b> 45 cm fork length	350 pieces
Cu'wit (Coho)	Hatchery Marked or Unmarked	No Limit.
Hinkuuas (chum) Čaapi (pink)	Non-retention	May be kept for home use.
Miřaat (Sockeye)	Non-retention	May be kept for home use.

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

All skippers **MUST** contact Ecotrust by calling/texting 250-266-0418 or by completing the appropriate hail out form to hail out up to 12 hours before leaving the dock.

**Hail Out** = Go out fishing  
**Hail In** = Head into the dock/offload

#### **Example text:**

Kadin Snook T'aaq-wiihak Number 630-1234  
hailing out into the Muchalat Inlet Fishery on vessel Tuta 1, decal number T-123.  
Expected to land at the Gold River dock on Aug 18.

You **MUST** hail out and hail in for each fishing trip.  
You **MUST** hail in, even if you don't catch any fish.

Each fishery has its own hail form. If you want to fish in the Muchalat Inlet fishery, you have to hail out into it, and then hail in. If you change your mind and decide to go fishing in the Nootka fishery, you still **MUST** hail in, and then hail out into the Nootka fishery.

**Happy fishing!**

**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 VAILD 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.

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 or J.O. Thomas monitors in Zeballos.

**PLEASE NOTE: Designated monitors will only be available to validate catch from Monday to Friday.**

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

	Location	Information
Gold River	Gold River Dock/Ahminaquis Boat Launch	Scheduled offloads: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**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.
- 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.
- The fishery is open in the Court Defined Area.

### **DFO licence condition - Electronic Monitoring (EM) System:**

For vessels equipped with commercial longline gear [a marine hydraulic powered block] that are hailed on groundfish trips, at-sea monitoring of all fishing activity is required at all times by means of either:

- a designated groundfish at-sea observer carried on board the vessel, OR
- the use of a functioning electronic monitoring (EM) system on board the vessel as described below.

The vessel master of a vessel using Electronic Monitoring (EM) in place of a designated at-sea observer on-board the vessel shall make arrangements with a Designated Groundfish At-Sea Observer Service Provider (Designated Service Provider) to ensure the Electronic Monitoring system is properly installed and functioning. Archipelago Marine Research Ltd. (AMR) is the EM service provider currently approved by the Department in the Pacific region. AMR can be contacted at (250) 383-4535 (during office hours) or 1-800-663-7152.

## **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. **Please see the website for a list of buyer contacts.** <https://taaqwiihakfisheries.ca/buyers/>

**For more information, please visit [taaqa.ca](http://taaqa.ca) or contact:**

<b>Five Nations Fisheries Managers</b>	
Luke Swan (AFN)	250-670-9535 (office)
Tyler Hanson (ECFN)	250-761-4155 (office)
Jaqlynn Titian (HFN)	250-670-1122 (office)
Vacant	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>	
Savannah Eidse (Finfish Resource Manager)	250-286-5896
Amy Greenwood (Hook & Line Coordinator)	604-679-5158

## T'aag-wiihak Fisheries Notice – ISBM Muchalat Inlet

ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	49° 38.338'N	126° 39.854'W
2	49° 51.337'N	126° 40.179'W
3	49° 53.807'N	126° 46.622'W
4	49° 53.475'N	126° 49.135'W
5	49° 52.119'N	126° 54.498'W
6	49° 52.135'N	126° 56.044'W
7	49° 51.711'N	126° 58.728'W
8	49° 51.562'N	126° 59.432'W



