

Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Natural Resources Directorate



2026 Lobster Fall Fisheries (21B and 21B West)

Community Announcement

On behalf of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government (LMG), the Natural Resources Directorate (NRD), is pleased to announce the opening of the 2026 Lobster Fall Fishery under the 2026 Community Lobster Fishing Plan for zones 21B and 21B West. The fisheries will both occur simultaneously and begin on September 27, 2026, at 6:00am AST and end on October 11, 2026, at 2:30pm AST.

Harvesters and vessels must be registered with the Natural Resources Directorate to participate in the fishery. Registered Harvesters and Vessels will only be eligible to participate in one of these fisheries.

- Fishers and Vessels Registration: Opens August 24th, 2026; Closed September 4th, 2026 at 4:30pm AST.
- Ranger Vessels Inspections: Open on September 5th, 2026; Closed on September 11th, 2026 at 4:30pm AST.

Community members wanting to designate a registered Harvester to fish on their behalf must apply to become a "Lobster Tag Holder". Tags will be issued on first-come-first-serve basis.

- Tag Holder Registration: Open September 15th, 2026; Closed September 17th, 2026, at 5:00pm AST.
- Community Lobster Distribution and Elders Lobster Delivery: Begins September 28, 2026

For more information, see attachments below. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact the Natural Resources Directorate at (418) 788-3022.

Please note, no disrespectful behaviours towards employees will be tolerated, and could result in denial of service.

Lobster Fall Fishery 2026 - Season Summary

21B Fishery

Season: September 27, 2026 to October 11, 2026

Zone: 21B (See attached map)

Effort: 235 traps for 14 days

Allocation: 175 tags for community members; 60 for LMG vessel

Access: Any registered community member, traps shared equally amongst registered Harvesters.

Vessels: Ownership and registration under community member, and meets marine safety and environmental criteria (Transport Canada).

Sharing Requirement: Registered fishers will share a percentage of lobster to the Community distribution and Elders feed; and share a portion of catch to registered tag holders.

Sales or Personal Use: Remaining lobsters after the sharing requirement is met can be sold to LMG buyer or kept for personal use.

21B West Fishery

Season: September 27, 2026 to October 11, 2026

Zone: 21B West (See attached map)

Effort: 107 traps for 14 days

Allocation: 107 tags shared amongst registered Harvesters with limit* of 5 traps per fisher.

*Any tags remaining after Harvester registration closes will be distributed equally to registered fishers.

Access: Any registered community member.

Vessels: Pleasure craft and meets marine safety and environmental criteria (Transport Canada). Vessel must pass pre-season mandatory inspection by Ranger department.

Sharing Requirement: None.

Sales or Personal Use: Lobsters can be sold to LMG buyer, and an administrative fee will apply. Lobster can also be kept for personal use.

Fisher Registration Rules

If you are a community member who would like to fish lobster this fall, you must meet the following conditions:

1. Properly fill out a “FISHER REGISTRATION form”.
2. Have access to a proper lobster-fishing vessel that is registered with the Natural Resource Directorate upon meeting the criteria outline in the Vessel Registration and Vessel Safety Rules.
3. Must be a Listuguj band member.
4. All fishers are required to sign a Lease Agreement.
5. All fishers are required to honor individual tag holder agreements.
6. All fishers must respect the Conservation Harvesting Plan, Order in Councils, License Conditions, and Lease Agreements.
7. All traps must be tagged using the Gespe’gewa’gi Fisheries Tag provided by the Natural Resources Directorate.
8. All Fishers must have access to their own fishing and safety gear.
9. If multiple fishers are sharing one vessel in 21B, there cannot be more than three (3) fishers per vessel. There are no limits on deckhands.
10. If fishing in 21B west, there cannot be more than two (2) fishers per vessel; fishers must indicate in the fisher’s registration what vessel they will be fishing on.
11. All fishers must be onboard to check their respective trap. Fishers cannot check the traps of another fisher. Special circumstances must be pre-approved with the Ranger Department if a Fisher cannot check their respective traps.
12. The Natural Resource Directorate will be responsible for accepting or denying Fisher registrations based on the conditions outlined above.
13. The Natural Resource Directorate will be responsible to notify the Fishers on the status of their fisher registration.
14. Fishers can only be registered to one fishery (21B or 21B West).

The Fisheries Coordinator, Rachel Barnaby, will contact you if your registration was accepted.

