



## RECRUITMENT LETTER

*Implementing Mi'kmaq Inherent and Treaty Fisheries:  
An Alternative Fisheries Governance Model for Nova Scotia*

Kwe'. My name is Shelley Denny. I am a Mi'kmaq woman from Eskasoni, Nova Scotia and a PhD candidate in the Interdisciplinary Studies program at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I am seeking Mi'kmaq participants to contribute to my research from the Mi'kmaq districts throughout Maine, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland. I am interested in hearing from youth, elders, community leadership and fishers as those who benefit from fishing and individuals who are actively fishing.

By exploring how we know what we know as Western and Mi'kmaq knowledge systems, understanding the Mi'kmaq perspectives of our fisheries, and learning from the experiences of those who fish based on Mi'kmaq inherent and treaty rights, I hope to find a solution to address the challenges faced by the Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia when carrying out their inherent and treaty fisheries in a changing climate.

My research is guided through Two-Eyed Seeing. The interview will consist of a series of open-ended questions that is expected to take approximately one to three hours to complete. The questions can be provided in advance of the interview. Interviews will take place between July and September 2018. A small gift of appreciation will be offered for your participation in the study. The knowledge and information that you share will remain confidential. You will have the opportunity to review your transcript and provide clarification of your responses.

Thank you for your time and consideration in participating in this study. Please do not hesitate to address any questions you might have about this study to myself, Shelley Denny (902-5784340 or [sdenny@dal.ca](mailto:sdenny@dal.ca)) or to my supervisor Dr. Lucia Fanning ([Lucia.Fanning@dal.ca](mailto:Lucia.Fanning@dal.ca)).

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