



PILOT PROJECT

FOOD, SOCIAL, AND CEREMONIAL
(FSC) LOBSTER FISHERY

In a spirit of government autonomy and in an effort to ensure food security of the Wolastoqiyik, WWFN wishes to encourage and support the Wolastoqiyik with regard to an FSC lobster fishery while ensuring a harmonious co-existence on Wolastokuk and resource conservation for generations to come. To do so, WWFN is regulating FSC lobster fishing by adopting a Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk First Nation Individual Lobster Fishing Code of Practice – 2026 season (“Code” or “Code of Practice”), in conformity with Wolastoqey legal orders.

The following regulations apply to all Wolastoqiyik who wish to apply for a 2026 FSC lobster fishing certificate.

REGULATIONS

1. To harvest lobster for FSC purposes, Anglers must hold a Certificate issued under the WWFN *Individual Lobster Fishing Code of Practice – 2026 Season (April 2026)*.
2. To obtain such a Certificate, you must complete the Certificate Application Form provided in this mailing and submit it no later than May 20, 2026 (16:00) to **Lobster Fishing Certificate Application, 217 Rue de la Grève, Cacouna, QC G0L 1G0**.
3. Anyone applying for an FSC lobster fishing Certificate must be a Wolastoqey citizen under the *WWFN Citizen Code (December 2022)* and present their member card if required.
4. Additionally, applicants for an FSC lobster licence must complete the training offered by WWFN before receiving their licence or harvesting lobster for FSC purposes.
5. To harvest lobster, you must be 16 years or older on September 1, 2026.
6. A limit of one Certification may be issued per year for Wolastoqiyik of the same immediate family residing at the same address.
7. In no case may FSC lobster fishing Certificates be assigned, loaned or delegated to third parties or to another Wolastoqiyik.
8. Anglers holding a WWFN-issued licence may invite Wolastoqiyik citizens or Status Indians to engage in FSC lobster fishing and accessory practices (“Guests”). Anglers must be present at all times with their Guests. The actions of these Guests while engaged in FSC lobster fishing, including their catches, are considered and counted as if they had been made by the Angler himself and do not result in an increase in the Angler’s quotas.
9. Anglers practising FSC lobster fishing and accessory practices may be accompanied by individuals who are not Wolastoqiyik or associated Wolastoqiyik (“Accompanying Persons”). However, these Accompanying Persons are not permitted to engage in FSC lobster fishing or accessory practices in any way.
10. All Anglers wishing to engage in FSC lobster fishing and who have been granted a Certificate shall comply with the Code of Practice, the Annual Plan as well as the conditions set out in their Certificate and in the Angler’s Booklet that will have been issued. The Annual Plan and the Code of Practice are accessible online at <https://wolastoqiyikwahsipekuk.ca/en/hunting-fishing-and-trapping>.
11. Any practice contrary to WWFN rules may lead to the revocation of the Angler’s Certificate for the current and subsequent years.
12. Following an FSC lobster fishing outing, the Angler must declare the number and size of the lobster harvested to the Commercial Fisheries Department within 48 hours. The declaration must be complete and prepared according to the WWFN template provided in the Angler’s Booklet.
13. At any time and with immediate effect, the Commercial Fisheries Department may close, reduce or modify access to fishing areas, Certificates issued and quotas granted whenever there are safety or conservation concerns.