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December 19, 2023

**To: Huu-ay-aht Citizens**

**RE: Open Burning Restriction Notice**

Open burning restrictions are now in effect. As highlighted below, both Open Fires category A & B are closed as of November 15. Open burning will resume in March 2024. Campfires are currently permitted (see definition below for more information). Huu-ay-aht First Nations follows the provincial and regional burning bylaws, which can be referenced on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District website under Bylaw NO. R1032.

"Category A Open Fires and Category B Open Fires are permitted only: i. when the ventilation index is rated as 'good,' as reported by Environment Canada's Ventilation Index; ii. between March 1 and April 30 inclusive and between September 15 and November 15 inclusive, unless otherwise prohibited by the Province."

Important: it is unlawful and dangerous to our lands and people to burn prohibited materials within our Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL) Hahuuli; this includes garbage, plastics, demolition waste, treated wood, construction waste, furniture, and appliances, etc. (See definition below for a complete list of prohibited burning material).

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Respectfully,

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**Definitions:**

“Category A Open Fire” means an open fire that is: a) limited to vegetative debris with a diameter less than 10 cm; and b) burns material in one pile not exceeding 2 m in height and 3 m in width, or burns stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 ha.

“Category B Open Fire” means an open fire that contains vegetative debris with a diameter of 10 cm or more significant or includes stubble or grass over an area 0.2 ha or greater.

“Debris” means disturbed or undisturbed vegetative matter targeted for management or disposal by open burning.

“Demolition Waste” means any materials resulting from or produced by the complete or partial destruction or tearing down of any structure.

"Prohibited Materials" includes tires, plastic, polystyrene foam, rubber products, drywall, demolition waste, domestic waste, construction waste, paint, particular waste, animal organic waste, biomedical waste, hazardous waste, tar, tar paper, treated or painted wood products, furniture, appliances, carpets, railway ties, asphalt products, battery boxes, petroleum products, fuel and lubricant containers or any other material which may produce black smoke or noxious odours.

## Bylaw:

ACRD Burning Bylaw

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