



AAMJIWNAANG FIRST NATION
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TO MEMBERS OF AAMJIWNAANG

RE: FISHING ACCESS PERMIT

Dear Members:

Due to the increased usage of our shoreline along the St. Clair River for fishing by non-band members, Chief and Council in July of 2017 posted Private Property signs in the area thus allowing only band members to fish in the area.

At the time Council asked our Development Committee to review and make recommendations to address the issue.

The Development Committee brought forward a recommendation and Chief and Council at their regular meeting on April 17, 2018 passed the following motion:

“That Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council accepts the Aamjiwnaang – Application for Fishing Access Permit, and include the following terms:

1. Fees being set in the amount of \$150.00 per seasonal Fishing Access Permit, with a maximum of 100 permits being issued per established season;
2. The daily fees being set in the amount of \$15.00, to a maximum of 50 permits being issued on a daily basis;
3. The permit will be valid May 1, through September 30, per calendar year;
4. That any Status Member of Aamjiwnaang limit the number of guests to two (2); and,
5. To be reviewed at the end of the season.”

For clarification, we want to state that NO FEE will be charged for the following:

- **Other First Nation Members**
- **Anyone 18 years and younger**
- **Anyone 65 years and older**
- **A guest of an Aamjiwnaang Member (limit of 2 per day)**

However, the individuals listed above are still required to apply for a Fishing Access Permit.

Band Members please have your Status Card with you when fishing. The Ministry of Natural Resources Staff or Security Staff may ask for it.

Council have tried to incorporate members concerns by implementing this process. Please keep in mind that this is a new process and there may be changes required.

We encourage your constructive feedback but also ask for your patience during the development of this process. You are encouraged to attend the community meeting scheduled for May 14, 2018 at 5 PM at the Community Centre, where this and other topics will be discussed. Alternatively, you could submit your comments in writing to Carole Delion at cdelion@aamjiwnaang.ca or Jessica Pickett at jpickett@aamjiwnaang.ca

Permits will be available at the Band Office. Band Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm closed for lunch from 12 – 12:30.

We anticipate co-operation with the new Fishing Permit terms.

Aamjiwnaang Chief and Council