



LISTUGUJ TIA'M HARVESTING POLICY 2024

“Moose harvesting by Mi'gmaq should be in keeping with Mi'gmaq law. It should be keeping with *netuguling*. It should be respectful of the moose. It should be authorized as appropriate by the Mi'gmaq community in whose territory it takes place. It should be respectful of the land.”

Listuguj Proclamation on Moose Harvesting (23 March 2019)

Communal Rights and Responsibilities

The Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation has a right and responsibility to strengthen its relationship with other districts in Mi'gma'gi, other Indigenous nations, and the Crown by sharing our territory and resources while respecting our reciprocal obligations.

The Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation has a right and responsibility to safeguard the health and wellbeing of Tia'm by ensuring that Mi'gmaq people from districts other than Gespe'gewa'gi and Indigenous people from other Indigenous nations respect our laws, customs, and practices while harvesting Tia'm on Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi.

Purpose and Objective

The Listuguj Tia'm Harvesting Policy (this “Policy”) is established for the purpose of conservation and protection of Tia'm within Gespe'gewa'gi and is based on the *Listuguj Proclamation on Moose Harvesting* adopted by the Honouring our Land Mawiomi on March 23, 2019.

In recent years, there have been increased reports of unauthorized harvesting and trespassing in Gespe'gewa'gi during the harvesting season.

The objective of the Policy is:

- to protect and sustain Tia'm for the current and future needs of Listuguj community members and their families;
- to strengthen relations with Mi'gmaq people from districts other than Gespe'gewa'gi and Indigenous people from other Indigenous nations by clarifying protocols for the sharing of resources;
- to ensure that unauthorized access is eliminated and that Guest Harvesters comply with this Policy and the Guidelines; and
- to conserve, protect, and ensure we operate a safe and responsible Tia'm harvest.

Application

This Policy guides who may take Tia'm and how Tia'm harvesting will take place on Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi.

Only those Mi'gmaq people from districts other than Gespe'gewa'gi and Indigenous people from other Indigenous nations who have been granted a valid Letter of Communal Authority pursuant to this Policy and the Guidelines (i.e., Guest Harvesters) may harvest Tia'm on Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi.

Members of other Mi'gmaq communities in Gespe'gewa'gi will not require a Letter of Communal Authority, but other protocols between the Mi'gmaq communities in Gespe'gewa'gi may apply to their Tia'm harvesting activities on Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi.

The protocols of the other Mi'gmaq communities in Gespe'gewa'gi will guide how Mi'gmaq people from districts other than Gespe'gewa'gi or Indigenous people from another Indigenous nation may harvest Tia'm on the territories of Gespe'gewa'gi adjacent to Mi'gmaq communities other than Listuguj.

Listuguj community members will not require a Letter of Communal Authority from the LMG to harvest Tia'm.

Ethical and Responsible Harvesting

All harvesting of Tia'm in Gespe'gewa'gi should be in keeping with *netuguling* and be respectful of the land.

Guest Harvesters must be accompanied by a Listuguj community member whenever harvesting Tia'm on Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi.

The LMG has a responsibility to safeguard Guest Harvesters on Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi in keeping with the responsibilities imposed by our laws, customs, and practices.

Guest Harvesters who do not comply with the Policy, Guidelines, or conditions of their Letter of Communal Authority may have their Letter of Communal Authority revoked.

Implementation

The Natural Resources Directorate in collaboration with Public Security (Mi'gmaq Rangers) will manage the implementation of this Policy and the Guidelines.

The Natural Resources Directorate and Public Security (Mi'gmaq Rangers) will review and process all requests for Letters of Communal Authority and monitor the activities of Guest Harvesters to ensure compliance with the Guidelines.

The Natural Resources Directorate and Public Security (Mi'gmaq Rangers) will continue to collaborate with Listuguj harvesters in the best interests of the Tia'm and may establish a Listuguj Tia'm Harvesting Committee for the purpose of implementing and reviewing the Guidelines.

The Mi'gmaq Rangers will conduct regular patrols of Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi to enforce this Policy and the Guidelines.

The application form for Letters of Communal Authority is available on the LMG website.

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Glossary of Terms

Guest Harvester means a member of an indigenous community other than Listuguj holding a Letter of Communal Authority granting them permission to harvest Tia'm on Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi.

Gespe'gewa'gi means the seventh district of Mi'gma'gi and includes the Gaspé Peninsula, northern New Brunswick, as well as the surrounding marine and coastal areas.

Guidelines means the *Listuguj Tia'm Guidelines for Guest Harvesters 2022*.

Letter of Communal Authority means a letter issued pursuant to this Policy and the Guidelines expressing the consent of the Listuguj community permitting a Guest Harvester to harvest Tia'm in Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi.

Listuguj community member means a person who is a member of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation and who normally resides within the traditional territory of Gespe'gewa'gi.

Listuguj territory within Gespe'gewa'gi means the watershed of the Restigouche River and surrounding areas.

Mi'gmaq Ranger means an officer of the Listuguj Aboriginal Ranger Service as established by the *Mi'gmaq Ranger Law* (1995).

Tia'm means moose.

Tia'm Harvest Registration Form means the form Guest Harvesters are required to complete and submit to the LMG to register any Tia'm taken under a Letter of Communal Authority.