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RE: Huu-ay-aht First Nations Implements Category 1 Campfire Ban to Reduce Wildfire Risk

Effective July 10, 2025 at 12 p.m. noon, Huu-ay-aht First Nations will implement a prohibition on all Category 1 campfires at both public and private campsites within Huu-ay-aht ḥaḥuułi (traditional territory). This decision comes in response to ongoing dry conditions, limited firefighting resources, and the proximity of our lands to extensive forested areas.

Effective immediately, Category 1 open campfires are not permitted at the following Huu-ay-aht Campgrounds:

- Haines Island
- Dania (Hamilton Point)
- Diana (Kirby Point)
- Helby
- Sarita River
- Sarita Falls
- Sarita Lake
- Pachena Beach Campground Public Sites & Citizen Private Sites

Category 1 campfires are defined as any fire smaller than 0.5 meters high by 0.5 meters wide, typically used for recreational purposes such as cooking or keeping warm. This restriction is a preventive measure to reduce the risk of wildfires during high-risk conditions.

Portable propane fire rings are still permitted, as they are a safe alternative that does not rely on wood burning and can be quickly extinguished.

Huu-ay-aht First Nations deeply respects the importance of fire in cultural and ceremonial practices. If a fire is required for cultural purposes, please get in touch with the Director of Lands and Natural Resources in advance for approval and safety coordination. We appreciate the public's understanding and cooperation during this time.

For questions, please contact Jaleen Rousseau, Acting Director of Lands & Natural Resources at Jaleen.r@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414.

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