



NORTH SHORE

Mi'kmaq Tribal Council

ANQOTUM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SUMMER BULLETIN 2026

TIA'M PROJECT

Anqotum is beginning a two-year project to study whether pesticides are showing up in tia'm (moose), an important traditional food for Mi'kmaq communities. Moose liver samples from the Miramichi area and Acadian Peninsula (Zones 7 and 8) will be tested for DDT, glyphosate and their metabolites. The project will also gather knowledge from Elders, hunters, Knowledge Holders and community members about harvesting areas and concerns around pesticide exposure. Anqotum will host moose harvester engagement sessions later in September to share more about the project and distribute sample kits. Samples will be collected during the 2026 and 2027 fall harvests. Findings will be shared with communities and leadership to help inform future discussions around moose and pesticide exposure.

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS

This summer marked a first for Anqotum, with 10 STEM and Species at Risk Camps held across all seven NSMTC Member Nations. Campers took part in hands-on activities about the Species at Risk Act and learned about species important to Mi'kmaq, including plamu (Atlantic salmon), mikijkj (wood turtle), komkutamu (Atlantic sturgeon) and kataw (American eel).

Activities also explored the role youth can play in looking after maqamikew (land), samqwan (water) and wisisk (animals). The camps gave Anqotum a new way to bring Species at Risk education directly into

communities and introduce youth to environmental science.

Wela'lieg to our NSMTC Energy Services department, Science East, GEMTEC, Candu Energy, Bird Construction, Pomerleau, the Government of Canada's Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk, Nukumi House and our Member Nations for helping make the camps possible.



AEMC 2026

The Atlantic Emergency Management Conference (AEMC) returns October 20-21, 2026, at the Membertou Trade & Convention Centre. This year's theme, Strengthening Roots, will bring together emergency management professionals, First Nations representatives and partners from across Atlantic Canada to share knowledge and strengthen emergency preparedness in Indigenous communities. AEMC 2026 is hosted by NSMTC, Wolastoqey Tribal Council Inc., The Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq, Union of





Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq and Membertou Community. The two-day gathering will focus on the people, partnerships and systems that help communities prepare for and respond to emergencies.

To learn more about the conference and how to participate, visit AtlanticEM.ca.

AAROM RATIFICATION

Anqotum Resource Management has been ratified for another five years as an Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management (AAROM) organization. Through the federal AAROM Program, Indigenous organizations build their own scientific and technical capacity to take part in fisheries, aquatic resource, and oceans management. AAROM supports much of Anqotum's work on aquatic species, habitat, and monitoring. It also helps ensure NSMTC's Member Nations have access to Indigenous-led scientific and technical expertise when decisions are being made about fisheries and aquatic resources. The new five-year ratification allows Anqotum to continue this work on behalf of our eight Member Nations.

2026 SUMMER STUDENTS

This summer, Anqotum welcomed two new summer students to the team: Ivory Gadsden and Rileigh Hicks. Ivory is completing a Bachelor of Arts at St. Thomas University, with a double major in Human Rights and Environmental Studies and a minor in French. Rileigh is studying Science at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Throughout the summer, Ivory and Rileigh helped deliver Summer Science Camps, supported Anqotum fieldwork and assisted one of our partners, the Miramichi Salmon Association, with their annual plamu population estimate. They also supported day-to-day operations in the office and brought energy and commitment to every task. We are proud to support their continued growth and grateful for their contributions to the team.

KOMKUTAMU FIELDWORK

Anqotum continued fieldwork this summer as part of its study of komkutamu (Atlantic sturgeon) in the Miramichi watershed. Launched in 2025, the project is helping fill major gaps in what is known about the species in the Miramichi, including where important habitat is located and how sturgeon move throughout the watershed. Komkutamu are assessed as Threatened by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). Fieldwork includes underwater surveys, diving, angling and environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling. Sturgeon captured through the project are tagged so their movements can be tracked using underwater receivers maintained by research partners. This is helping Anqotum build baseline information about the population and its movements, which can support future habitat protection and conservation decisions.

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Pg. 1: Miramichi region moose (header); Summer student Rileigh Hicks with community youth at Nukumi House (right); Youth at Nukumi House showcasing mikijikj artwork as part of Summer Science Camp (left).

Pg. 2: From left to right, Field Technicians Katie Patles, Taylor Colford, and Nelson Cloud tagging komkutamu.

