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Nunavik has sustained humans for more than 4,000 years. Today it is densely inhabited by 11,300 Inuit live in 14 remote villages along the coast. Only one community, Kangirsut, Param, Bylot and Sakuj, number more than 1,500 inhabitants. Nunavik is Quebec’s Arctic region. A vast and virgin territory lying north of the Great Northern Divide, Nunavik is home to a rich array of plants, fish and wildlife. Its landscape is a timeless Beauty, a place of perpetual beauty.

Ungava Bay. Imagine 507,000 km² (195,700 sq. mi.) of truly wild Arctic coastal waters immediately. They are the home of Arctic char, Atlantic salmon, brook trout and lake trout, offering anglers an abundant renewable resource which has changed little since the beginning of time. While salmon, brook trout and lake trout are a year-round freshwater form of this species known as landlocked Arctic char, like its cousin the salmon, may feed in the sea. It is at sea that the salmon completes its reproductive cycle. While in the sea, the salmon’s mouth is open wide, its coloration is flat and its body is streamlined for swift swimming. One characteristic of salmon is that it can be caught with a variety of lures. On the contrary, Arctic char, known as grilse, spend another full year in their home rivers before reproducing.

Atlantic Salmon

Weight

Record 1.5 to 3 kg (3 to 6 lb.)

Other name

Sea-run Trout

Location: The main river basins for Atlantic salmon in Nunavik are the George, the Koksoak, the Leaf and the Whale rivers. Since lake trout grows to a healthy size, it is a favourite among trophy fishermen. In Nunavik, you will have an excellent chance of finding that toughest fighting fish in the region. Make your dreams come true in Nunavik’s fishing paradise.

Lake Trout

Weight

4.5 to 7 kg (10 to 15 lb.)

Other name

Sea-trout, Sea-run Trout

Location: Lake trout is found in freshwater in the late summer. Rather, a whole year will be spent in its native habitat. Lake trout can be caught by line, at 1.5 to 2 kg (3 to 4 lb.). Make your dreams come true in Nunavik’s fishing paradise.

Brook Trout

Weight

1.5 to 3 kg (3 to 6 lb.)

Other name

Sea-run Trout

Location: Brook trout is found in freshwater in the late summer. Make your dreams come true in Nunavik’s fishing paradise.

Atlantic Char

Weight

4.5 to 7 kg (10 to 15 lb.)

Other name

Sea-trout

Location: Atlantic char is found in 173 different river basins throughout Nunavik, mostly more than 50 km (31 mi.) from the ocean. Make your dreams come true in Nunavik’s fishing paradise.

Sea-trout

Weight

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**Fishing licences**

The Nunavik Tourism Association offers a variety of fishing packages to fit your needs, whether you wish to combine fishing with hunting, sight-seeing and hiking expeditions.

**Outfitting**

Outfitting camps are always in contact with the region’s populated centres via high-frequency (HF) radio or satellite telephones. Kuujjuaq airstrip and Puvirnituq boast complete facilities with trained medical staff. Other communities are on a daily basis to Kuujjuaq.

**Late Season Fishing**

Trophy fish are the pride of Nunavik’s underwater renewable resources. Large mature fish are difficult to recover, but the hard-earned trophies make the challenge more than worthwhile. This season, fish effort is expected to be less than the previous year, but we expect higher catches in our region (over 300 fish/1000 sq. ft.).

**Fish Handling**

1. A fish played for too long will be too exhausted to recover, so play and release is highly recommended by the region’s fishing camp operators.

2. Handle the fish as gently as possible, and keep your hands wet. Never handle the fish by their tail; do not squeeze them. A net can be helpful in keeping the fish in the water, as well as lifting the fish upright in the water. Draw the fish through your hand.

3. Carefully remove hooks with long-nosed pliers. Do not tear hooks out.

4. An unconscious fish may be revived by gripping it at the narrow part of the body just in front of the tail and at the same time cradle the fish in your other hand so as to hold the fish upright in the water. Draw the fish through your hand.

5. Release the fish quickly.

**Lake trout**

Catches are usually minimum, with the exception of the Puvirnituq system near the mouth of the Perry River. aromatic vegetation and serve as an initial contact for hunters and anglers wishing to learn more about the region. The Association’s centres are designed to provide anglers with a comfortable setting in which to fish and enjoy the sharing of their knowledge.