Uyaqḥmis

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National Indigenous People's Day Celebration



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Elected Chief and Council get sworn in at Kiixin. Prayer and brushing were conducted by Wišqii and Cory Howard Sr. (Photos by Heather Thomson).

Newly Elected Chief and Council get sworn in at the ancient village Kiixin

With an eagle flying over and waves crashing on the beach, the 2019-2023 Executive Council was sworn in on Thursday, June 20 in a ceremony at Kiixin National Historic Site.

Robert J. Dennis Sr. was sworn in as Chief Councillor, returning for his second consecutive term on Executive Council. He was Chief Councillor for the past four years, but prior to that he took one term off. He has more than 30 years of experience on council, serving both as a councillor and chief.

John Jack is returning for his fourth term as an elected councillor, after receiving the highest number of votes of the councillor candidates in the election. Trevor Cootes and Connie Waddell return for their second term as elected members of the executive council.

This Executive Council has two new members, Charlie Clappis and Edward R. Johnson. Charlie Clappis has previously served as a councillor between 2010-2014.

Following a traditional brushing by Cory Howard Sr. and a prayer and welcoming by Wišqii, Tayii Ḥaẃiɬ ƛiišin (Derek Peters) joined the elected council and together they swore the Oath of Office.



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Huu-ay-aht envision a strong, self-governing and self-reliant Nation. ʔiisaak, Hišuk ma c̓awak, and ʔuuʔałuk guide us as we work together to foster a safe, healthy, and sustainable Nation, where our culture, language, spirituality, and economy flourish.

Huu-ay-aht Uyaqḥmis is printed up to six times a year to foster community engagement among a population of nearly 800 citizens. Uyaqḥmis promotes the recovery and sharing of the Huu-ay-aht dialect of the Nuu-chah-nulth language, as well as knowledge of Huu-ay-aht culture.

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Executive Council receive their portfolios

The 2019 Huu-ay-aht Executive Council are about a month into its term, and already the elected members are busy working for their Nation.

One of the first orders of business is assigning the portfolios for each councillor. This is the responsibility of the Chief Councillor, and earlier this month Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. handed out the first of these. This is the initial list, and it is subject to change and may be adjusted as the council settles into their roles with the Nation.

Councillor Connie Waddell will continue with the Finance Committee and will take on citizenship, and the Citizen Development Committee. The Ḥaẃiiḥ Council and LNG will be the responsibility of Tayii Ḥaẃił ƛiišin (Derek Peters). Councillor Trevor Cootes will continue to be responsible for Economic Development and External Affairs. Treaty Implementation, LNG, Cooperative Management Board (Parks Canada), and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District will be held by Councillor John Jack. Councillor Charlie Clappis will take on the Infrastructure and Housing portfolio. Community Health, Language and Culture portfolios will go to Edward R. Johnson. The Chief Councillor will be the Chief Negotiator, LNG, and Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government Representative with other Indigenous Organizations.



Back, left to right, John Jack, Edward R. Johnson, Trevor Cootes, ƛiišin (Derek Peters), front, left to right, Charlie Clappis, Connie Waddell, Robert J. Dennis Sr. (Photo by Heather Thomson)

Council members tour Huu-ay-aht Ḥahuułi

The newly elected chief and councillors participated in a tour of the Huu-ay-aht Ḥahuułi to see what is happening and what is needed moving forward.

The tour was broken up in two days. On the first day, July 2, Executive Council went on a guided tour with Stan Coleman. They toured the forestry and micro hydro aspects of Huu-ay-aht lands.



Executive Council and staff at the Cemetery located in Sarita. (Photo by Amanda-Lee Cunningham)

They stopped at Black Lake (regrowth area), Sarita sort, Sarita Falls (micro hydro), a recent Blenheim cut block (reforestation), and the Spencer sort yard.

The next day, July 3, they had a guided tour by Bob Bocking, They visited the Sugsaw Hatchery, the Sarita Causeway, the Cemetery, and the Pachena River to check out the large wood debris and rocks that were recently put along the river. The tour gave the members of council an opportunity to see where they can make a difference on their ḥahuułi and for the next generation.



