



SURVEY OF RED RIVER MÉTIS COMMERCIAL FISHERS

This survey will take you approximately 20 minutes to complete.
We would be grateful to receive your responses by June 17.

Citizen Information

1. Full name:
2. Contact information:
 - ∞ Cell phone:
 - ∞ Home phone:
 - ∞ Email:
 - ∞ Preferred method of contact:
 - Phone
 - Email
 - Text
3. MMF Citizenship number: V
4. MMF Region:
5. MMF Local:
6. Mailing address:
7. Physical address:
8. Demographic information:
 - ∞ Age:
 - Under 18
 - 18-29
 - 30-39
 - 40-49
 - 50-59
 - 60-69
 - 70+
 - 75 and over
 - ∞ Gender:
 - Male
 - Female
 - Other
 - ∞ Bilingual:
 - Yes,
 - No

General Fisher Information

9. How are you involved in the Commercial Fishery?
 - Commercial fisher
 - Fisher Helper
 - Fish shed owner
 - Fish shed worker
 - Retired Commercial Fisher
 - Other:



10. What is your commercial fisher number?

∞

11. How long have you been in the commercial fishing industry?

0-10 years

11-20 years

21-40 years,

40+ years

N/A

12. Have you recently left the fishing industry?

Yes

No

13. If yes, why did you leave the industry?

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14. Do you have income sources other than commercial fishing?

Yes

No

15. If yes, please describe other sources of income:

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16. Which Season(s) do you commercial fish in?

Summer

Winter

Fall

Spring

Other:

17. Which Lake(s) do you fish on?

(Please list main lake first)

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∞

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∞

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18. What quota system is used on your main lake?

Lake Quota

Individual Quota

Other:

N/A



19. What Fish Species do you target?

- Walleye/Sauger
- Whitefish/Tullibee
- Yellow Perch
- Pike
- Mullet
- Goldeye
- Carp
- Bait fish
- Other

20. For the above-mentioned fish, what do you believe to be a fair price for landed catch in Canadian Dollars per pound (\$/lb)? (Answer for species you target/sell)

- \$ Walleye
- \$ Sauger
- \$ Whitefish/tullibee
- \$ Yellow Perch
- \$ Pike/Jackfish
- \$ Mullet
- \$ Goldeye
- \$ Carp
- \$ Bait fish
- \$ Other

21. Which fish shed(s) do you use?

- ∞
- ∞
- ∞

22. Do you run a fish shed?

- Yes
- No

23. Which Fish Purchaser do you use?

- Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC)
- Presteve
- Other
- N/A

Employment in Commercial Fishing Industry

24. Including yourself, how many individuals are employed in your commercial fishing operation?

- ∞

25. Are you experiencing a labour shortage in your commercial fishing business?

- Yes, we could use more employees, and can afford to compensate additional employees.
- Yes, we could use more employees, but could not afford to compensate additional employees.
- No, we have enough employees.



26. What do you believe are barriers to finding employees/helpers in the commercial fishing industry

- Finding interested persons
- Cost of hiring employees
- Retaining employees
- Other

27. What do you believe to be the major barriers to new entrants in the commercial fishing industry?

- ∞
- ∞
- ∞

28. Would you be interested in mentoring interested newcomers to the commercial fishing industry?

- Yes
- No

29. Please evaluate the following challenges facing the commercial fishing industry using the following scale, with 1 meaning the challenge is of least concern, 2 meaning the challenge is of somewhat concern, and 3 meaning a challenge of greatest concern.

	1	2	3
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Access to capital
(ex. access to boat, ski-doo, etc.)

Access to Funding Supports
(ex. Access to grants, loans, etc.)

Environmental Issues
(rainy days, drought, late freeze-up)

Finding helpers
(ex. Hiring, retaining, paying staff)

Fish habitat degradation
(ex. Loss of spawning grounds, excess algae, invasive species, etc.)

Decision-making without consultation

Infrastructure Projects
(Projects that hinder fish movement, affect spawning areas, strand fish, etc.)

Overharvesting
(Too much harvesting of fish by angling, fishing, etc.)

Pollution
(Contaminants dumped in water such as sewage, gas, etc.)

Prices for catch too low

Rising Costs
(Costs for equipment too high)

Small mesh sizes
(Not allowing fish to reach maturity before harvest)



30. Are there any other challenges not listed above that you feel are important to mention? If so, please describe:

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31. Are you aware of any fish habitat in need of restoration? If so, please describe:

Yes. Please describe:

No

32. Given the upcoming FFMC transformation, what would you like to see come of a restructuring of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation?

Improved compensation for catch

Greater transparency/communication

More diverse selection of fish accepted

Other

33. Which mesh size(s) are the nets you prefer to use to fish commercially?

3 ¾"

4"

4 ¼"

4 ½"

Other

34. What depth nets do you prefer to use while fishing commercially?

10 md

12 md

16 md

20 md

24 md

30 md

Commercial Fishing Supports/Funding

35. Are you aware of MMF funding supports for your commercial fishing operation?

Ex. Louis Riel Capital Corporation (LRCC) Small Business Grant, etc.

Yes

No

36. Have you received funding for your commercial fishing operation from the MMF?

Ex. Commercial fish net Program, LRCC Business Grant and Loan Program, etc.

Yes, \$

No

37. Have you accessed other funding sources for your commercial fishing operation (Provincial, Federal, or other)?

Yes, (source)

No

Prefer not to answer



38. Have you applied to other funding sources (Provincial, Federal, or other) in the past five years and been denied?

Yes

No

Prefer not to answer

39. If you have not accessed all available funding/supports (MMF or other), explain why:

My operation does not need external funding/supports

I am not aware of opportunities

Application process is too tedious/time commitment is lengthy

I feel I am not eligible for funding/supports

40. Please explain what funding programs and supports you would like to see from the MMF.

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Follow-Up

41. MMF activities are constantly evolving. Select all opportunities that you would be interested in:

Learning more about sustainable fisheries.

Speaking about your experiences at events.

Mentorship opportunities.

Participating in a Red River Métis Fishers' group.

Participating in a Red River Métis Traditional Knowledge Interview.