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Kitsumkalum Band Members

Food, Social & Ceremonial Fishing Licence Requirements

The Kitsumkalum Band wishes to inform the Kitsumkalum Band Members that the use of the Kitsumkalum Food, Social & Ceremonial Fishing Licence will be mandatory to fish within Traditional Fishing Territory.

From the Powerline Crossing at the Skeena River Bridge located Highway 16 East of Terrace, downstream to the Coast, including Areas 3, 4, 5, 103, 104, & 105.

To be eligible for a FSC Fishing Licence, you must be a Kitsumkalum Band Member or a member through a legal marriage. Common Law Spouse is not eligible to obtain a FSC Fishing Licence,

The FSC Fishing Licence is non transferrable to a non Kitsumkalum Band Member, and the Band Member fishing the licence must be present during fishing times.

Details of the licence are included in the Kitsumkalum Indian Band Food, Social & Ceremonial Rules and Regulations 2010 – 11.

The reason for this change is food fishing has been abused in previous years and popular fishing sites are in a situation of competition for use of fish harvest. These problems have been brought to the attention of Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and they ask that Kitsumkalum Band gain control of the fishery.

Kitsumkalum is working toward Co- Management and if Kitsumkalum is given the opportunity, we must work with DFO with our rights intact.

Fishing Licenses will be available at the Kitsumkalum Fisheries Office.
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

*This Notification will be posted with the Kitsumkalum Informer News Letter and on the Kitsumkalum Web Page.

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Thank you,
Kitsumkalum Band Council

Kitsumkalum Indian Band

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This Permit is issued under authority of the Kitsumkalum Band Council and the Federal Fisheries Act and subsection 4(1) of the Aboriginal Communal Fishing Licenses Regulations. Fish harvested under this permit will come out of the Kitsumkalum Band allocation set by Department of Fisheries & Oceans Canada.

The following rules and regulations apply to fishing activities conducted by First Nations within the Kitsumkalum Traditional Territory. The function of these regulations is to effectively manage and conserve the fishery resources within Tsimshian Territory. The rules and regulations listed are in force for 2010-11 and cover all marine and freshwater species.

Access to the Kitsumkalum Food, Social & Ceremonial Fishery is a communal right and an individual privilege that is granted by the Kitsumkalum Fisheries Department on behalf of the Kitsumkalum Band Council. Kitsumkalum Fisheries Department will be issuing Fish Permits, status cards are not acceptable proof of designation unless the Band member is fishing with rod and reel only, then Status cards will be sufficient proof of designation. **Kitsumkalum Band Members must possess a valid Food Fish Permit to participate in a Kitsumkalum Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) Fishery. Permits must be obtained from the Kitsumkalum Band Office Monday – Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm and 12:30pm – 4:30pm, permits are personal and non transferable.**

Access to FSC Fisheries will only be allowed using Kitsumkalum band member owned and operated fishing vessels.

Fisher(s) will be required to provide accurate catch information before receiving further FSC permit(s).

If a person designated to harvest intends to use a Commercial Fishing Vessel to participate in the Tsimshian Fishery they must adhere to the following:

Fishery permit(s) must be carried on the fishing vessel at all times while the fishing vessel is being used in a food fishery or while transporting fish harvested from the food fishery. The fishing vessel must be available for fish hold inspections prior to engaging in a commercial fishery.

Fish harvested under the permit issued must be unloaded from commercial fishing vessel at least (12) hours prior to participating in a commercial fishery.

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Commercial fishing vessel shall not be used to fish salmon under the authority of this designation permit or fishing permit twelve (12) hours prior to, during, or twelve (12) hours after a commercial salmon opening.

NOTE: Rules and Regulations are subject to change at any time.

The fishing activity must comply with the terms of the permit without change in gear or vessel. Any change in gear type or vessel will require a new permit application.

Within 72 hours of fishing catch records must be reported to the Kitsumkalum Fisheries Department. Failure to report catch records may result in suspension of future fishing privileges for a period of one (1) year. The Kitsumkalum Fisheries Department reserves the right to revoke any and all fishing privileges within the Kitsumkalum FSC Fishery at any time.

Fisheries resources harvested in the Kitsumkalum FSC fishery may be used for Food, Social, and Ceremonial purposes. Without prejudice to future regulations, individuals are not permitted to sell the fisheries resources harvested within the Kitsumkalum traditional territory under the FSC fishery permit issued by the Kitsumkalum Fisheries Department.

Any Verbal or physical threats or inappropriate gestures to any Kitsumkalum Fisheries Staff Member or damage to their personal property will lead to immediate suspension of Food Social & ceremonial Fishing Permits for up to one year of incident date; any further incidences may result in criminal charges, and up to three years suspension of fishing under the authority of the Kitsumkalum Multi Species Communal Fishing License will be recommended.

Transporting of salmon caught under authority of this licence is authorised from 00:01 hours Start of fishing time period on FSC Permit to 23:59 hours end of fishing time period on FSC Permit, 2010.

Any Persons Fishing under the authority of the Kitsumkalum Multi Species communal fishing license must be at the minimum age of 16 years old, any member under the age of 16 can call band office requesting fish from the Kitsumkalum community Fisheries project.