

RAPID LAKE LODGE

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New reglementations

- East Ungava Bay arctic char rivers protection plan.
- Acces to the Torngat Mountains National Park Reserve of Canada.

East Ungava Bay arctic char rivers protection plan.

Some important changes happened in 2007 towards setting goals that will protect our Ungava Bay arctic char resources.

These important arctic char resources are found in most rivers of the East Ungava Bay peninsula, the Qiniqtiq land holding corporations of Kangiqsualujjuaq (George River) village, and Epigituk of Killineq. All of these areas have adopted new preventive measures of protection.

Together with the Quebec Ministry of Environment, Wildlife (M.E.F), the Rapid Lake Lodge Inc. / pourvoirie du Lac Rapide Inc. provided the evidence needed to conclude these resolutions and agreements as given below.

New rules for sports fishing were devised to avoid unintentional damage to our arctic char population.

The period from August 1st though September 30th corresponds to the arctic char's annual upriver climb. Certain questionable sports fishing methods were observed by us during this period.

Whether accidental or not, hooking or

"snagging" a fish's body causes damage, and most often can be attributed to the fishing method. The "spin and cast fishing" or "light throw" sport fishing method frequently uses triple hooked spoons. A triple hooked spoon thrown in a pond filled with numerous arctic char will inevitably wound some fish. Some of these fish may be wounded so badly that they will die early and keep them from spawning, thus depleting our arctic char population.



To remedy this problem, the land holding corporations of Qiniqtiq and Epigituk adopted unanimously the following resolutions.

Resolution 2007-10-01-B

Spin and cast fishing in the lands of Category I and II of Kangiqsualujuaq and Killineq.

With the aim of protecting the resources of arctic char on the East Ungava Bay coast, it is resolved that during the arctic char climbing period, that is from August 1st till September 30th, the anglers using of the equipment of " spin and cast fishing " said (light throw) or any equipment other one than that used to practise the fly fishing will have to make it with single hook spoons.

This new practice is valid for all the water sources situated inside the lands of categories I and II of Kangiqsualujuaq and Killineq.

Resolution 2007-10-01-A

Baudoncourt River.

With the aim of protecting the arctic char resources of the Baudoncourt River, it is resolved that the River Baudoncourt is appointed " Fly fishing only ".

Baudoncourt River classified "Fly fishing only"

Due to its remarkable topography and of its important halieutique potential, the Baudoncourt river is classified " Fly fishing only ". It is the first time in Canada where a arctic char river is so appointed. It is to note also that in the next few years, more rivers of the peninsula will also be classified.

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Access to the Torngat Mountains National Park Reserve of Canada.

Everyone needs to register

All visitors must register before entering the Torngat Mountains National Park Reserve. You may register by phone, fax, or by e-mail.

If travelling on a guided tour, ensure that your operator has registered you as one of his/her clients with the park office. If using the services of a guide, you should take responsibility for your own registration and ensure that the guide is registered as well.

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