

Listuguj Mi'gmaq  
Government  
Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 2714	Subject: 2022 Snow Crab Fishery	Originated by: Chief Darcy Gray						
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi						
Date of duly convened meeting	<table><tr><td>D</td><td>M</td><td>Y</td></tr><tr><td>13</td><td>04</td><td>22</td></tr></table>	D	M	Y	13	04	22	Province Gepeg
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**WHEREAS:** Listuguj is a Mi'gmaq community indigenous to Gespe'gewa'gi with a sacred, inherent responsibility for the stewardship of the land, waters, and living things of Gespe'gewa'gi;

**WHEREAS:** Gespe'gewa'gi includes the Gaspé Peninsula, Northern New Brunswick, part of Maine, and the Islands in the Bay of Chaleur as well as their surrounding coastal and marine areas, including the waters of Gulf of St. Lawrence;

**WHEREAS:** the Mi'gmaq of Gespe'gewa'gi have inherent, aboriginal, and treaty rights with respect to fisheries;

**WHEREAS:** Canada and the Mi'gmaq have a nation-to-nation relationship that stretches back centuries and that was memorialized in the Peace and Friendship Treaties;

**WHEREAS:** the Peace and Friendship Treaty of reaffirm the right of Mi'gmaq communities to “free liberty of Hunting & Fishing as usual;”

**WHEREAS:** the Peace and Friendship Treaties of 1760-61 reaffirm the right of Mi'gmaq communities to fish and sell fish in pursuit of a moderate livelihood;

**WHEREAS:** the Peace and Friendship Treaty of 1779 reaffirm the right of the Gespe'gewa'gi Mi'gmaq to hunt and fish within their district, including for the purpose of trade;

**WHEREAS:** Mi'gmaq aboriginal and treaty rights are held collectively and exercised on the authority of the local communities to which Mi'gmaq individuals belong;

Moved: Chad Gedeon

Seconded: Kevin Methot

Abstain: -

Opposed: -

Status: ☒ Passed ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled

Quorum 7

  
Councillor Ali Barnaby

  
Councillor Annette Barnaby

  
Councillor Brian Jr. Caplin

  
Councillor Chad Gedeon

  
Chief Darcy Gray

  
Councillor Gordon Jr. Isaac

  
Councillor Dr. Cathy Martin

  
Councillor George Martin

  
Councillor Sky Metallic

  
Councillor Wendell Metallic

  
Councillor Kevin Methot

  
Councillor Alexander Morrison

  
Councillor Shella Swasson

Mi'gmaq Nation

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**WHEREAS:** the Mi'gmaq communities of Gespeg, Gesgapegiag, and Listuguj authorize participation in the snow crab fishery as an exercise of their aboriginal and treaty rights in order to maintain community well being and renew their connection to the waters and living things of Gespe'gewa'gi;

**WHEREAS:** it is essential for the conservation of the Atlantic Right Whale that the snow crab fishery begin as early in the year as possible, before the Atlantic Right Whale arrives in the Gulf of St. Lawrence;

**WHEREAS:** representatives of Gespeg, Gesgapegiag, and Listuguj have met and reached a consensus that ice conditions are now safe to begin the 2022 Gespe'gewa'gi snow crab fishery;

**NOW THEREFORE THE LISTUGUJ MI'GMAQ GOVERNMENT MAKES THE FOLLOWING ORDER-IN-COUNCIL:**

- 1) The 2022 Gespe'gewa'gi snow crab fishery will begin on April 13, 2022, with a ceremony to be held at St. Therese on April 12, 2022;
- 2) Following the aforementioned ceremony, fishers from Gespeg, Gesgapegiag, and Listuguj will be authorized by their communities to begin fishing operations.