Imaryuk Monitors

Imaryuk Monitors promote and monitor compliance to the restrictions on fishing activity established by the Community Fishing Plan. They also assist with programs to assess and monitor fish stocks and fish habitat in the area. Imaryuk Monitors are easily identifiable by their badge and uniform. Please ask them for information and assistance!

For Information on the Community Fishing Plan:
Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC):
(867) 777-2828 • fjmc-rb@jointsec.nt.ca • www.fjmc.ca

Report your Catch to the Inuvialuit Harvest Study by calling your Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC):
Inuvik HTC: (867) 777-3671
Tuktoyaktuk HTC: (867) 977-2457

Licenced Sport Fishers must register with the local HTC to fish on Inuvialuit Private Land.

In case of emergency, contact:
Inuvik RCMP: (867) 777-1111
Tuktoyaktuk RCMP: (867) 977-1111

Community Fishing Plan:
Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Area

Developed by Inuvialuit Communities to Ensure Fish Harvesting in Imaryuk (Husky Lakes) is Sustainable Now and for Future Generations
What is the Community Fishing Plan?

THE COMMUNITY FISHING PLAN was developed to ensure that access to remote lakes created by the new all-weather highway between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk (ITH) does not negatively impact fish stocks and fish habitat along the highway corridor and Imaryuk (Husky Lakes).

Restrictions on fishing activity have been developed, along with plans to monitor and manage fish stocks and fish habitat to ensure fishing is sustainable now and for future generations.

WHY WAS THE COMMUNITY FISHING PLAN DEVELOPED?

HEALTHY LAKE

Healthy lakes can sustain modest fishing pressure. The fish population will have a wide range of size and age classes.

OVERFISHED LAKE

Easy access to remote lakes could lead to over-fishing and empty lakes.

CAREFULLY MANAGED LAKE

By following restrictions and monitoring fish stocks, fishing activity can be sustained now and for future generations.

COMMUNITY FISHING RESTRICTIONS

1. No use of gill nets or dip nets within 5km of the highway.
2. Handle fish with care and respect. No use of downriggers.

LICENSED SPORT FISHING RESTRICTIONS

1. No Sport Fishing during gill net closure periods.
2. Sport fishers must possess a licence validated for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) and register plans to fish on Inuvialuit Private Lands at the local Hunters & Trappers Committee (HTC) office or www.fjmc.ca

HOW WAS THE COMMUNITY FISHING PLAN DEVELOPED?

The Community Fishing Plan was developed through discussions and agreed upon by consensus at community meetings with participation of the Hunters and Trappers Committees (HTCs) of Tuktoyaktuk and Inuvik and supported by the Fisheries Joint Management Committee (FJMC).

Community fishing plan available at: www.fjmc.ca

REPORT YOUR CATCH

Accurate harvest data is very important. Harvest data can help us understand whether or not fishing is impacting stocks (e.g., if we start catching smaller and younger fish this could be an indicator that a species of fish is being overharvested).

Report your catch to the Inuvialuit Harvest Study:

Inuvik HTC: (867) 777-3671
Tuktoyaktuk HTC: (867) 977-2457

Compliance with restrictions is requested.
The Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) is the area of land and water traditionally used by the Inuvialuit. Under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) with the Government of Canada, Inuvialuit own 91,000 sq. kms of land and hold co-management rights over wildlife in the region, including fish and marine mammals.

Imaryuk – also known as Husky Lakes – is a series of connected basins of saline water which flow into the Beaufort Sea that has been a hunting, fishing and food gathering area for Inuvialuit for centuries. An area of exceptional spiritual and cultural importance, Husky Lakes enjoys higher levels of environmental protection under the IFA.

COMMUNITY FISHING RESTRICTIONS
• No use of gill nets or dip nets:
  - within 5 km of the highway
  - in Jimmy and Noell Lakes
  - in Imaryuk (Husky Lakes) from:
    - April 10 - June 1 (to not interfere with jiggling)
    - August 15 - October 15 (to protect trout spawning)

LICENSED SPORT FISHING RESTRICTIONS
• Catch and release fishing only
• No sport fishing during gill net closures:
  - April 10 - June 1
  - August 15 - October 15
  - within 10 km of the highway
  - in Jimmy and Noell Lakes
  - in Imaryuk (Husky Lakes)

Licenced Sport Fishers must register plans to fish on Inuvialuit Private Lands with the local Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC):
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Tuktoyaktuk HTC: (867) 977-2457

The Inuvialuit – also known as Inuvik – is a community of Inuit people living in the Northwest Territories of Canada, in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR). The ISR is the area of land and water traditionally used by the Inuvialuit. Under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA) with the Government of Canada, Inuvialuit own 91,000 sq. kms of land and hold co-management rights over wildlife in the region, including fish and marine mammals.