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Two Listugujawaq Captains take the wheel

April 13, 2012.- Listuguj is proud to announce the appointment of two Listugujawaq to captain the LMG vessel, Ugit Sma'gnisg along with an all Mi'gmaq crew.

Rodney Barnaby will captain the crab season and Buddy Vicaire will assume the wheelhouse during the shrimp fishery. They both have been fishing as deckhands in the crab and shrimp fisheries and each have participated in mentorship programs with their respective captains.

The Ugit Smagnisg, a 65' multi-functional vessel, will be allocated a snow crab quota of 225,000 pounds and 500,000 pounds of shrimp. The two captains will be supported and assisted by Captains Bruno Duguay and Gilles Albert, on shore and with additional onshore support from the E. Gagnon & Fils snow crab plant, Matane (FMEQ) shrimp plant, the Listuguj Fisheries Sector and the crew.

The LMG's Listuguj Fisheries Sector is committed to gradually have more licensed Captains steering the wheels of our vessels. Our fisher's take their careers seriously as it provides them with a means to provide for their families. Many have undertaken additional training to increase their knowledge and better their skills while working on the large vessels and some are preparing to be captains.

In September of 1999, the Supreme Court of Canada handed down a landmark decision in recognizing constitutionally protected Treaty Rights of the Mi'gmaq to catch and sell fish. In 2000 Listuguj began fishing commercially crab, shrimp, lobster and ground fish.

The LMG'S Fisheries Vision guiding our work is three-fold: 1) Take over Management of Fisheries 2) Utilize LMG Vessels and 3) Maximize employment opportunities.

This is a new chapter in the Listuguj Fishery! The Listuguj Mi'gmaq Government and Commercial Fisheries are eager and very encouraged by our talented and motivated Mi'gmaq Fisherman and we look forward to the future as we assume our rightful place in fisheries!

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