

# Winter Fisher Helper Training Program



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# Purpose

- To create employment
- To mentor and train the next generation of commercial fishers
- To promote Manitoba's fisheries and highlight it as an active source of income in Northern communities



# How it works

- Community members interested in becoming a fisher helpers must find a commercial fisher to take them on.
- The helper then contacts CEDF and signs the necessary forms
- The fisher helper(s) must be trained by commercial fishermen for a period of two weeks before the end of March
- At the end of the two weeks the commercial fisher will review the helper and return the necessary forms to CEDF.
- In return Fishers will receive a subsidy of \$1500 per helper

# Training Outcomes

- Learning categories are categorized in four groups
- Traditional knowledge, fishing, icing and safety

Traditional Knowledge: a. Learn the lake i. Where are the fish ii. Respecting the resource a. Where to set the net to catch fish i. Lake bottom ii. Where do fish move in the lake on different times of the year? iii. Water depths
Fishing a. How to set a net b. How to untangle a net c. How to box a net d. How to pick a fish out of a net e. Frequency lifting a net for quality f. Fish quality
Ice the fish and the value of using ice a. Look after the catch after the fisher did all the work
Proper dressing procedure to prepare the fish to sell to the market
Safety a. Safety equipment required b. Reading the weather (Traditional Knowledge) c. Keeping family informed where you are and expected return time d. Boat handling

# Can you apply?

- To be eligible as a Fisher Trainer the commercial fisher must hold a valid commercial fishing license and a valid FFMC#
- To be eligible as a Fisher Helper, trainees must be 18 or older and be unemployed, underemployed, or receiving social assistance



# Questions ?

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