

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### Annual Spring Moratorium Begins April 1, 2022

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**March 10, 2022** – In accordance with Nipissing First Nation’s Fisheries Law, the annual spring gillnet moratorium is in effect as of **Friday, April 1** until the 2022 fishing season begins on **Saturday, May 21**. The temporary moratorium on the cultural practice of spear fishing remains in effect this year. Our enforcement officers will be monitoring for compliance regularly.

With our offices reopening to the public on March 15, we are offering in-person registration for commercial and subsistence fishers this year at the Fisheries Office located at 17 Philip Avenue in Garden Village. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to offer online registration for commercial and subsistence fishers as well.

**To register online as a commercial fisher**, please complete the following application form: [survey.zohopublic.com/zs/elChms](https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/elChms) or access the form at [nfn.ca/fisheries](http://nfn.ca/fisheries)

**Please note:** This is an application only. You must receive a Commercial Fishing Card from the Natural Resources Department in order to be registered to fish commercially.

**Online Catch Reporting Form:** [survey.zohopublic.com/zs/9VCh3O](https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/9VCh3O)

**The commercial fishing season does not affect our members’ inherent and treaty-protected rights to harvest fish for subsistence or ceremonial purposes any time of year.** Members who plan to fish for subsistence or ceremony must follow NFN’s Fisheries Law and notify our Fisheries Office in advance by calling 705-753-6991. Anyone selling fish under the pretense of subsistence or ceremonial fishing will be considered to be in violation of and subject to enforcement measures under NFN’s Fisheries Law.

*Miigwech to the registered commercial fishers and community members who respect the will of the community and follow the NFN Fisheries Law. Your efforts are helping to ensure we can all enjoy the resources that Lake Nipissing provides for us now, and for generations to come.*

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