

NETUKULIMK TREATY RIGHT PROTECTED FISHERIES
SPECIES-SPECIFIC INTERIM
KATEW (ELVERS, AMERICAN EEL, ANGUILLA ROSTRATA)
APPENDIX 2

As declared by:

Acadia First Nation

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Appendix 2 – Elver Harvest Management Planning

The following information is a management outline of processes for activities related to the harvest and sale of Elver in support of Netukulimk Treaty Right Protected fishing.

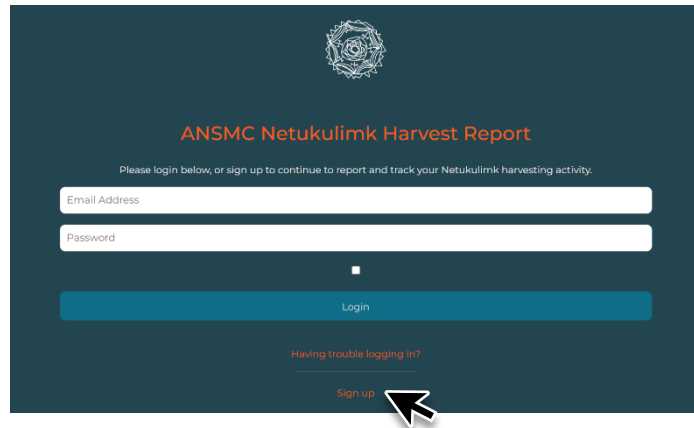
This outline is an interim management measure that is being tested on a continuous basis for evaluation by Community Leadership and the Collective Fisheries Committee.

Treaty Right Protected Elver Harvesting process:

As affirmed by Leadership and Committee March 2023.

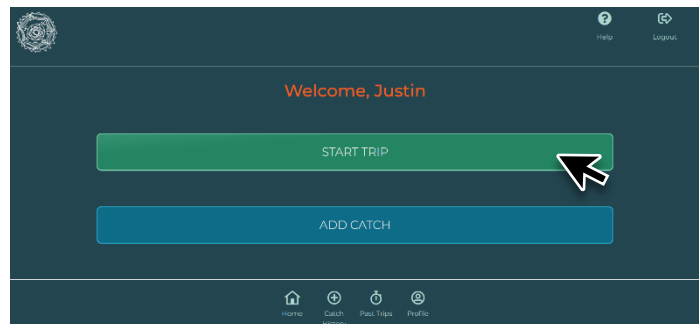
Registration:

- 1) Harvester registers with community liaison
- 2) Harvester receives a Communal authorization letter, which includes a declaration that they understand the management criteria of the harvesting. The authorization letter also indicates equitable share of TAC and location of authorized harvesting activity.
- 3) Harvester then is to create reporting and monitoring account at www.mikmaqdata.ca

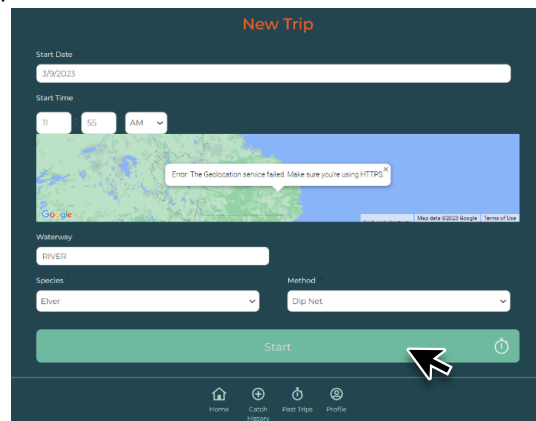


Harvesting:

- 4) Prior to fishing activities, Harvester must log into www.mikmaqdata.ca and **START TRIP**.

