



Maw-lukutijik **Saqmaq**
Assembly of Nova Scotia
Mi'kmaq Chiefs

STANDARDS OF A NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY

The Mi'kmaq have a legally recognized, Constitutionally affirmed
Right to fish for a Moderate Livelihood.

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Chiefs is developing a set of
interim standards to guide a Mi'kmaq moderate livelihood fishery. These
draft standards have been developed through enagement with the Grand
Council, Councillors, community members, and Fisheries Managers.
We also need to hear from YOU on what you think of these
standards before we adopt them.

Share your thoughts and feedback with us at info@mikmaqrighths.com

Basic Standard: Netukulimk

Netukulimk is the use of the
natural bounty provided by the
Creator for the self-support and
well-being of the individual and
the community by achieving
adequate standards of community
nutrition and economic and
spiritual well-being without
jeopardizing the integrity,
diversity or productivity of the
“natural bounty”.

NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 1

EACH MI'KMAW COMMUNITY IN
NOVA SCOTIA SHALL HAVE ITS
OWN NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY PLAN.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 2

NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY PLANS MUST BE
CONSISTENT WITH THE
MI'KMAQ CONCEPT OF
NETUKULIMK.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 3

NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY PLANS WILL
EMPHASIZE RESOURCE
CONSERVATION,
ENVIRONMENTAL
STANDARDS
AND SAFETY.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 4

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UNDER REVIEW AND NEEDS
COMMUNITY DISCUSSION.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 5

FISH CAUGHT, BY MI'KMAQ
REGISTERED AND HARVESTING
IN COMPLIANCE WITH A
COMMUNITY PLAN, MAY BE
SOLD, TRADED, BARTERED,
CONSUMED
OR DONATED.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 6

MI'KMAW HARVESTERS FISHING
UNDER THE NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY PLANS, NET BENEFITS
SHALL GO TO THE HARVESTER AND
THEIR FAMILIES, BUT IF DIRECTED
SHALL GIVE BACK TO THE
FISHERIES OR COMMUNITY
ACCORDING TO THEIR
COMMUNITY PLAN.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 7

OPPORTUNITIES TO REGISTER
UNDER A COMMUNITY
NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY
PLAN WILL BE ACCESSIBLE,
TRANSPARENT AND FAIR
FOR ALL MEMBERS OF
THE MI'KMAQ OF
NOVA SCOTIA.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 8

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NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 9

HARVESTERS FISHING UNDER
NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY SHALL CARRY
PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION
AND PROOF OF
REGISTRATION UNDER
A COMMUNITY PLAN.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 10

EACH MI'KMAW COMMUNITY IN
NOVA SCOTIA SHALL ADMINISTER
A SYSTEM TO ENSURE
COMPLIANCE OF HARVESTERS
REGISTERED UNDER THEIR
COMMUNITY NETUKULIMK
LIVELIHOOD FISHERY PLAN.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 11

ALL NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY HARVESTERS MUST
COMPLY WITH ANY PLAN
CONDITIONS IN RELATION TO
SPECIES, LOCATIONS, AND
ANY OTHER CONDITIONS
AS SPECIFIED.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 12

ALL FISHING GEAR USED BY
HARVESTERS MUST BE MARKED,
TAGGED AND IDENTIFIABLE AS
REGISTERED UNDER THE
NETUKULIMK
LIVELIHOOD FISHERY.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 13

NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY HARVESTERS MUST
REPORT THEIR CATCH IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ALL
CONDITIONS OF
REGISTRATION OF
THEIR COMMUNITY PLAN.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 14

HARVESTING UNDER THE NETUKULIMK
LIVELIHOOD FISHERY PLAN IS TO BE
MONITORED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY
OF HARVESTERS AND TO ENSURE THE
INTEGRITY, DIVERSITY AND
PRODUCTIVITY OF THE FISH AND
THEIR ENVIRONMENT IS PRESERVED.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 15

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NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 16

FOOD, SOCIAL & CEREMONIAL;
COMMERCIAL;
COMMUNAL-COMMERCIAL
AND NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD
FISHERY ARE DISTINCT
AND SEPARATE, WITH
THEIR OWN RULES AND
REGULATIONS.



NETUKULIMK LIVELIHOOD FISHERY STANDARD 17

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