Treaty Rights Protected Fishery
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Mi'kmaq Rights Initiative
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Our Rights. Our Future.

ELVER BUYER APPLICATION FORM

Business Information:

Legal business name and operating name:	
Business registration number and jurisdiction:	
Business address:	
Primary contact name and title:	
Primary contact phone:	
Primary contact email:	
Person(s) authorized to sign on behalf of business:	

Evaluation Criteria:

Please include as much detail as possible for each of the following. Provided are examples of the type of information we would like to see but is not mandatory. We encourage you to describe and submit any information you think is helpful for selection. Please attach any supporting documentation and submit with the completed application form.

I. Operations and river coverage

Please describe planned holding facility location(s), hours of operation, staffing plans, handling capacity, backup plan, and whether you will have riverside buying stations, etc. Please be as detailed as possible: for instance, if your plan is to have riverside buying stations, how many would you like to have, locations, hours of operation, capacity, payment method, staffing?

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II. Mi'kmaw Ownership

Mi'kmaw-owned and operated businesses must demonstrate more than 50% of the beneficial ownership is held by one or more Mi'kmaq, and that Mi'kmaw owners exercise control and responsibility for day-to-day operations. Please provide evidence of Mi'kmaw majority or minority ownership, and/or meaningful Mi'kmaw involvement in business/operations. If business is not Mi'kmaw-owned and operated, describe your business' connections to Mi'kmaw communities (these may include established partnerships, ongoing working relationships, Mi'kmaw employment/procurement, community-supported initiatives. Identify communities involved, nature and duration of relationships, include supporting references or records).

III. Payment and Value

We understand there is a cost of doing business, but harvesters want to feel they are getting the most for their catch. Please describe the financial plans for your operations. For example, how will you determine prices and how often you plan to update them during the season? If you plan on having a riverside buying station, how will that impact the buying price? Additional details as to how you set prices? What are your proposed payment methods (ie: e-transfer, direct deposit, cheque or other). If cash (subject to final buyer conditions), describe planned controls and receipts; example: what is the maximum number of calendar days from acceptance to funds being available. Describe any backup methods, payment records and how you will resolve delayed or disputed payments. Attach a sample settlement receipt showing net weight, rate, adjustments, amount paid, method and date.

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IV. Community Benefits

Please provide a short-written statement explaining how your business will benefit participating Mi'kmaw communities and harvesters. Point form answers are welcome. Do you pay into E.I benefits for harvester payments? Other examples could include: hiring people from Mi'kmaw communities; providing paid training or opportunities to learn new skills; buying goods and services from local Mi'kmaw businesses; making it easier for harvesters to sell their catch; treating harvesters fairly and paying them on time; caring for the rivers and environment. Where possible, tell us which communities would benefit, when these benefits would begin, and how you would keep the Fisheries Implementation Team informed of your progress.

V. Compliance and Traceability

List the licences and approvals that apply to your proposed operations. Include issuer, licence number or application status, expiry and covered activities or locations. Explain how you will verify the source of elvers, record weights and transfers, meet applicable DFO Elver Monitoring and Traceability (EMT) requirements, and provide records to the TRP Fishery Implementation Team (FIT) as required. Describe live holding and transport procedures, staffing, backup plans, and how you will report or handle discrepancies and incidents.

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Applicant Declaration:
I am authorized to submit this application. The information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I will disclose material changes, including ownership, partnerships, facilities and licensing.

Printed Name and Title	Date

Signature

Selection and Final Terms:
The TRP Leadership retains discretion over the selection process of successful applicants. Neither the highest score nor the greatest financial return guarantees selection. Consideration will also be given to Mi'kmaw ownership and operation, community connections and impact, operational capability, compliance and traceability, and alignment with environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals. Any successful applicant's participation under this process is subject to reaching mutually agreeable terms and conditions with KMK, on behalf of the participating TRP communities. Selection alone does not authorize the applicant to begin buying under this process; participation is conditional in finalizing an agreement with KMK.

Submission Details:
Send completed form and any supporting documentation to TRP_Fish@mikmaqrights.com
Deadline to apply: 12pm AST on Wednesday, January 6th, 2027.
Notifications on decision will be sent out by the week of January 18th.

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