Left to right, Kenneth Joe and Brandi, Cecila Thomas-Jules, Tristan MacDonald, Destiny Stewart, Talen Adair, Kalissa Montgomery, Jennifer Joseph, Belinda Nookemus and Amber, and Andrea Pettigrew. (Photos by Amanda-Lee Cunningham)

Huu-ay-aht celebrates 2018/2019 graduates

On July 25, 2019, Huu-ay-aht Graduates gathered at Echo Centre to celebrate their secondary or post-secondary completions.

Huu-ay-aht would like to acknowledge, 2018/2019 graduates:

Talen Adair	Dogwood
Michael Douangluxay-Cloud	MBA
Tia Frank	Women in Trades
Lee-Ann Gurney	Health Care Assistant
Simon Gurney	Plumbing 3
Kenneth Joe Jr.	Wildfire Crew Member Training
George Johnson	Scaling
Jennifer Joseph	Adult Graduation Diploma-Adult Dogwood
Ethan Little	Dogwood
Tristan MacDonald	Joinery/Cabinetry Foundation Certificate
Kalissa Montgomery	Joinery/Cabinetry Foundation Certificate
Belinda Nookemus	Health Care Assistant
Tiana Peters	Esthetics Certificate
Andrea Pettigrew	Education Assistant and Community Support Certificate
Destiny Stewart	Dogwood
Cecila Thomas-Jules	Adult Dogwood
Dillinger Williams	Adult Basic Education
Mercedes Williams	

The day started off with a welcome and opening prayer, carried out by Edward R. Johnson. Olivia Peters (Huu-path-uss) also offered words of welcome to the 2019 graduates. Following was opening speeches and keynote speech from special guest Dr. Onowa McIvor from University of Victoria.

Each graduate present was called to the podium, where Tayii Ḥaẇił ƛiišin (Derek Peters), Elected Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr., Executive Council members Connie Waddell and Edward R. Johnson, and Olivia Peters wrapped each graduate with a blanket, gifted from Huu-ay-aht.

The education department did such a great job with making the room look amazing, the graduates had a backdrop and cedar arch where they could take photos of them and their family.

Images can be viewed on Uyaqhmis Huuayaht Facebook page.

Huu-ay-aht would like to acknowledge those who completed a program in 2018/2019:

Envoronmental Technician Certificate Program - five-week program:

Amber Bowes, Crystal Clappis, (Elliot) Randle Holland, Alan Bruce Holland, Jason Jack, (Wilson) Thomas Joe, Heather Johnson, Andrea Lucas, Leonard Nookemis, and Shannon Nookemus.

RISC 1 and 2, Indigenous Archaeology and Fields Skills Training Certificate - two-week program:

Amber Bowes, Crystal Clappis, Cheyanne Dick, Elliot Randle Holland, Cory Howard Jr., Heather Johnson, Andrea Lucas, Victoria Nookemus, Shannon Nookemus, and Karen Robinson.

Indigenous language continues to be revitalized by students with passion

The students from the Indigenous Language Revitalization Diploma program finished their immersion program on Saturday, July 20. The two courses facilitated by Dawn Foxcroft (taaʔisumqa), Linsey Haggard (yaacuʔisaqs), John Rampanen (ḥaasʔałuk), and Levi Martin (kamaath), covered 12 days and encouraged the students to leave English behind.



Hinatinyis and students from the indigenous language revitalization program stand in front of the Tseshaht First Nation office to thank them for letting them use their facilities to learn the language. (Photo by Amanda-Lee Cunningham)

The students worked with fluent speakers at the Tseshaht Longhouse in the mornings with John and Levi and spent the afternoons in Language families at Haahuupayak school with Dawn and Linsey. Each course put Nuu-chah-nulth first and urged students to ciiqciiqasa (speak their language).

On Friday, July 19, the students from the diploma program wanted to thank Tseshaht for donating the use of their Longhouse and Haahuupayak school. The desire to follow traditional protocol shaped what that morning would look like.

The students gathered in the parking lot at the Tseshaht Administration building and sang the Nuu-chah-nulth song to call their hosts out to the front of the building. Many students came forward and acknowledged the land they were doing their work on and thanked their hosts in their dialect.

They also performed čaamaapiʔin (Let us stand tall), a song that was created out of a mission statement that their cohort built together. The dance that accompanies the song was to represent each language learner and their journey. Masks that were carved by Hjalmer Wenstob were danced and tell the story of a learner who didn't speak and through the dance finds the strength to become speakers.

