

NORTH SHORE

Mi'kmaq Tribal Council

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ANQOTUM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

AAROM EXCELLENCE AWARD

The NSMTC is honoured to be the 2026 recipient of the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) Excellence Award. It was presented on January 20 by the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat at the 2026 APC Fisheries Conference in Halifax. The award recognizes leadership and contributions in fisheries and aquatic resource management within Atlantic First Nations communities. We share this recognition with our staff, partners, and the communities we serve.



while learning about culturally significant species including plamu (salmon), mikikjk (wood turtle), komkutamu (sturgeon), and kataw (eel).

During the 2026 winter session, NSMTC staff visited schools in Natoaganeg, Metepenagiag, and Elsipogtog to deliver interactive, classroom-based activities. These sessions encourage early interest in environmental stewardship and help students make meaningful connections between what they learn in school and the land and water around them.

PROMOTING LIFELONG LEARNING

The Promoting Lifelong Learning (PLL) program continues to support environmental education for Grade 4 students at First Nation-operated schools. Through classroom workshops, students explore topics such as aquatic monitoring, conservation, and species at risk

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

NSMTC Anqotum staff recently attended the St. Thomas University Indigenous Recruitment Fair and participated in the NSMTC Indigenous Recruitment Fair in Natoaganeg, connecting with students and sharing opportunities in conservation and environ-



mental stewardship. These events are an important way for us to engage the next generation of conservation leaders. Our summer recruitment campaign is now underway. Students interested in gaining hands-on experience with the NSMTC Anqotum department are encouraged to apply at nsmtc.ca/summer.

L'NUI MENIKUK CONSERVATION PLANNING

Over the past two years, community members in L'Nui Menikuk have been leading the development of a community conservation plan. NSMTC Anqotum was honoured to support this work alongside Wele'k Pemjajika'q Sikniqt (Healthy Coasts NB) and Nature NB by facilitating discussions and helping compile the formal plan. In February, we gathered with community members to review the completed plan, which outlines local priorities, conservation targets, and action steps. We are proud to contribute to community-driven efforts to protect Mi'kma'ki lands and waters.

ICE FISHING IN METEPENAGIAG

In January, our team spent a day on the ice with Nukumi House and students from Metepenagiag School. Alongside ice fishing, students helped set up a hydrophone to listen for tagged komkutamu (Atlantic Sturgeon) as part of our Species At Risk research. Through Two-Eyed Seeing, our team was able to share lessons about hands-on science and land-based learning. We were also joined on the ice by Elder Marion Simon who passed along her teachings about the river, Mi'kmaq knowledge and values, and our collective responsibility as stewards.

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Pg. 1: Students from Metepenagiag School on the ice of the Miramichi River (header); 2026 AAROM Excellence Award (centre); From left to right, Senior Field Technician Nelson Cloud, Environmental Services Manager Pam Ryan, and Anqotum Manager Jodi MacIntosh at the APC Fisheries Conference (bottom left); Left to right, Field Technicians Taylor Colford and Katie Patles with students at the NSMTC Indigenous Recruitment Fair (bottom right).

Pg. 2: Elder Marion Simon with Nukumi House and Metepenagiag School staff and students on the ice of the Miramichi River (lower right).

L'nu Menikuk Conservation Plan



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