

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Commercial Fishery Harvest Level Update for 2021 Season

August 20, 2021 – This notice is to inform the membership that the NFN commercial fishery is expected to reach the safe harvest level of 30,000 kg by the end of August 2021.

Nipissing First Nation's Chief and Council will meet next week to review a recommendation from our Natural Resources department to close the commercial fishery for the 2021 season.

Decision-making is informed by our own harvest data that is collected by Nipissing First Nation (NFN) Fisheries staff using catch reports submitted by registered compliant fishers, as well as harvest estimates for non-reporting/non-compliant fishers.

Miigwech to the registered commercial fishers who follow our *Fisheries Law* and processes. We appreciate your efforts and respect for the will of the community.

Due to continued compliance with our law, we have had significant successes in our efforts to protect the walleye population and maintain safe harvest levels within our commercial fishery, consistent with Aboriginal treaty and harvesting rights. We continue to see signs of recovery in Lake Nipissing's walleye population.

NFN plays a fundamental role in promoting the health and recovery of the Lake Nipissing fishery and remains committed to principles of sustainability and the protection of resources.

Together, we can strengthen our priority position as stewards of Lake Nipissing and protect our jurisdiction by upholding the values and principles reflected in our Gichi-Naaknigewin.

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