Mission Statement

East **Barkley Sound Nuuchahnulth**
1. ʔaḥkuuʔaƛin ʔayaqin ʔuuʔuukʷaʔaṭḥa. ʕatiqšiƛni yaqwiiʔitq quuʔas, ʔišyaqẃitasii.
2. ḥačatakni ʔuušił huḥtak. hišinkḥni ʔaayačił huḥtak.
3. wiḵin tuuḥuk. wiḵin qayaačiƛ. čaamapiʔin ʔuuʔuukʷaʔaṭḥa.
4. hiišiłni suučiip ciqẏakm̓ inḥukqin.

1. Here we are, people of many dialects. We acknowledge the first people, and those to come.
2. We all know something. Together we know lots.
3. Let us not fear. Let us not drift. Let's stand tall and speak our language.
4. We hold on to our languages for one and all.

This statement has been checked with elders Angie Joe (20180506) čiiʔiłumqa Fidelia Haiyupis (20180518) and wikininišimq Christine Edgar (20180522). Link to mission statement: http://web.uvic.ca/~werle/nuk/181/files/LING-181-statement.pdf.

After the performance, John invited their hosts to join them for a lunch and celebration of their learning. The class finished their immersion courses in the Longhouse with a feast surrounded by their ʔeʔiičim (elders). The students will be returning to the classroom this September for another full term of University and will graduate from their program in 2020.

Council Summary - July 11, 2019 Meeting

Independent Housing Panel Report

Executive Council passed a motion to approve the interim report from the Independent Housing Panel. This report includes 17 recommendations for improvements to meet the needs of the community. Panel member John Dumbrell explained that the recommendations are made with Huu-ay-aht's Sacred Principles in mind, especially Hišuk ma c̓awak – everything is one. He said they needed to take many things into consideration when drafting the recommendations, recognizing that everything is connected to housing and bringing citizens home.

Executive Council decided to pass the motion so that they could enter the two-month engagement phase. Once they have heard feedback from the public, the panel will finalize its recommendations and council will make a final decision on the direction moving forward.

Modular Homes

In April, the previous Executive Council passed a motion to bring six modular homes to the Upper Anacla subdivision. Following that decision, administration received a report that put the project approximately $300,000 over budget. As this information came in during the election campaign, the administration put the project temporarily on hold until it could receive direction from EC.

In Thursday's meeting, council members were asked how to proceed with the housing units in Upper Anacla. Councillor Charlie Clappis made a motion to rescind the original motion made in April and come up with a new plan that would still meet the needs of the community. This motion faced a lot of opposition, mostly due to concerns raised by Councillors Trevor Cootes and Connie Waddell. Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. believed they could move forward without having to rescind the previous motion.

After extensive discussion and advice from members of the administration team, EC passed a motion to rescind April's motion and develop a new plan. Administration will work with Councillor Charlie Clappis, who holds the Infrastructure and Housing portfolio. Together they will come up with a plan that will bring up to 10 housing units to Anacla, while staying within the existing budget. A report on this is due no later than August 15, 2019. The Chief Councillor gave Councillors Connie Waddell and Trevor Cootes his word that housing would move forward in a timely fashion and will not be stalled.

Organizational Review

Councillor Connie Waddell brought forward a motion to put a freeze on all hiring, promotions, and salary increases pending a review of the current organizational chart for government staff. Members of the Executive Council supported the motion. The staffing review will begin immediately, but nothing will be implemented until a new Executive Director has been hired and has an opportunity to make recommendations.

Catering Changes

Executive Council and Committee meetings will no longer be catered, following a motion made by Councillor Connie Waddell on Thursday. She proposed that catering should not be supplied to meetings that are in-house. If a meeting is held out the office an exception will be made. Council and committee members will be responsible for supplying their own meal unless they are travelling to the meeting from a different location, in which case the meal allowance policy will apply.

Canada Day in Bamfield



This year Huu-ay-aht entered the annual Canada Day Parade in Anacla. Everyone who participated was involved in some way to make it the big success it was this year. (Photo by Kim MacDonald).

2019 National Indigenous People's Day





















Citizens gathered at Pachena Bay Campground to celebrate National Indigenous People's Day on June 21. The fish are prepared traditionally and cooked over a beach pit fire, while kids play and win lots of prizes, many dancing for their prize. We hope to see even more citizens come together and celebrate next year.

