

Village of Juaqtoon

Location:

Southwest of Zainab, across from the northern coastline of Ussun

Population:

400

Demographics:

Selenian (30%)

Human (20%)

Nautolan (30%)

Twil'ek (20%)

Description:

The fishing village of Juaqtoon is situated on a small peninsula that juts out from the southwest quadrant of Tunca, just across from the coast of Ussun. Their log cabins along the shore are built from sturdy timber that is harvested from the forests and are all constructed to be well-insulated, weather-proof and warm every day of the year. It is laid out in an east-west direction, with the cabins hugging the shoreline, split in the middle of the village by the unusually large square, side streets that contain shops and supply stores, and the village hall, where the people gather to discuss issues of importance related to their simple way of life that has not changed in centuries. The church is the symbolic heart of the village, where prayers are said to the gods of the sea, to watch over fishermen and fisherwomen, military personnel and citizens here.

A large jetty - and accompanying marina - are situated at the far end of the village, under the control of the Corps of Harbourmasters. A wide variety of fishing vessels can be seen tied up at individual docks along the water's edge, with family crests as identification as to which family the vessel, dock and packing facilities belong to. The marina and jetty are being rebuilt and expanded to cater towards the large number of tourists who enjoy spending time on the water. Alongside the marina are a full-time Coast Guard station, a Coast Guard Auxiliary outpost, and a Department of Fisheries

post to counter the threat of illegal fishing, which has seen a huge boom in the past; a secondary Coast Guard outpost is being constructed to provide a faster response.

Outside of the village, there is a small, but burgeoning, tourism sector. Ice fishing is a popular past-time, and is used as a rite of passage for young beings. Small huts and quaint, but modern, accommodation blocks have been constructed on frozen lakes; it is a favourite past-time with Selenians and the other sentient species who call Selen home, with transporter-loads of folk travelling across the ocean to take part in this. In the outer reaches are also large bio-dome huts that were specifically built to provide unpolluted and clear views of the famous “Light Tails” that appear in the skies above Juaqtoon nearly every evening. Another tourist operation located in the village is an arctic exploration base, where the more adventurous visitors’ up north camp out and set off on lengthy expeditions deep into the arctic wilderness to see flora and fauna.

There is also a rapidly expanding forestry sector, with the surrounding taiga providing the wood to build and repair log cabins and other structures. Logging occurs all year round, with forestry crews working short days during the darkness and all day when the midnight sun arrives. The harvested timber is either used in the village itself or is exported and sold all around Selen, due to its toughness and excellent quality.

Although Juaqtoon is growing in importance due to its primary industries, the people of Juaqtoon are reticent, and they do like privacy and the isolation that it provides.