

# Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government Order-In-Council



Chronological no.: 2457	Subject: Enactment of the Listuguj Lobster Law	Originated by:
The Council of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government		District Gespe'gewa'gi
Date of duly convened meeting	D   M   Y 1   7   0   6   1   9	Province Gepeg

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

**WHEREAS** the inherent, aboriginal, and treaty rights of the Mi'gmaq are communal in nature and exercised by Mi'gmaq individuals on the authority of the local Mi'gmaq community to which they belong;

**WHEREAS** the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation has always governed its relationship with our fisheries through Mi'gmaq laws, and we continue to do so today;

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government began a process of community engagement regarding our lobster fishery, leading to the development of the *Interim Lobster Fishing (Harvesting) Plan* (April 2017), which clearly indicated the need for the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation to assume more control over the governance and management of our lobster fishery;

**WHEREAS**, throughout the winter of 2019, the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government conducted a second round of community engagement regarding our lobster fishery, this time to receive input and feedback regarding the codification of our law governing our lobster fishery;

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Moved: Chad Gedeon  
 Seconded: Calvin Barnaby  
 Abstain: -  
 Opposed: -  
 Status:  Passed  Defeated  Tabled

Quorum 7

Councillor Lloyd Alcon

Councillor Shad Gedeon

Councillor Scott Martin

Councillor Wendell Metallic

Chief Darcy Gray

Councillor Calvin Barnaby

Councillor Gordon Isaac Jr.

Councillor Gary Metallic Sr.

Councillor Sheila Swanson

Councillor Dolly Barnaby

Councillor George Martin

Councillor Sky Metallic

Councillor Marsha Vicaire

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**WHEREAS** throughout the community engagement process, 97% of participants agreed that the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation should create our own culturally relevant lobster fishing plan and exercise the right to develop, manage, enforce, and govern our lobster fishery;

**WHEREAS** on April 23, 2019, a community vote was held in which over 90% of participants expressed support for the *Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Law on the Lobster Fishery and Lobster Fishing*;

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

- 1) *Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Law on the Lobster Fishery and Lobster Fishing* ("*Listuguj Lobster Law*"), a copy of which is attached hereto, is enacted and has immediate force and effect; and,
- 2) All officials, representatives, employees, and agents of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government are directed to undertake the necessary steps to implement the *Listuguj Lobster Law* in a timely fashion.