Child and Family Wellness

Child and Family Wellness is in a new home

The Child and Family Wellness Team is excited to announce that we have moved.To increase citizen confidentiality and provide space for a variety of groups, we have moved to #1-4641 Margaret Street in Port Alberni. Chris Pearson and Megan McRae (Protection Support Workers), Amanda Krupek and Christy Black (Family Support Liaison Workers), Rena Johnson (Clinical Counsellor) and Shannon Zimmerman (Director of Child and Family Wellness) will be in the new space. Harry Brossault (Family Ties and Preservation Worker) will be remaining at PAGO and will pop by the new space, as well. Nicole Malcomson will be providing administrative Support and building maintenance to the team (Monday to Friday from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.) as well as helping to answer your questions and direct your calls. We look forward to welcoming citizens into our new space and connecting with you.

The Child and Family Wellness Office phone number: 778-419-1013

Please note: Mail will continue to be sent to the PAGO office (4644 Adelaide St.). Staff cell phone numbers remain the same (new phone number will be provided asap).

A Virtual Tour of the space will be uploaded to the Child and Family Wellness Facebook page in the near future. Check out the office and meet the staff.

Reminders

For support, please contact the office Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
The after-hours emergency phone will be turned on 4 p.m. – 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday and 24 hours per day on weekends, statutory holidays and during office closures. The after-hours emergency phone is intended for child protection matters (for example, if you receive a call/visit from an Usma or MCFD social worker, please call the emergency line for support) and other urgent matters. If a matter is not an emergency, callers will be asked to contact the office during business hours.

If you require shelter assistance, food and other necessities to ensure your family has its basic needs met, please ensure you talk to someone from the team as soon as possible. It takes time for staff to process requests, issue cheque requisitions, and for cheques to be printed, signed, and mailed.

Staff makes every effort to respond to emails, Facebook messages, voicemails, and texts as soon as possible. Messages are prioritized and urgent matters are responded to first. If you are concerned that you have not heard back from a staff member, please connect with Shannon.

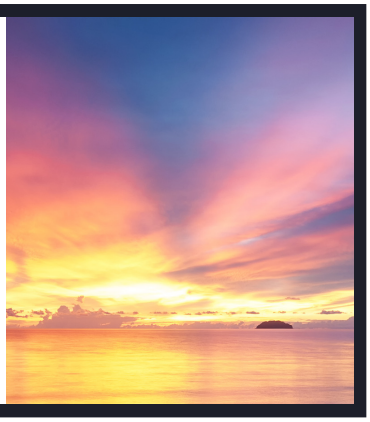
Coming Soon

Staff will be hosting Community Rounds this fall to share information about the Child and Family Wellness Program, answer your questions, and listen to feedback. We look forward to connecting with you.

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Meet new staff



Amanda Krupek is the new Family Support Liaison Worker on the Child and Family Wellness Team at Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Amanda was born and raised in Port Alberni and is going into her fourth year of the Bachelor of Social Work through distance education at the University of Victoria, while living in Port Alberni. She spends most of her time off with her two cats and 11-month-old puppy, going on hikes and playing video games. One fun fact about Amanda is that she used to play Rugby.



Nicole Malcomson is the Administrative Support Clerk and Building Maintenance. Prior to going on maternity leave, Nicole worked at Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood LP and currently is in the certifying process for becoming a postpartum and labour doula. Nicole is wife to Paul Malcomson and a mother of three amazing Huu-ay-aht children, Eva, Bennett, and Colby. In her spare time she loves to garden, travel, and paint.



Tayii Ḥaẇił ʔiišin (Derek Peters), ḥaẇiih chiefs Yał luu a (Jeff Cook), Andrew Clappis Jr. (standing in for his father), beach keepers and guests gathered on Pachena beach to greet and welcome canoes onto Huu-ay-aht Ḥahuuli. (Photo by Amanda-Lee Cunningham)

People gather to welcome the Tribal Journeys to Huu-ay-aht Ḥahuułi

Sunday, July 7, 2019, Huu-ay-aht welcomed the first set of canoes arriving to Huu-ay-aht on their journey to Lummi.

Greeted and welcomed onto Huu-ay-aht shores, the first four canoes set up for camp, enjoyed a warm cooked meal and tuc̓up. Ending the evening with song and storytelling by the fire.

Monday, July 8, 2019, Huu-ay-aht crew were up early to cook breakfast and have it ready for everyone to enjoy at the House of Huu-ay-aht. Throughout the day, snacks and lunch was provided, which was homemade bannock and fish sandwiches. Not too long after lunch, the second round of canoes began to arrive.



