

Questionnaire
Fisheries Structure

M ____ F ____

Age _____

Band Member _____ Non-Band Member _____

1. Should the Band have its own Fisheries Laws & Regulations ?

Yes _____ NO _____

Comment(s):

2. If yes, what would be the scope of the Band's regulations?

Full Control _____
(i.e. Co- management)

OR

A. Enhancement _____

B. Harvesting _____

C. Management _____

D. Introduction & transfer of Non native species? _____

E. Other _____

3. Should the Band have control and issue the following licenses pursuant to its own regulations for...?

a. Individuals Yes _____ NO _____

b. Communal Yes _____ NO _____

c. Food Fishery Yes _____ NO _____

d. Designating Family Members to fish for them if incapable for reasons of health, age, and/or infirmity Yes _____ NO _____

Comment(s): _____

4. If we have these licenses, what are some specific regulations we should have in place? (Quota, seasons, gear, designating areas, rules against non member participation, etc)

5. Should we have regulations around catching Salmon at Southeast Brook (i.e. Fly as opposed to spearing, netting, and other means)?

YES _____ NO _____

Comment(s): _____

6. Or should the Southeast Brook be closed to all fishing to allow it to naturally increase its run of salmon for future generations?

YES _____ NO _____

Comment(s):

7. With the Eel fisheries, we currently have an arrangement with DFO that restricts eel fishing in our area to spearing and angling ONLY, should we look at more than one harvest method? (pots, flight nets)

YES _____ NO _____

Comment(s):

8. Currently, the American eel, Atlantic salmon, Atlantic Cod, and wolfish that are in a steady population decline and are being looked at by SARA (Species at Risk), if these and other species are listed as “at risk” in the future, do you agree the Band should limit or stop any harvest of these species?

Yes _____ No _____

Comment(s): _____

9. Should we allow band members to commercially fish eel in our DFO designated area?

Yes _____ No _____

Comment(s):

10. Should the Band more formally develop its own guidelines and data base as it relates to the various aquatic species harvested in terms of What to be harvested? How it should be harvested? Where it should be harvested? When it should be harvested? & How much should be harvested?

YES _____ NO _____

Comment(s):

11. Should the band collect information from community members? (i.e. Seasons, type of fish, types of gear, when harvested, Where harvested, how harvested, who harvested what)

YES _____ NO _____

Comment(s):

12. What in your opinion is a 'traditional fish harvest' method?

13. What ways can the Band preserve or protect traditional harvest methods? What? Where? When?

14. The Band has operated a food fishery program for many years where Band members can catch their own fish based on a set regulations and quotas. Also a food fishery crew is hired on to distribute fish to the community on a priority basis, where elders and the disabled person comes first. Do you like this program and can you suggest changes for improvement?

YES _____ NO _____

DETAILS: _____

15. Regarding enforcement, should Miawpukek First Nation guardians have the same powers as DFO's guardians?

Yes _____ No _____

Comments:

16. Should the Band have fully designated fisheries officer working with our guardians?

YES _____ NO _____

Comment(s):

17. What role, if any, should the band play with Aquaculture initiatives? (i.e. labor; finance; investment; support; site determination, regulation)

18. Miawpukek First Nation as a member of a new organization called MAMKA and is looking into having Little River estuary designated as a marine protective area, this will preserve the ecological characteristics of the area.

Definition: *a marine protected area is an area of the sea that forms part of the internal waters of Canada that has been designated for special protection for the conservation &*

protection of unique, endangered, or threatened marine habitats and species.

a.) Do you think this is a good idea?

b.) What, if any, are your concerns with this?

c.) Should the same consideration be given to the Conne River estuary?

19. Over the years, the Band have worked on enhancing Little River.

a). Do you think this is a good idea?

b). What other things can they do for Little River?

20. Over the years, the Band have also worked on enhancing Conne Brook.

a) Do you think this is a good idea?

b). What other things can they do for Conne Brook?

21. a). Do you think there should be a community fisheries board?

Yes _____ No _____

b.) If so, what should some of the powers be? (i.e. appeals, discipline, management, etc).

22. Do you have any other suggestions for Miawpukek First Nation Fisheries Department?

Note: If more space is required to answer any of the above questions, please use the back of this survey or attached additional sheets