If you are interested in Fishing, please complete the online FISHER Registration.
(click the link under IMPORTANT INFORMATION at the beginning of this post)

[21B & 21B West Fisher Registration Form 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Vessel Registration and Vessel Safety Rules

If you are a vessel owner, and would like to participate in the fall lobster fishery, you must meet the following conditions:

1. Vessels must be owned by a Listuguj band member (proof of ownership is required).
2. Vessels must be registered with the Natural Resource Directorate via the “VESSEL REGISTRATION form”.
3. Vessels need to meet the safety and environmental requirements outlined in Transport Canada’s Small Vessel Compliance Program (<https://tc.canada.ca/en/programs/small-vessel-compliance-program>).
4. Vessel owners must register with Transport Canada. The NRD can assist you in your registration.
5. Each registered vessel for 21B cannot have more than three (3) fishers. There are no limits on deckhands.
6. Each registered vessel in 21B West is limited to a maximum of two (2) fishers and must complete a mandatory, non-fail courtesy inspection with trained Listuguj Rangers between August 24 and September 11. The purpose of the inspection is to help ensure that all vessels have the required safety equipment and that fishers are properly prepared for the season. If any required safety equipment is missing, the Rangers will provide the equipment as needed.
7. The Natural Resource Directorate will be responsible for accepting or denying vessel registrations based on the conditions outlined above.
8. The Natural Resource Directorate will be responsible to notify the vessel owners on the status of their vessel registration.
9. Vessels can only participate in one fishery (21B or 21B West).

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**To complete Gespe’gewa’gi Fisheries Vessel Registration Form online.
(click the link under IMPORTANT INFORMATION at the beginning of this post)**

[21B & 21B West Vessel Registration Form 2026 – Fill out form](#)

Community Tag Distribution Rules

If you wish to receive a tag, and have a fisher catch lobster for you, you must register in person at the Natural Resource Building from Tuesday September 15th to Thursday September 17th, during regular working hours (8:30am 5:00pm).

1. A total of 235 tags are dedicated to the fall lobster fishery. A total of 60 traps will go to LMG and 175 traps are available for community access.
2. To request a tag, community members must register in person at the designated date, time, and location.
3. The Natural Resource Directorate will communicate the date, time, and location via LMG website, LMG Facebook page, and CHRQ.
4. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.
5. Community members must identify a fisher of choice from the list of registered fishers approved by the Natural Resource Directorate.
6. Due to limits on tags per fisher, there is no guarantee that a community member will get their fisher of choice. Community members may have to select another available fisher.

7. The Natural Resources will give tags to fishers directly.
8. Each tag represents 20 lbs of lobster total over a 14-day fishery.
9. Any community member who registered for a tag cannot get lobster from the community line-up or elder delivery. Your lobster must come directly from the Fisher.
10. Any community member who registered for the “21B West Fishery” cannot get lobster from the community line-up or elder delivery.

Lobster Cooking and Distribution Rules

Cooking will occur each day of fishing. All lobster will be cooked at the Natural Resource garage building. Doors will open at 5pm on all days.

1. Cooking will occur each day of fishing. All lobster will be cooked at the Natural Resource garage building.
2. Doors will open at 5pm on weekdays and 5pm on weekends.
3. Community members must arrive on-site to receive cooked lobster.
4. First come, first serve basis!
5. Lobster availability depends on weather conditions and catches.
6. Must be 18 years of age.
7. Schedule changes will be posted on CHRQ.

Elder & Disability Delivery Rules

- The LMG will deliver lobster to elders and disability patients on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for the duration of the fall lobster fishing season.
- Elders, Disability patients, or their respective caretakers must contact Pam Isaac at the Natural Resources Directorate at 418-788-3584. No other employee will accept names for delivery.
- To be on the delivery list, YOU MUST CALL EACH DELIVERY DAY before noon.
- 45 names will be taken each day. Those who call after the daily list is full will have their name put on the list for the next delivery day.
- If no catches are received on any elder's delivery day, the next day of landings will be designated an elders delivery day.
- Elders who registered for a tag CANNOT receive elders' delivery. They must get lobster directly from the Fisher.

August/September - 2026 - Important Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 Fisher and Vessel Registration Opens	25 Fisher and Vessel Registration	26 Fisher and Vessel Registration	27 Fisher and Vessel Registration	28 Fisher and Vessel Registration	29 Fisher and Vessel Registration
30 Fisher and Vessel Registration	31 Fisher and Vessel Registration	1 Fisher and Vessel Registration	2 Fisher and Vessel Registration	3 Fisher and Vessel Registration	4 Fisher and Vessel Registration Closes	5 Vessel Inspection Opens
6 Vessel Inspection	7 Vessel Inspection	8 Vessel Inspection	9 Vessel Inspection	10 Vessel Inspection	11 Vessel Inspection Closes	12
13	14	15 Community Tag Holder Registration	16 Community Tag Holder Registration	17 Community Tag Holder Registration	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 21B & 21B West Fall Fishery Opens	28 Elder & Disability Delivery Community Line-Up (5pm)	29 Community Line-Up (5pm)	30 Elder & Disability Delivery Community Line-Up (5pm)			

October 2026 - Important Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Community Line-Up (5pm)	2 Elder & Disability Delivery Community Line-Up (5pm)	3 Community Line-Up (5pm)
4 Community Line-Up (5pm)	5 Elder & Disability Delivery Community Line-Up (5pm)	6 Community Line-Up (5pm)	7 Elder & Disability Delivery Community Line-Up (5pm)	8 Community Line-Up (5pm)	9 Elder & Disability Delivery Community Line-Up (5pm)	10 Community Line-Up (5pm)
11 Elder & Disability Delivery Lobster Fall Fishery Closes 2:30pm	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

Listuguj Lobster Fishing Areas