Day one, four canoes make it to Huu-ay-aht shoreline. (Photo by Harry Brossault)

With the sun shining, the final three canoes glided into Pachena River. Unfortunetly, the last support boat coming in had an accident. The boat capsized, leaving one woman injured and sent to Victoria Hospital. She recovered well from the incident.

For the rest of the day, the guests relaxed, enjoyed a seafood and BBQ feast, and ended their night with stories and singing under the gazebo by the fire.

Tuesday, July 9, 2019, guests were provided one last warm meal before they were off to their next stop on their paddle to Lummi.



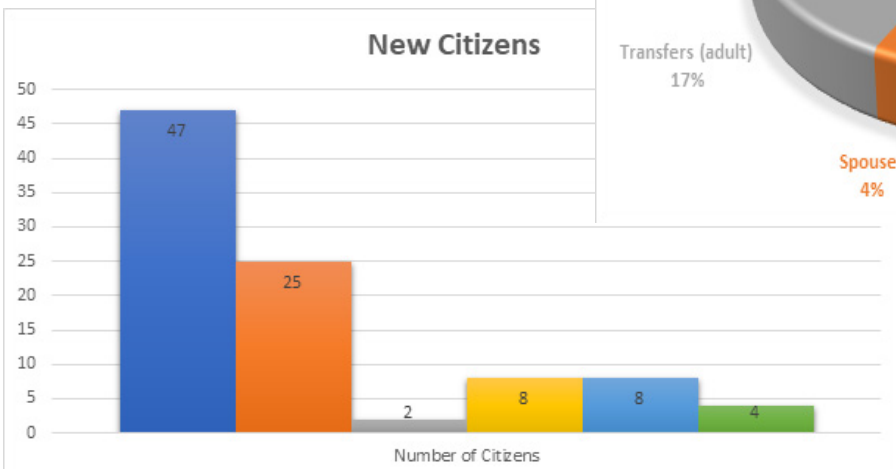
Day two, Huu-ay-aht welcomes canoes to Huu-ay-aht. (Photo by Amanda-Lee Cunningham)

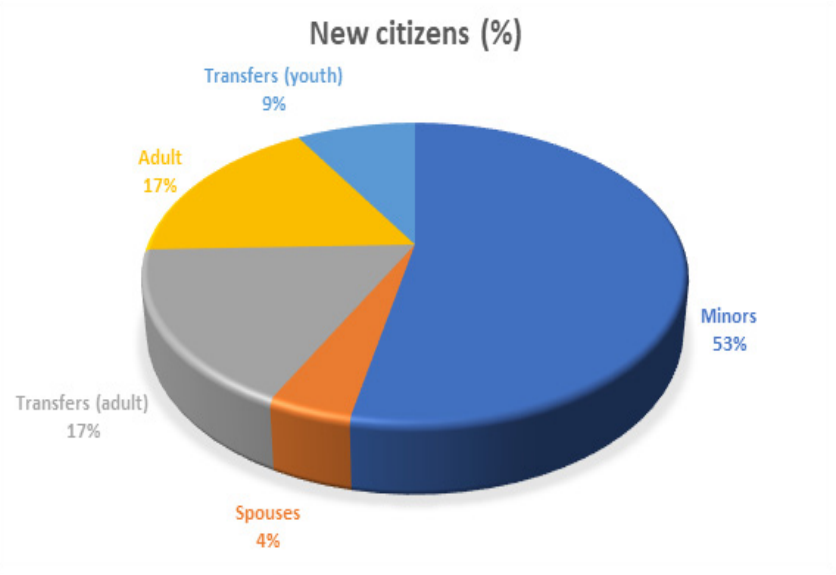
Huu-ay-aht continues to grow since signing treaty

When Huu-ay-aht ratified the Maa-nulth Treaty it was a small nation.

Since that day in 2011, the Nations has grown significantly.

In the past year, we have increase our numbers by 94 citizens. The majority of these new Huu-ay-aht citizens are children (53%), but 16 per cent are people transferring to the Nation.





The smallest increase comes from spouses becoming citizens.

