

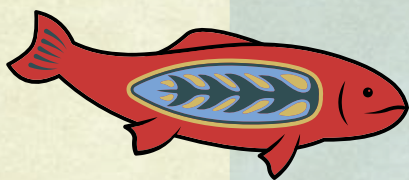


# Fisheries Resources in Epekwitk (PEI)

## In order of priority access

As Islanders, we all share a connection to the sea, and together we have established ways to access its resources. Mi'kmaq are guaranteed priority access by constitutionally-entrenched Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.

Each Fishery outlined below has a responsibility to respect our Island's resources and **protect the environment**, for the benefit of all Islanders for generations to come.



### FOOD, SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL (FSC) FISHERY

- Fishing for family, and for social and ceremonial engagements
- Has Priority over all other fishery access
- Aboriginal right affirmed in the 1990 R. v. Sparrow case
- Protected in the Constitution of Canada

### TREATY-PROTECTED FISHERY (MODERATE LIVELIHOOD FISHERY)

- Fishing to sell, trade or barter to obtain necessities
- Not intended to accumulate wealth, but to provide for one's family
- Treaty right affirmed in the 1999 Marshall case
- Protected in the Constitution of Canada



### COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNAL COMMERCIAL FISHERY

- Fishing for profit and to accumulate wealth by an individual (commercial) or community (communal commercial)
- Licences are provided by the federal government (DFO) yearly
- Is a privilege, not a rights-based fishery

### RECREATIONAL AND SPORT FISHERY

- Fishing for the pleasure of catching fish for personal use
- Requires a licence to be purchased from the federal or provincial government annually
- Is a privilege, not a rights-based fishery



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