



PILOT PROJECT

SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL (FSC)
LOBSTER FISHERY

With a view to self-government and ensuring food security for Wolastoqiyik, the WWFN wishes to encourage and support them in the practice of FSC lobster fishing, while ensuring harmonious cohabitation on the Wolastokuk and the conservation of resources for future generations. To this end, the WWFN has adopted the Wolastoqiyik Wahsipekuk First Nation Individual Lobster Fishing Code of Practice - Season 2024 («Code» or «Code of Practice»), in accordance with Wolastoqey legal orders.

The following regulations apply to all Wolastoqiyik wishing to apply for an Certificate to practice FSC lobster fishing for the 2024 fishing season.

REGULATIONS

1. To practice FSC lobster fishing, you must hold an Attestation issued under the *WWFN Code of Practice on Individual Lobster Fishing season 2024 (April 2024)*.
2. To do so, you must fill out the *Certification Request Form* available at <https://wolastoqiyikwahsipekuk.ca/fr/chasse-peche-et-piegeage> and mail it, before June 7, to **Demande de permis de pêche au homard, 217, rue de la Grève, Cacouna, Qc, G0L 1G0**.
3. All fishermen applying for a lobster FSC licence must be a Wolastoqey citizen under the *WWFN Citizenship Code (December 2022)* and present their membership card if required.
4. To practice FSC lobster fishing, you must be 16 years of age or older on June 22, 2024.
5. Only one Certificate may be issued per year for all Wolastoqiyik members of the same immediate family residing at the same address.
6. Certificates of FSC lobster fishing may under no circumstances be assigned, loaned or delegated to a third party or to another Wolastoqiyik.
7. Fishers holding a licence issued by the WWFN may invite Wolastoqiyik (citizens or statues) to fish with them for lobster FSC and incidental practices («Guests»). Fishermen must be present at all times with their Guests. Actions taken by Guests during FSC fishing, including catches, are considered and counted as if they had been taken by the fisherman himself, and do not have the effect of increasing the fisherman's allocations.
8. Fishermen may be accompanied by persons who are not Wolastoqiyik or Wolastoqiyik associates when engaging in FSC lobster fishing and by-catch practices («Accompanying Persons»). However, such Companions shall not in any way engage in FSC lobster fishing or by-catch practices.
9. All fishermen wishing to engage in FSC lobster fishing and who are granted an Certificates must comply with the Code of Practice, the Annual Plan and the conditions of practice set out in their Certificate and in the Fisherman's Logbook that will be issued to them. The Annual Plan and Code of Practice are available online at <https://wolastoqiyikwahsipekuk.ca/fr/chasse-peche-et-piegeage>.
10. Any practice contrary to the rules established by the WWFN may lead to the withdrawal of the Angler's Attestation for the current year and subsequent years.
11. Forty-eight (48) hours following the end of a lobster FSC fishery, the fisher must declare to the Commercial Fisheries Branch the number and size of lobsters harvested. The declaration must be complete and made according to the WWFN template provided in the Fisherman's Logbook.
12. No fishing equipment will be offered by the WWFN to fishermen.
13. The Commercial Fisheries Branch may, at any time and with immediate effect, close, reduce or modify access to fishing areas, Certificates issued and allocations granted where there are safety or conservation concerns.