



## **INTER-TREATY HARVEST PERMISSION POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

This policy outlines how Inter Treaty Permission is requested, review by Nipissing First Nation, and how guests are allowed to harvest. Most importantly this policy ensures that Nipissing First Nation's conservation measures/goals are met.

The fulfillment of this policy will be the joint responsibility of Chief and Council, the Natural Resources Department and Nipissing First Nation. This policy:

- Regulates who and how Inter Treaty guests hunt or fish within Nipissing First Nation's Traditional Harvesting Territory. Traditional Harvesting Territory applies to crown land only.
- Promotes good and ethical harvesting practices consistent with the wishes of Nipissing First Nation members.
- Supports the continued development and capacity of Nipissing Enforcement Staff to effectively promote and enforce this Inter Treaty Harvest Permission Policy.

### **PROCESS**

1. First Nation members from other Treaty areas must request Inter Treaty Harvest Permission from Nipissing First Nation to harvest on crown lands within our Traditional Territory. This must include a letter, email or other adequate means of request, along with proof of First Nation affiliation.
2. When requesting Inter Treaty Harvest Permission to hunt or fish, a clear description on the location of intended harvest, species of harvest, and timelines of harvesting must be provided. It is the responsibility of the person(s) requesting Inter Treaty Harvest Permission to locate desired harvest location and to ensure that harvesting is not taking place on private property unless permission has been obtained by the land owner.
3. All requests will be reviewed by the Natural Resources Department and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Chief prior to a decision being made to grant or deny permission. All decisions are at the discretion of Nipissing First Nation.
4. If approved an Inter Treaty Harvest Permission letter signed by the Chief with conditions of harvest clearly stated in the letter will be provided. For information purposes, Council will be notified of the Inter Treaty Harvest Permission granted. This letter must be carried at all times by the applicant while harvesting.

## **HARVEST LEVELS**

1. Inter Treaty Harvest Permission is solely for personal/subsistence harvest for the immediate family of the permitted harvester.
2. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (OMNRF) will act as a first contact on Crown Land. If further investigation is required NFN Enforcement Officers can assist MNRF ie: confirm whether identified person has Inter Treaty Permission from NFN.
3. A maximum limit of Inter Treaty Permissions will be set annually to ensure that conservation goals are met. Should there be a known conservation concern with any species no Treaty Harvest Permissions will be granted for that species.
4. Inter Treaty Permissions will only be given for line fishing and small game (waterfowl and partridges) and large game (moose/deer) during the following times:
  - a) Sport/Recreational Line Fishing – May 10 to November 25 and/or January 1 to March 31.
  - b) Small game (waterfowl/partridges) and large game (moose/deer) – September 15 to December 31
5. Inter Treaty Harvest guests will be required to submit their harvest levels to the Nipissing First Nation Natural Resources Department.
6. Request for harvesting of species not listed in this policy will be brought to the attention of Council for special consideration.
7. This policy does not provide approval for trapping.
8. NFN has the right to limit or suspend permits if sustainability is of concern.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

1. Nipissing First Nation Enforcement staff will monitor Inter Treaty guest harvesting to ensure that all guests are adhering to conditions on their Inter Treaty Permission Letter.
2. The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources will enforce any regulations on crown land.
3. Any guest found to be in non-compliance to their Inter Treaty Permission letter and Provincial Laws on crown land will have their Inter Treaty Permission Letter revoked for a minimum period of five (5) years, at which time it may be reviewed.

## **SAFETY**

1. Applicants must follow all laws by outside agencies (ie: Anishinabek Police Services, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, etc) pertaining to gun ownership and must to ensure personal safety and the safety of others.

## **HUNTING PERMIT WAIVER**

All Inter Treaty guests must produce their Inter Treaty Permission to Nipissing Enforcement Staff and/or Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Conservation Officers upon request.

***NOTE: Inter Treaty Harvest Permission Policy does not apply to game preserves and/or provincial parks.***

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