



DOMESTIC FISH DISTRIBUTION POLICY

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define who is eligible to receive a domestic fish allocation from the Toquaht Nation, how much they are eligible to receive per distribution, and how they can obtain their allocation during domestic fish distributions.

Scope

This policy applies to all Toquaht Nation citizens.

Eligibility

All Toquaht Nation citizens, with the exception of those incarcerated at the time of a domestic fish distribution, are eligible to receive a domestic fish allocation.

Allocation

- Toquaht Nation citizens who are 18 years or older will receive one adult share per distribution.
- Toquaht Nation citizens who are less than 18 years old will receive 25% of one adult share per distribution.
- For the purposes of this policy, Toquaht Nation citizens who live on their own at the time of a domestic fish distribution will be considered an adult.

Distribution

During each domestic fish distribution there will be pickup locations in Ucluelet, Port Alberni and, if there are enough requests, Nanaimo. Each Toquaht Nation citizen who is on the Domestic Fish Distribution List will be phoned to notify them that a fish distribution is coming up. They have one week to reply and confirm the location in which they would like to pick up their fish. It is the responsibility of each Toquaht Nation citizen to keep his or her phone number updated with the Toquaht Nation Administration office.

All Toquaht Nation citizens who are 18 years or older must pick up their domestic fish allocation in person, and must present their Toquaht Nation Harvesting License to receive their allocation.

If a Toquaht Nation citizen who is 18 years or older is unable to pick up their domestic fish allocation in person, they may provide verbal notification to the Toquaht Nation Fisheries Manager that a transporter will pick it up on their behalf.

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The Toquaht Nation citizen must give their transporter a written note to be delivered to the Toquaht Nation Fisheries Manager (or authorized representative) at pickup.

Toquaht Nation citizens who are under 18 years of age may also have a transporter pick up their fish distribution on their behalf. They or their legal guardian may provide verbal notification to the Toquaht Nation Fisheries Manager that a transporter will pick it up on their behalf. The Toquaht Nation citizen or their legal guardian must give their transporter a written note to be delivered to the Toquaht Nation Fisheries Manager (or authorized representative) at pickup.

A caretaker who is picking up for a dependant must provide written documentation that they are the legal guardian of their dependant.

Every person, whether they are a Toquaht Nation citizen or not, who transports domestic fish must fill out on a Domestic Fish Transportation Authorization form at the time of pickup, and must carry it with them during transport.

Important Information

- It is illegal to sell domestic fish.
- It is each Toquaht Nation citizen's responsibility to keep his or her address and phone number up to date with the Toquaht Nation Administration office.
- The timing of domestic fish distributions will depend upon the catch of fish.
- 20% of all domestic fish catch will be held back for Toquaht Nation community use and/or celebrations.
- After 2 months any unclaimed domestic fish will revert to the Toquaht Nation for community use and/or celebrations.
- The community kitchen at Macoah is available upon request for citizens to preserve their fish and other harvests.