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MAA-NULTH INCREMENTAL COMMUNITY-BASED ECONOMIC FISHERY 2025 SUUHAA (CHINOOK SALMON)

Background

The Maa-nulth First Nations have been collectively negotiating with Canada since 2019 for access to commercial (economic) fisheries opportunities under the Me Too clause in the Maa-nulth Treaty (10.2.3) and the Me Too Side Agreement. The goal is full implementation of an economic fishery, based on the *Ahousaht et al vs. Canada* court decisions, which would include meaningful access for Nation citizens, multi-species fisheries and dual fishing.

While negotiations continue with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), the Maa-nulth First Nations identified an opportunity to create a “pilot” fishery in 2025 as a first step towards getting fishers on the water.

2025 Incremental Community-Based Economic Fishery

For 2025, Maa-nulth First Nations, in collaboration with DFO, have created an opportunity for a targeted suuhaa (Chinook Salmon) fishery, with retention of non-quota rockfish species, and č'aapi (Fraser Pink Salmon), if an allocation becomes available during the 2025 fishing season.

When	Fishery will open from August 16, 2025 - September 2025 (end date depends on Interior Fraser River Steelhead Window closure or when total catch is reached)
Where	PFMA 123-127 seaward of the defined boundaries (2-5nm) in the same area where the Area G Troll fishery is authorized
Who	Only fishers designated by a Maa-nulth First Nation may participate
How	Designated vessels using permitted fishing gear (rod and reel, handline, downriggers and multiple rods, barbless hooks, plugs). Commercial troll gear permitted only if revival tanks are utilized (as described in the Conditions of Licence)*

*Detailed fishery information and information on gear and vessels can be found in the *2025 Maa-nulth First Nations Incremental Community-Based Economic Fishing Plan for AABM Chinook Salmon*.

Allowable Catch and Bycatch

For 2025, the following may be retained for sale and/or personal use:

- suuhaa - Chinook Salmon to a maximum of 100 pieces per trip or as designated by the Maa-nulth Fishery Manager.



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- č'aapi - Fraser Pink Salmon (allocation determined in-season)
- Non-quota rockfish (maximum of five pieces per vessel per fishing day)

Aurora Rockfish	Chilipepper Rockfish	Pacific Ocean Perch	Splitnose Rockfish
Bank Rockfish	Darkblotched Rockfish	Puget Sound Rockfish	Stripetail Rockfish
Black Rockfish	Dusky Rockfish	Pygmy Rockfish	Vermilion Rockfish
Blackgill	Greenstriped Rockfish	Redstripe Rockfish	Widow Rockfish
Blue Rockfish	Greenstriped Rockfish	Rosethorn Rockfish	Yellowmouth Rockfish
Bocaccio	Harlequin Rockfish	Sharpchin Rockfish	Yellowtail Rockfish
Brown Rockfish	Northern Rockfish	Shortbelly Rockfish	Longspine thornyhead

Other species of rockfish, including but not limited to, Halibut, Lingcod, Yelloweye, Quillback, China, Tiger, and Copper rockfish may NOT be retained and must be released with the least possible harm.

Dual-fishing, or fishing for the Maa-nulth commercial fishery and for food, social, or ceremonial purposes is NOT permitted in this fishery at this time.