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MAA-NULTH INCREMENTAL COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC FISHERY: 2025/26 WINTER FISHERY

BACKGROUND

The Incremental Community-Based Economic Fishing Plan (ICEFP) developed for the AABM Chinook summer fishery has been extended to include a winter fishing opportunity as a continuation of the pilot fishery while negotiations for full, equitable economic access ("Me Too") are underway.

The implementation priorities for the pilot fishery are:

1. To maximize the number of fishers participating in the economic opportunity (25 fishers).
2. To utilize the full allocation and fishing opportunity available under the ICEFP.

ALLOCATION

For AABM Chinook, the collective Maa-nulth allocation for the winter fishery is 951 pieces. This number of fish, divided by the 25 fishers equals 38 pieces per fisher (951 pieces / 25 fishers).

Each Nation will independently manage the fishers designated by their Nation and the catch up to the total number of pieces of fish available to their Nation. For example:

- A Nation with 5 fishers would have a total of 190 pieces (38 pieces x 5 fishers) to manage.
- A Nation with 1 fisher would have at total of 38 pieces (38 pieces x 1 fisher) to manage.

Based on the summer fishery, the following is proposed for sharing the total allocation among the Nations:

AABM CHINOOK	HFN	KCFN	TN	UTG	YG	Maa-nulth Total
Vessels/Fishers	8	8	0	4	5	25
Allocation	304	304	0	152	191	951

The Nations will collectively determine how to equitably redistribute any unassigned fishing opportunities that are identified pre-season and in-season.

Non-quota rockfish (up to 5 pieces per vessel per day), and pacific and jack mackerel (unlimited) can be retained as bycatch. Fraser pink salmon cannot be retained.

CHANGES FOR THE WINTER FISHERY

- Inshore fishing is allowed. The fishing area is PFMAs 123-127 and portions of PFMAs 23-27.
- Use of plugs is not required.
- Non-retention of Fraser Pink Salmon.
- The fishery will close of March 15, 2026 or when the allocation has been reached, whichever comes first.
- Bi-weekly or monthly meetings with DFO (to be confirmed).

See the ICEFP for full details.

FISHERY MONITORING & CATCH REPORTING

The same monitoring and reporting process from the summer fishery will be used for the winter fishery including:

- Pre-season and in-season reporting of designated fishers and vessels.
- In-season reporting of start fishing (hail out) reports and landing slips.
- Use of existing logbooks, landing slips, fish sales slips and irregularity report books.
- 100% dockside verification by Maa-nulth fishery monitors.
- Biological sampling will be provided by J.O. Thomas.

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Detailed in-season reporting requirements are included in the table below.

In-Season Reporting

Report Type	Frequency	Who	Send To	Format	Process
Catch estimatfes	Daily	Fishery Manager	JO Thomas	As agreed to by Nation/JOT	Fishery Manager sends catch estimates to JO Thomas (chows@jothomas.com) to coordinate biological sampling.
Start Fishing (Hail Out) Reports	Daily by 10am	Fishery Manager	DFO & Kait	Template provided	Fishery Manager sends report to DFO (Andrea.Haas@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) with cc to stewardship@maanulth.ca.
Landing Slip Catch Reports	Biweekly/ monthly (TBC) by end of day Monday	Fishery Manager	Kait	Template provided	Fishery Manager enters data into template or emails Landing Slips to Kait for data entry. Kait sends compiled data to DFO (Andrea.Haas@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).
Designation Updates	Pre-season & as required	Fishery Manager	DFO & Kait	Template provided	Fishery Manager sends report to DFO (Andrea.Haas@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) with cc to stewardship@maanulth.ca.
Irregularity Reports	As required	Fishery Manager	DFO & Kait	Irregularity Report form	Fishery Manager/Monitor sends a copy of the Irregularity Report form to DFO (Andrea.Haas@dfo-mpo.gc.ca & Peter.Hall@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) with cc to stewardship@maanulth.ca and any other relevant contacts.