

Guidelines for On-Reservation Fishing

In response to the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mashkiizibii Natural Resources Department recommends that all fish harvesters engaging in on reservation netting, spearing and dip-netting, adhere to the following precautions/guidelines.

Netting on Kakagon/Bad River/Lake Superior Shoreline

- When fishing in a boat with others, do so with people who live in your household.
- Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease.
- Limit the overall amount of people in your boat to a maximum of 3 people.

Spearing at the Bad River Falls

- When spearing at the Falls, please exercise social distancing protocol by staying 6 feet away from anyone not living in your household.
- Be respectful of an individual's right to safe distance. Take it upon yourself to not impose on another's safe space.
- Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease.

Dip-netting at Kakagon & Goslin Bridges (Handwashing station and portapotty will be provided)

- Wear gloves and a mask to reduce the possibility of the spread of disease.
- Maintain social distancing from creel clerks and wardens on the bridge.
- The following are requirements that need to be met in order to participate in dip netting this year:
 - 1) One person Per net will be enforced
 - 2) No one under the age of 18 will be allowed on the bridge.
 - 3) Utilize the hand-washing station and hand sanitizer
 - 4) Adhere to Warden and Fisheries staff requests for creeling as there will be changes to the normal protocol
 - 5) 3 marked areas of netting per each side of the Bridge Maximum (6 total per bridge)
 - 6) Stay in marked areas of your netting area while fishing

We are including these additional rules for dip netting due to the amount of people on the bridge in past years and the lack of space for everyone to maintain proper social distancing.

If there are any questions about the upcoming fishing season please feel free to call Brad Bigboy at 715-979-1181 or Gerald White at 715-292-7822

By following these guidelines, you are reducing the spread of this new virus that has been proven to be dangerous to the elderly and immuno-compromised. See the Bad River [<http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/news/>] site for the most current information and recommendations regarding COVID-19.