

## NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

## Gitselasu | Kitselas - FSC Fishery Notice

## June 2025

This is an official notice advising the Public that Kitselas has officially begun our Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) fishing activities for 2025. Kitselas FSC Harvesting is a protected activity under Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution Act, 1982. This activity is also defined and protected as a Right in the Kitselas Treaty.

**Kitselas members are permitted to harvest Section 35 food fish:** As always, Kitselas carries out our fish harvests with care and responsibility, in accordance with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) guidelines, our Treaty Rights, and our Traditional Laws and perspectives guided by LOOT'GM SAY'GAT LAHK HAAYK'M DEE'DULLS - "Honour the living spirit", we do not take more than we need.

**Under Chapter 21 of the Kitselas Treaty:** Kitselas holds recognized harvesting Rights within the defined Kitselas Harvest Area. These Rights are constitutionally protected and supported by Kitselas' inherent self-governance over our land and resources.

**Kitselas Harvest Area:** Only permitted Kitselas Harvesters may utilize the area between the east side Gała Ende (Hells Gate Slough) and below Ksi'nagwaatk (Fiddler Creek). We actively work with our honourable neighbours to ensure ours/their respective fisheries take place.

**Message to the Public:** Please do not block river access or disrupt FSC Harvesters. Follow all DFO regulations for the Skeena and its tributaries. You may see Kitselas Fish & Wildlife Officers and DFO staff doing monitoring/compliance work— please cooperate.

Respect and honour the Laws of Kitselas, neighbouring Nations and the Crown: Kitselas Harvesters will be identifiable by their 680 Status Card Number or Permit.

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