

# **Klahoose First Nation**



## **Food Fish Distribution Policy**

Adopted: July 8, 2020

Amended:

## 1. Purpose of Policy

This policy has been developed to create both transparency and understanding of the Food Fish distribution process for Klahoose First Nation administration and Membership. The processes, responsibilities and penalties of Food Fish distribution are explained in this document.

Every individual receiving Food Fish should familiarize themselves with the policy.

This policy does not prohibit individual Members from harvesting fish for their own personal food, social, or ceremonial purposes.

## 2. Definitions

**Food Fish:** Fish harvested on behalf of Klahoose First Nation under the Communal Food Fishing Licence. This includes salmon, herring, groundfish, and shellfish. Food Fish will be distributed unprocessed.

**Member:** Any person who is registered on the most current Klahoose First Nation Registry List (or as defined in the Klahoose First Nation Interpretation Policy).

**Dependant:** A non-Member individual living in the same household as a Klahoose First Nation Member that is a spouse, child, or individual who requires care due to a mental or physical disability. **This** includes step, common law, and same sex relationships. (Or as defined in the Klahoose First Nation Interpretation Policy.)

## 3. Eligibility

Members and Dependents are eligible to receive Food Fish. This applies on and off reserve.

Individuals who have been approved as a Member and have membership pending will also be eligible for Food Fish.

For Klahoose First Nation Members that are Minors (under 18 or as defined by the Klahoose First Nation Interpretation Policy), the guardian or the **parent** the Minor generally resides with will be responsible for the handling of their Food Fish.

Dependants do not include roommates/housemates, guests living in the same household, or family members living outside of the household.

## 4. Notice

Klahoose First Nation will notify Members when fishermen are going out and will provide as much notice as possible with an approximate pickup schedule. Members should be prepared to collect Food Fish when notified of successful harvest and finalized pickup schedule.

## **5. Contact Information**

It is the responsibility of Members who wish to receive Food Fish to ensure that their contact information is both current, and accurate. Phone number and email are required for Members to be contacted for notice of arriving Food Fish and confirmation of pickup.

Members are responsible for keeping their information current and accurate. (See Klahoose First Nation contact form in Appendix A.)

If Klahoose First Nation attempts to contact a Member but is unable due to inaccurate information, Klahoose First Nation will not be responsible for finding a new method of contact and the Member will not be included for the list of Food Fish recipients for that distribution.

## **6. Fish Quantities**

Klahoose does not have a guarantee of the quantity of Food Fish it receives. At times quantities will be limited and only available at locations near to the harvest location (at the discretion of the Klahoose First Nation Fisheries Manager and Administrator). Food Fish will be distributed reasonably between Members to ensure access to Food Fish.

## **7. Locations and Times**

Food Fish will be delivered to 5 general locations where more Members reside: Powell River, Campbell River, Tsawwassen, Nanaimo, and Cortes Island.

Members are expected to find their own transportation to and from locations. Klahoose First Nation will not arrange transport for Members.

Klahoose First Nation will notify Members of scheduled times for pickup. Members must pick up their Food Fish during the scheduled time.

## **8. Authorization of Alternate Person for Collection**

Members who are unable to collect their Food Fish in person may authorize another individual to collect it for them; however, this will only be allowed if the Klahoose First Nation Fisheries Manager has been notified.

The Member must notify the Klahoose First Nation Fisheries Manager that someone else is authorized to collect fish on their behalf. Members must supply the full name, phone number, and email of the person collecting the Food Fish. (See Appendix B for Authorization of Alternate Form)

If the Authorization of Alternate information is not received, only the Member will be allowed to collect their Food Fish.

## 9. Penalties

Food Fish is for personal use only. Selling Food Fish is illegal, and Members caught selling could face a legal fine. If a Member is caught selling Food Fish, they will be removed from distribution the following year. No exceptions.

Members who are caught receiving their Klahoose First Nation Food Fish distribution and letting it go to waste (i.e. rotting or throwing it away), will be removed from distribution the following year. Members that are unable to process their Food Fish distribution because of a crisis situation should contact their family or the Fisheries Manager as soon as possible to arrange for assistance in processing or re-distribution of Food Fish.

The Klahoose Communal Food Fishing Licence provides for specific amounts of Food Fish caught for food, social, and ceremonial purposes. Sale of Food Fish caught under this license is not permitted.

Bullying or harassment of Fisheries Manager or delivery staff will not be tolerated. Abusive behaviour may result in removal from distribution for the following year.

## 10. Procedure

- a) The Fisheries Manager will contract with the fisherman for harvesting.
- b) Klahoose First Nation will communicate with membership (through Facebook, email, website, and other communications channels as appropriate) that Food Fish will be available and an approximate pickup schedule.
- c) Members are responsible for contacting the Klahoose First Nation Fisheries Manager to be included on the list for that distribution.
- d) The Fisheries Manager will communicate with those on the distribution list regarding pickup locations and schedule. The Fisheries Manager will contact Members per information submitted on the Contact Form.
- e) Food Fish will be delivered to pickup locations as scheduled.
- f) Members are responsible for picking up Food Fish during the scheduled pickup time or sending an authorized alternate (see Section 8).

## Appendix A: Klahoose First Nation Contact Form



# Klahoose First Nation Membership Contact Form

### Member

Name

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Phone

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Email

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Mailing Address

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**Date**

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**Signature of  
Member**

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This information may also be provided to Klahoose First Nation by completing the online contact form located at: [klahoose.org](http://klahoose.org)

Information collected on this form will be used for official Klahoose First Nation related business only and will not be shared with other entities except as required by law.

## Appendix B: Alternate Authorization



# Authorization: Alternate for Food Fish Pickup

### Member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Alternate

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Member** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Fisheries Manager** \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be completed in full and returned to Fisheries Manager by email, fax, text, mail, or hand delivered.

This information may also be communicated by telephone by calling the Klahoose First Nation Fisheries Manager or Administration Office Receptionist at (250) 935-6536.

**REVIEWED & RECOMMENDED**

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020

APPROVED BY:

