

**Paqtnkek Fish and Wildlife  
Society  
Eel Survey  
Consent Form**

The Paqtnkek Fish and Wildlife Society has been working in collaboration with the St. Francis Xavier University on the Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries (S.R.S.F.) for the past two years. Just recently, you received an information package which was delivered to your home. This information package contained some of the Fact Sheets that we have developed in partnership with 'Social Research for Sustainable Fisheries' at St. Francis Xavier University. The information presented in the Fact Sheets along with the working document *The Mi'kmaq and the American Eel (Kat)* was gathered from researching various historical documents, legends and our language. In addition, we have gathered ecological information on how the eel lives in our rivers and ocean waters, the impact of the commercial fishery and other environmental factors that impact on the eel's way of life. We are now at the point in our research where we would like to incorporate the knowledge of our own people. We plan to achieve this by first conducting this eel survey. This eel survey will help us gain a deeper understanding of the Mi'kmaq relationship to the eel. This survey will first gather information regarding your household to enable us to utilize every member's experience and knowledge. It will also gather information regarding the eel, its role in the past, present and future of your family. Your memories as a family are very important to us. This research will enable us to document things such as how, when and where families fished eels, the methods used to cook eels, and how eel was used.

Overall, this eel survey will enable us to:

- learn about the history of the eel fishery, its consumption and use among the Mi'kmaq people.
- discover Mi'kmaq social relationships (Ex. Who showed you how to fish eels?)
- identify the people thought to know the most about eels among our people.

All information gathered from this survey will be held in strict confidentiality and used within the guidelines set out by the Mi'kmaw Ethics Committee in their approval of our project. These completed surveys will be stored at the Paqtnkek Fish and Wildlife Society office and the SRSF office at St.FX in Antigonish.

This consent form was developed to ensure the confidentiality of the person and/or person(s) agreeing to participate in our study. Signing this consent form will enable us to use your information and experiences in developing a better understanding of the relation between the Mi'kmaq and the American eel. But, none of the information supplied by any individual will be publicly associated with that person. Of course, you

may choose not to answer particular questions or stop the interview at any time should you become uncomfortable.

Overall, your contribution to this survey will be greatly appreciated and will help us gain a deeper understanding of the Mi'kmaq relationship with the eel. You will receive a copy of the research report that will be developed from the study's findings. The survey is designed to take approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

Would you like to participate in our survey?

I/We

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agree to participate in the Paqtnkek Fish and Wildlife/SRSF Eel Survey and agree to allow the above mentioned society to use the information gathered, within the terms and conditions outlined, for the purposes of furthering their research concerning the eel and the Mi'kmaq people.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant(s) Signature(s):

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Interviewer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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