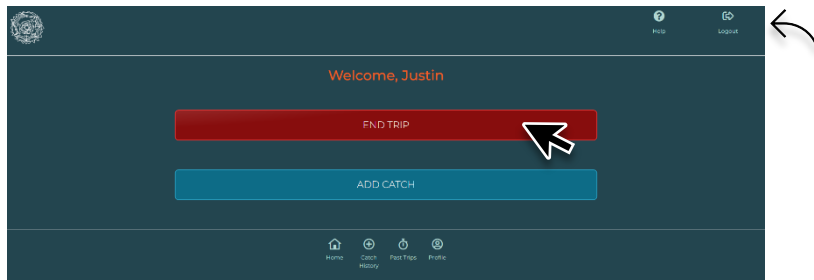


- a) Harvester fills out necessary information to confirm Trip has been started. This provides necessary activity monitoring requirements



- b) Indicates intention on harvesting and location (with GPS)

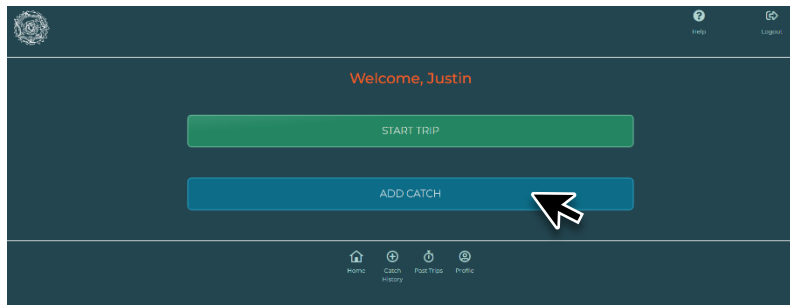
- 5) Once harvesting is completed, open www.mikmaqdata.ca and click “**END TRIP**”
- a) This indicates that harvesting has ended at that location on this date (may have to log out).



b) Any eel harvested from the initial location must remain separate for the trip.

- 6) Harvesters are to clean elver riverside, separating debris, bycatch and releasing any weak or damaged eels.
- 7) **If harvester is fishing at a location further then 15km** from defined mobile weight station, they will be required to record a riverside weight estimate as accurately as possible.

- (a) Harvester logs into www.mikmaqdata.ca and clicks “**ADD CATCH**”



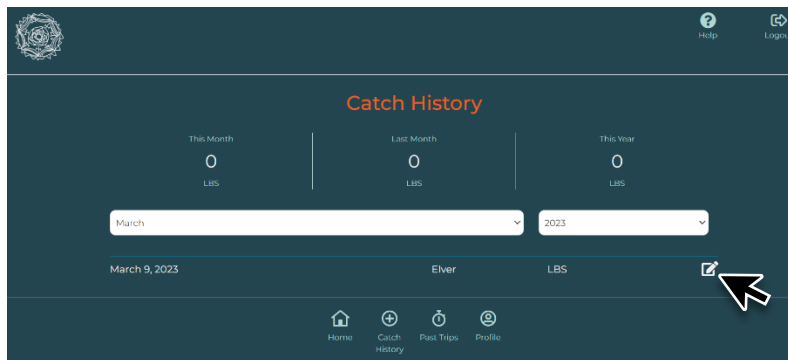
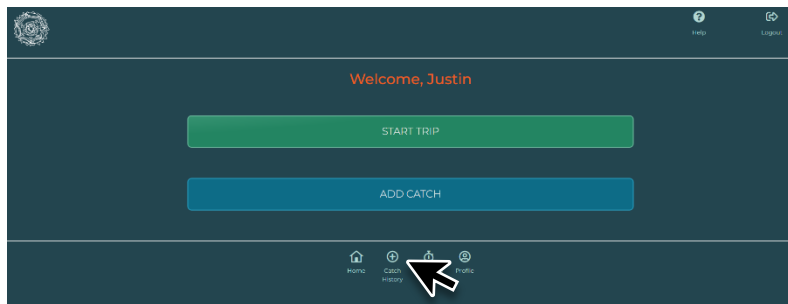
- (b) Records species, date and **Wet Weight (KG) Retained- Riverside Estimate**

- (c) Once Wet weight is recorded to the 0.00kg the harvester can submit Catch.

