



HARVESTING OUTSIDE YOUR TERRITORY?

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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YOU HAVE SHIPMAN RIGHTS

What are Shipman Rights?

- Shipment Rights allow you to hunt, fish, trap, and harvest outside of your home community.
- You may share the wildlife harvesting rights of another community by “Sheltering Under” or “Borrowing” their treaty rights.
- The community whose land you are hunting, fishing, trapping or harvesting on must have a tradition of granting permission to people from other First Nations to use their resources.

How do I exercise my rights?

- You must get a written letter of permission from the Chief of the community where you wish to harvest. The letter must include:
 - (1) Your name;
 - (2) The species and quantity of fish or game authorized;
 - (3) The geographical area where permission is granted;
 - (4) The timeframe in which it may be harvested; and
 - (5) The Chief's signature.
- You must carry the letter with you and produce it to a Conservation Officer at their request, along with any other identifying document.

YOU MAY ALSO HAVE MESHAKÉ RIGHTS

What is Meshaké?

- In Ontario, if you are married or in a common law relationship with a member of a different community or treaty, and your relationship is accepted by the community, then you have the right to hunt, trap or fish on their territory through “kinship”.

What are the restrictions?

- The community whose lands you want to hunt, trap or fish on, must have a tradition of sharing harvests between families.

To speak to a lawyer, call Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services at 1-800-465-5581