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Huu-ay-aht First Nations Harvesting License Application

Office Use Only:

Date: _____ **License Number: _____**

I agree to comply with the Maa-nulth Treaty, and all Legislation, policies, orders and directives of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government, including the *Resource Harvesting Act, Fisheries Regulation*, *Wildlife and Migratory Birds Regulation*, and any HFN Fishing Plan.

My HFN Resource Harvesting License is the property of the HFN, is not transferable, must be carried at all times while harvesting, and produced on request of an HFN Staff or other enforcement officer.

If I receive a verbal or written notice from the Huu-ay-aht Government that my license is suspended or cancelled, I will cease harvesting immediately and return my original license to the Huu-ay-aht Natural Resource Manager or the Huu-ay-aht Director of Lands & Natural Resources – herein described as the "Manager" and "Director" respectively – within 5 business days of the notice. Requests to the Manager can be made via email at amelia.v@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414.

Fish and Shellfish:

I agree to fish only in the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) territory (shown in Appendix A) of the Maa-nulth Treaty Domestic Fishing area. If I plan to fish outside HFN territory, I must first request authorization from the Manager or Director, who will seek permission from the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation.

The HFN allocation for chinook, chum, coho, pink, sockeye, herring, halibut, rockfish, groundfish and sable fish is described in the HFN Fishing Plan. All other species, for which there is no allocation specified in the Treaty, may be harvested under the HFN Fishing Right.
I agree to notify the Manager prior to fishing with a gillnet.

I agree that **all species harvested under this fishing right cannot be sold** but may be traded and bartered with aboriginal people of Canada. For the purpose of trade and barter, I will transport fish outside British Columbia only if I have obtained a transportation certificate from the Manager or Director.

Vessels fishing for food fish must be registered with the HFN Lands and Natural Resources Department, must be compliant with applicable marine safety legislation, and must prominently display a current HFN flag. If I obtain a new vessel, I will register it by contacting harvest@huuayaht.org.

My three-digit HFN harvest license number must be painted or otherwise securely affixed to an orange tag, flag, float, or buoy, attached to unattended fishing gear and always be legible and readily visible. The numerals must be not less than 75 mm (3") in height and in a color that contrasts with their orange background.

I will keep my catch in such a manner that the species, number, weight, and size of fish can be readily determined unless consumed or used as bait on board a registered vessel or until arrival at a landing site.

If I catch fish, the possession or retention of which is prohibited by an order of the Manager or Director, the fish will be released with the least harm possible.

When the HFN annual allocation for a species is attained, the Manager or Director will notify all HFN harvesters to stop fishing for that species. If I wish to continue fishing, I may purchase a regular sport fishing license, continue fishing and follow all regulations related to this sport fishing license.

Conservation Measures

In order to protect and assist in the re-building of Sarita Chinook, absolutely no fishing is permitted in the Sarita River during the months of September and October.

No harvest of salmon less than 30 cm in nose-fork length is allowed.

Shellfish harvest limit on the Food Beach at kukswis (Santa Maria Island) is 10 kg (22 lbs) of clams and 2 dozen oysters per license per day.

The limit is 5 (five) crabs per license per day. Male Dungeness crab less than 165 mm and Male Red Rock Crab less than 115 mm in shell breadth as well as all female crabs have to be released. The limit is 20 kg (one 5-gallon bucket) of whole prawns per license per day.

If more shellfish, more crab or more prawns need to be harvested in one day (for a special event), then I will ask the Manager or Director in writing for a special permit.

Wildlife and Migratory Bird Harvest

All federal laws regarding the use of firearms apply to Maa-nulth harvesters. Maa-nulth Treaty allows for the harvest most wildlife such as deer and grouse within the Huu-ay-aht Ḥahuuḥi according to your household needs. ḥunim (Roosevelt elk) harvest is only by special allocation and authorization administered through an annual draw.

Harvest of renewable resources is permitted within Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, which falls within our ḥahuuḥi, but hunting there requires an additional permitting process coordinated with Parks Canada.

Renewable resources are defined as: traditional foods gathered for domestic purposes other than fish and aquatic plants, plants and timber resources used for medicinal, ceremonial or artistic purposes, fur-bearing land mammals, and birds and land mammals hunted for domestic purposes;

Reporting

I am required to record the date, gear, effort, location, species, and number and/or weight on an HFN Catch Reporting Form or Booklet and to **report my weekly catch** for the period (Sunday to Saturday) before 16:00 the following Monday.

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This can be done by delivery of my Catch Form to the HFN Government Office, by calling the Receptionist at **250-728-3414 or by e-mailing harvest@huuayaht.org.** I will also deliver my HFN Catch Reporting Forms or Booklet to the HFN Government Office at the end of the fishing season or at the latest by the end of March.

Non-compliance

If I am a non-compliant HFN Harvester, I will first be given a written warning. Further non-compliance will be dealt with by suspending my Resource Harvesting License and /or a fine.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined above.

Harvester Name (in Print) _____

Harvester Signature: _____

Date: _____

Expiry Date of Huu-ay-aht Harvest License: _____

Witness Name (in Print): _____

Witness Signature: _____

Date: _____

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1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ Given Names: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Telephone: _____

I wish to apply for: ☐ Fish & Aquatic Plants ☐ Wildlife & Migratory Birds ☐ Federal Park Harvesting

2. BOAT REGISTRATION

☐ I do not have a boat

Vessel Name: _____ Transport Canada Registration #: _____

Commercial Fishing License #: _____ Commercial Fishing Vessel (CFV) #: _____

Length: _____ Make: _____

Gear: _____ Construction: ☐ Aluminum ☐ Wood ☐ Fiberglass

Registered Owner: _____ Address: _____

Restrictions: _____

3. WILDLIFE AND MIGRATORY BIRDS

Required for Hunting with a Firearm

Firearm Possession – Acquisition License (PAL) #: _____

Expiry Date: _____ **Restrictions:** _____

☐ I do not have a vehicle

Vehicle Make: _____ **Vehicle Colour:** _____ **License Plate #:** _____

CORE (Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Education) #: _____

Required for those born after April 1, 1992

☐ I was born before April 1, 1992

I certify that the information provided by me in this application is true and I agree to abide by all rules and regulations outlined above and in the Huu-ay-aht Resource Harvesting Act, Fisheries Regulation and Wildlife and Migratory Birds Regulation. I have provided a copy of all necessary licenses listed above to the Huu-ay-aht Government.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY		**License #:**	
Approved by:		**Signature:**	
Date Issued:		**Date Expires:**	
Approved for:	☐ Fish & Aquatic Plants ☐ Wildlife & Migratory Birds ☐ Park Gathering ☐ Bow hunting only ☐ Youth Authorization		