



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 – 2025 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 2025 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 – 2025 Season (April 2025)*.
2. To obtain such a Certificate, you must complete the Certificate Application Form provided in this mailing and submit it no later than May 9 (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, 2025.
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 forty-eight (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.



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WOLASTOQIYIK WAHSIPEKUK FIRST NATION

INDIVIDUAL LOBSTER FISHING

2025 SEASON

PROJECT VERSION



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ELIGIBLE ZONES

North shore of estuary:

Zone 3 : From Forestville wharf to Bersimis River

South shore of estuary:

Zone 2 : From eastern boundary of Kiskotuk Coastal Park to western boundaries of Le Bic Provincial Park

Zone 1 : From eastern boundary of Le Bic Provincial Park to wharf of the Maurice Lamontagne Institute in Sainte-Flavie



WATERCRAFT

No watercraft may be used for FSC lobster fishing except for those Certificates issued under the 2025 Code of Practice, which authorizes FSC lobster fishing in Zone 3 only. In this case, the use of a watercraft is permitted in order to reach the fishing area.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM LEGAL SIZE (CARAPACE MEASUREMENT)

Species	Minimum size	Maximum size
Lobster (<i>Homarus americanus</i>)	83 mm	145 mm

SEX OF LOBSTER

Les Pêcheurs peuvent pêcher les mâles et les femelles, sauf les femelles œuvées. Les femelles œuvées doivent être remises à l'eau, qu'elles soient pleinement œuvées ou non.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF LOBSTER PER PERSON PER DAY (OR YEAR) PER ADDRESS

Maximum of 30 lobster per year per WWFN-registered address.

OPENING AND CLOSING DATES OF FSC FISHING SEASON

At least six weeks, from June 1, 2025 to July 13, 2025.

QUANTITY PER ZONE

One or more zones may be closed at any time by the Commercial Fisheries Department as a function of the number of Certificates issued and the catches declared by members holding a Certificate.



CERTIFICATE REQUEST FORM

FSC LOBSTER FISHERIES - PILOT PROJECT
2024 SEASON

Certificate Request Form 2024

FSC Lobster Fisheries - Pilot project

You must submit your certificate request **before June 7, 2024** by completing this form and returning it by mail to 217, rue de la Grève, Cacouna (Québec) G0L 1G0 or by email at info@malecites.ca.

Citizen or registered member number (required):	
Last name:	First name:
Postal address:	
City:	Postal code:
Phone number:	Birth date:
Cell number:	Work number:
*Email:	

Check	Select a date
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week from June 22 to 29 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from June 29 to July 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from July 16 to 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from July 13 to 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Week from June 22 to 29 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from June 29 to July 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from July 16 to 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from July 13 to 20
<input type="checkbox"/> Zone 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week from June 22 to 29 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from June 29 to July 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from July 16 to 13 <input type="checkbox"/> Week from July 13 to 20

Questions / comments: