PIKTUK AKNUTMAQN

Fishing Season has begun

It was Setting day for our Fishers on May 3rd! We wish them a safe and prosperous season. May your traps be full and your days be safe!





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Netukulimk Livelihood Fishing will be launched during the commercial season. Pictured here is Chief Andrea Paul, Netukulimk Community Liaison Alfred Young and Councillor April MacDonald.



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Band Office Hours	Health Centre Hours	Garbage Day	Chief & Council Meetings
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Closed for lunch hour.	Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Closed for lunch hour.	Collection is every second Tuesday Next Collection Date is: Tuesday May 17, 2022 Tuesday May 31, 2022	The next Chief & Council meeting is Tuesday May 24, 2022. To submit a letter or request please email janet@plfn.ca or webmaster@plfn.ca or you can drop off at the front desk of the Band Office.
VCM Hours			
	Wolf Den Hours	Pictou Landing Pantry Hours	Fisheries Hours
Monday - Friday	Wolf Den Hours Open 7 days a week		Fisheries Hours Monday - Thursday
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Monday - Friday	Open 7 days a week	Hours Tuesday	Monday - Thursday
Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 11:00 pm	Open 7 days a week	Hours Tuesday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 11:00 pm Saturday- Sunday	Open 7 days a week	Hours Tuesday 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Wednesday - Thursday	Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday

Chief & Council Corner:

Chief & Council meets on, 2022. To submit a letter or request please email <u>janet@plfn.ca</u> or <u>webmaster@plfn.ca</u> or you can drop off at the front desk of the Band Office.

A few highlights from the last meeting:

- Fishing Season has begun, we wish all our fishers a safe and successful season.
- Mi'kmaw Harvesters from Pictou Landing First Nation took to the waters under their community's Netukulimk Livelihood Fisheries Plan, to fish for a moderate livelihood. Like many Mi'kmaw communities, Pictou Landing has been working with their community members to develop a Netukulimk Livelihood Fisheries Plan, that outlines and provides community authority and management for their Constitutionally protected Right to fish for a moderate livelihood. Pictou Landing's authorized harvesters will be able to fish and sell, pursuant to their Right and according to their community Plan, with the understanding of Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).
- A new large bay door has been installed at the old gymnasium. This space will be used for future capital storage, projects to be worked on, etc.
- There will be a Mother's Day Meal happening on Saturday May 7 at the Training Centre. Dinners will be delivered to Elders. Pick up begins at noon.
- Dominic has left his role in fisheries and he now works in Capital. Dominic's Guardian role will be posted soon, so be on the look out.

BASKET MAKING WORKSHOP

A basket-making workshop will be taking place Saturday, May 28. The workshop will begin at 9:00 and will be in the meeting room above the Food Bank. Priority given to community people who have not made a basket yet.

The following people expressed an interest on my FB post (March 25):

- 1. Fran Nicholas
- 2. Marsha Herney
- 3. Karen Boyles
- 4. Tonya Francis
- 5. Sylvia Francis
- 6. Andrea Paul
- 7. April Nicholas
- 8. Natasha Bernard
- 9. Haley Bernard
- 10. Keegan Worthen
- 11. Carl John Thomas
- 12. Chelsea Prosper
- 13. Michelle LeBrun
- 14. Mattio (do not know his last name
- 15. Katie Paul
- 16. Alissa Francis

Please confirm by May 18, to Sheila if you will be taking this workshop.

Notice from Social Department:

Power bills should be submitted on time to avoid disconnection.

New social applications are due on May 13.

Sewing classes are open to anyone and are held at the old school on Tuesday's & Wednesday's 6:00pm to 9:00 pm.

Notice from the Boat Harbour Project:

From NS Lands:

An application has been submitted to IAAC requesting an extension to the CEAA 2012 legislated time limit which prescribed that CEAA 2012 environmental assessments were to be completed by August 2022. Based upon our discussions with IAAC, we have asked for a two-year extension to the time limit, so to August 2024.

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Notice from Education Department:

Sheila is working on getting a Teaching Kitchen for the school & community. As plans are being finalized, she is looking for donations of kitchen equipment in good condition. This would be mixing bowls, dishes [Corel style not stone wear; it chips too easily], mugs, etc. If you are spring cleaning and you have stuff to get rid of and it is in good condition, let Sheila take it off your hands.

As for the location of this kitchen, hopefully plans will be finalized in the next couple of weeks and we will let the community know.

Notice from the Health Centre:

Update from Health Centre: Medical Car is running again:

The new medical driver is Sandy Carter, he is available for medical drives starting April 27, 2022. Medical drives to, New Glasgow, Trenton, Stellarton, Westville, in the future we will look at the possibility of adding Pictou.

Please call Ashley at the health center 24 hours in advance to book the medical driver for an appointment.

- The medical driver begins at 9am and the last run is at 3 pm.
- Any form of abuse (physical/verbal/) will not be tolerated. Be respectful.
- The medical driver will pick up RX
- The medical driver takes you to your appointment and back home. No coffee / groceries/bank stops.

The province has made some changes for booster doses for individuals 55 and older and 12- 17year old's. A second booster dose have been approved for individuals in First Nations communities 55 years of age and older. You are eligible if you meet the below criteria.

- 55 years or older.
- It is advised to wait 90 days after you have had covid before getting your booster.
- It has been at least 120 days since your first booster dose.

Anyone in the age group of 12-17 years of age is eligible for a Pfizer booster.

- It is advised to wait 90 days after you have had covid before getting your booster.
- Must have received your second dose of vaccine at least 168 days ago.

If you are interested and meet the criteria for having your booster dose or first or second dose of the Pfizer vaccine, please call the Health Centre to arrange an appointment our first clinic will be May 11th from 3pm-6pm.

Notice from Housing Department:





May 02, 2022

RE: Notice of Housing Inventory Data Collection – Pictou Landing First Nation

Dear Community Member,

The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq in collaboration with Pictou Landing First Nation will be in community performing housing condition assessments of the Pictou Landing First Nation housing stock between May 2022 and December 2022.

Greg Smith (CMMNS) will be performing visual condition assessments of community housing units. This data will be used for both short-term and long-term maintenance planning and validating the existing needs for future development.

One week's notice will be provided to residents with a proposed date and time of inspection. If you are unable to accommodate the inspection at the time requested, please contact Albert Denny or Greg Smith at greg.smith@cmmns.com or by phone at (902) 324-2571.

Should you have any questions or want more information on the Housing Condition Assessment program, please feel free to contact Greg Smith at CMM.

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MEDIA RELEASE



Maw-lukutijik Saqmaq Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE April 29, 2022

Pictou Landing First Nation Livelihood Fishery Set to Begin

Mi'kmaw Harvesters from Pictou Landing First Nation will be taking to the waters under their community's Netukulimk Livelihood Fisheries Plan, to fish for a moderate livelihood on April 30, 2022.

Like many Mi'kmaw communities, Pictou Landing has been working with their community members to develop a Netukulimk Livelihood Fisheries Plan, that outlines and provides community authority and management for their Constitutionally protected Right to fish for a moderate livelihood. Pictou Landing's authorized harvesters will be able to fish and sell, pursuant to their Right and according to their community Plan, with the understanding of Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

"Our community harvesters are very excited to have developed this path forward and I am pleased to see that they are able to provide for their families and our community through exercising their Treaty Rights," said Chief Andrea Paul, Pictou Landing First Nation. "The courts have spoken and seeing our community members out on the waters, safely exercising their rights is an exciting day for everyone in Pictou Landing!"

Pictou Landing and DFO met through formal consultation and came to an interim understanding on how Pictou Landing would implement their Netukulimk Livelihood Fisheries Plan, without having to sign any agreements or change how Pictou Landings community harvesters want to see their Treaty Rights implemented.

"Our community built a solid plan, and we were open and transparent with industry and government alike on what our harvesters wanted to do. We recognize the work undertaken by our fellow Mi'kmaw communities to see that the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia can earn a living through fishing, which has been an important part of our culture since time immemorial."

The Assembly of Nova Scotia Mi'kmaw Chiefs continues to support decisions made by Mi'kmaw communities on how they will proceed with their Netukulimk Livelihood Fishery and sees today's announcement from Pictou Landing as another step in the right direction towards self-governance. While interim understandings with DFO are allowing community harvesters to fish for a living, the Assembly still sees the need for significant changes within the *Fisheries Act* to allow for the Mi'kmaq to truly self-govern moderate livelihood fisheries outside of DFO's system and licenses.

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