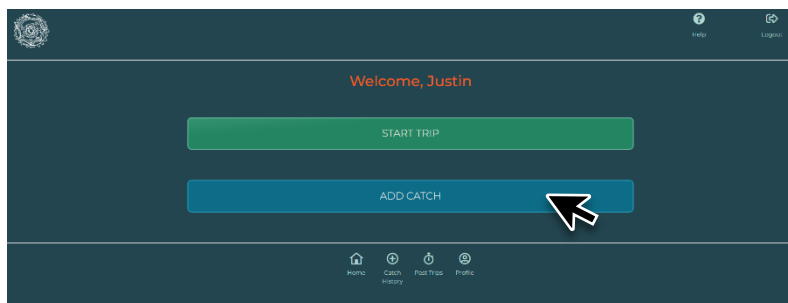
- 8) If Harvest is changing location on the same date, another “**START TRIP**” is to be initiated.
- 9) If harvesting has concluded for the night, the Harvester is to communicate with transportation manager, or travel directly to provided scale location to weigh and unload eel from possession.

Reporting:

- 10) At scale location, which will be mobile and local to harvesting areas, the transportation manager/designate provides accurate scale weight to 0.00kg of catch, including any mortality, **provides signed slip to harvester**, with indicated weight, harvester name(s) and location of watershed removal(s).
 - i) If the harvester has created a Catch report with a Riverside estimate, they are to modify that report by clicking Catch History and opening that dated report and continue to edit with the updated information.



- 11) If harvester has not created a current catch report the Harvester is to then log into www.mikmaqdata.ca and click “**ADD CATCH**”
- 12) Creating a new catch report indicating date, species, watershed, location, bycatch, date of sale, buyer and sold weight.



- 14) Transportation manager/ Designate also records harvester name(s), catch, watershed, date and time, in a separate process to provide traceability and accountability.
- 15) At the end of every night the Transportation manager/Designate provides information directly to the Committee for summary report development based on a per watershed removal and overall TAC accountability.
- 16) ***This report is provided to DFO and C&P daily to support conservation-based watershed monitoring.***
- 17) Individual allocation monitoring will be the responsibility of the Community liaisons and Committee.

Transportation:

- 18) Transportation Manager/designate then travels to secure a temporary holding facility, location will be registered and authorized, and utilizing only identified transportation vehicles.
- 19) Prior to transferring eel into holding tanks, **a bulk weight is taken**, including mortality, to support accountability and is recorded with date and signature. (included in daily report to Committee).
- 20) Once the temporary holding facility reaches capacity, buyer will be contacted to arrange sale.
- 21) DMC will be present at arranged buy, this may be completed at buyers location, in which the transfer from one location to another shall be recorded and monitored.
- 22) Sales report and DMC slip will be provided to DFO at time of sale, with updated TAC report.
- 23) ***DFO C&P will be included in the communication to book DMC, by Committee or Buyer.***

Sale:

- 24) Buying management (if applicable):
 - a) **Buyer will take responsibility for eels upon pick up on reserve lands, completing sale transaction at that time**
- 25) Transaction receipt will be created and signed by buyer and transportation manager.
- 26) Transportation manager will provide updated holding facility report daily.
- 27) Buyer will be responsible for arranging DMC, sale and shipment
- 28) Buyer will be provided with a list from Community Liaisons, of Harvester name and individual harvest amounts to support pay out
- 29) ***TAC disparages (shrinkage, mortality, piece count) will be equality distributed among harvesting group, unless special circumstance has been identified.***
- 30) Committee member or Transportation manager will attempt to be present at all buys.
- 31) All Sales/transactions will be completed on Reservation lands
- 32) Buyer will deliver payment directly to reservation or direct deposit based on Liaison payment list.
- 33) All payment/ transaction documentation will reflect Reserve address