Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Fishing Plan

Atlantic Salmon 2020

Part I Conservative Targets

Deposition Levels: 71 Million Salmon Eggs

Escapement Levels: 12,200 Salmon

2,500 Grills

Part II Harvesting in the Estuary Area

Location:

The estuary are of the Restigouche River Watershed for the purpose of the fishing plan is defined as being bounded on the East side by a line from Miguasha Point adjacent to the ferry landing dock to the ferry landing dock in Dalhousie. New Brunswick on the North and South sides by lines running along the respective shorelines and on the West side by a line that begins at the marker pier (PINK). Quebec running in a Southwestern direction to marker No. 1 located in the Restigouche River and then to the Old Mission Point in New Brunswick.

Harvesting Techniques:

The following rules apply to harvesting techniques in the Estuary area:

a) Rod and Reel – unrestricted use
b) Trap Nets – permitted with a prior approval from the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government
c) Spearing – permitted with a prior approval from the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government
d) Gill Nets – permitted with a prior approval from the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government

Special Provisions for the use of gill nets in the Estuary area:

a) The length of any gill net shall not exceed 500 feet;

b) Gill nets shall be made immobile when placed in the Estuary area and are to be perpendicular to the shoreline;

c) Gill nets shall not be placed in the Estuary area for two consecutive days after five consecutive days have expired;

d) For the purpose of this plan there shall be no fishing between the times of 08:00 hours (Monday Morning) and 16:00 hours (Wednesday afternoon);

e) Fishing with gill nets is restricted to the period of time between 16:00 hours and 08:00 hours the next morning.

f) For the benefit of the Mi'gmaq harvesters, gill nets should have floats that indicated the owners band number, thus avoiding any misunderstanding when nets which were removed from the water are returned to the owner;

g) The owner of a gill net shall maintain a log book to record the daily number of fish caught and is required to present it to a Mi'gmaq Ranger upon request.

Part III Harvesting in the River Area:

Location:

The River Area is located up river from the Estuary area and includes all the rivers and tributaries contiguous thereto.

Harvesting Techniques:

The following rules apply to harvesting techniques in the river area:

a) Rod and reel, conducted in accordance with prescribed regulations as agreed to by the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government and the appropriated river manager;

b) Trap nets permitted with a prior approval of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government and in accordance with any agreements between the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government and the appropriate river manager.

c) Spearing permitted with a prior approval of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government and in accordance with any agreements between the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation Government and the appropriate river manager.

d) Gill nets not permitted.

Special Protection Areas:

1. The bottleneck – being that area commonly referred to as the "bottleneck" located from the last pier of the North boom proceeding Westerly to the Western point of McBeath Island;
2. Spawning beds – those areas located in the upper reaches of the various river of the Restigouche rivers system containing salmon eggs which are not to be disturbed from October 1st to March 31st of any year.

Part IV Salmon Fishing

The Listuguj Salmon Fishing Season will begin on May 27th 2020, and the season will end on July 26th, 2020. The schedule will start on Wednesday and end on Sunday (16:00 hours to 08:00 hours). Off days will be a Monday and Tuesday. The schedule will be based on a 80 hours per week salmon fishing.