For a full breakdown in the numbers, check out these charts. If you have questions about citizenship, email lawclerk@huuayaht.org.

waałši?aƛin (Coming Home) movie premiere



On June 20, 2019, people gathered at the House of Huu-ay-aht to watch the movie premiere of Waałši?aƛin (Coming Home). A red carpet was layed out for the movie stars who attended and people got to enjoy popcorn and appetizers. When the movie ended, there was a selected cast brought up to the front for guests to ask them questions. Everyone who attended was offered a dvd or usb version of the film and a poster to take home. (Photo by Heather Thomson)

Treaty Implementation Update #3 - Benefits of Treaty
Opportunities in Treaty: What is "Me Too"?

Background

How the Me Too clause and Me Too side agreement came to be …

- One issue remained outstanding for fisheries as the final agreement was reaching completion
- Huu-ay-aht chose to discontinue participation in the “Ahousaht et al. vs Canada” litigation in order to move forward with Treaty (community vote held March 2009)
- The "Me Too" clause and side agreement were developed to allow Maa-nulth Nations to benefit from any positive outcomes from the litigation

Timeline

2003

Court action begins with nine nations, seeking declaration that the plaintiff First Nations have an aboriginal right to fish in their traditional territories and to sell those fish on a commercial basis

April 24, 2006

NTC Fisheries Litigation begins – Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht, Mowachaht/Muchalah, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, and Tseshaht Nations

July 28,2007

Huu-ay-aht ratifies the Maa-nulth Final Agreement

Feb 28 - Mar 1, 2009

Huu-ay-aht holds a community meeting to decide whether or not to sign Treaty and discontinue participation in the Ahousaht litigation 10 days after effective date. (Uyaqhmis April 2009 article).

December 3,2009

The British Columbia Court of Appeal upheld the Supreme Court of British Columbia decision (court of appeal decision). The court found that the First Nations had a right to fish in their traditional territories and to sell those fish in a commercial market. It found DFO had infringed on the right of the Nations. (Uu-athluk trial article).

Five plaintiff nations remained in the litigation when the decision was handed down: Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht.

Since then, there have been a series of appeals and additional trials, such as the Justification Trial (to determine if DFO’s infringements were justified). The most recent decision on the Right was made by the Supreme Court of Appeal in July 2013. The most recent decision on infringement was made in April 2018.
Currently, the five Nations are appealing the justification trial decision and are negotiating with DFO for a 10th year, while continuing to operate small demonstration fisheries*. The Nations and DFO are also involved in a reconciliation process lead by INAC, to try and resolve the ongoing negotiations (further details of timeline can be found at Uualthluk Ahousaht *et al* vs Canada update).

The Maa-nulth Final Agreement included the "Me Too" clause and the "Me Too" side agreement to allow for Maa-nulth Nations to benefit from any rights found in the Ahousaht litigation.

*accurate as of July 31, 2019

Effective Date: April 1, 2011

Effective Date brought several documents and agreements into effect, including the Harvest Agreement and the agreement known as the Me Too Side Agreement (Harvest Agreement).

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Definitions

Me Too Clause

Summary - The clause in the Treaty is about getting constitutional protection for the commercial fisheries licences in the Harvest Agreement

- Nations are able to populate the Harvest Agreement with a limited number of commercial licences and quota (amounts outlined in agreement).
- Within eight years of the highest domestic court decision on the Ahousaht litigation, Huu-ay-aht can request that licences be moved from the Harvest Agreement into the treaty, which would make them constitutionally protected.

Me Too Side Agreement

Summary – This side agreement is about getting the opportunity to negotiate licensing and fisheries similar to the five nations

- Within one year of a change in Fisheries Canada management regime and licencing, Maa-nulth Nations can request to negotiate an arrangement with the commercial licences similar to the five nations.
- There is no time frame attached to the length of the negotiations.

Called "Me Too" because it would give Maa-nulth Nations commercial fisheries protection under the constitution, the same as given to the five nations

What does this mean?
Both the clause and the agreement can be triggered independent of one another.

Maa-nulth Nations could negotiate a commercial fishery comparable to what the five nations get in their negotiations with DFO, and then move those licences in to the Treaty where the commercial fishing licences and rights would be constitutionally protected.

What does this mean for Huu-ay-aht?
Huu-ay-aht and other Maa-nulth Nations are working together politically and legally at the Maa-nulth Treaty Society Board of Directors table, and technically at the Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee table, to develop a unified strategy on "Me Too." This includes economic decisions regarding the purchase of licences to place into the Harvest Agreement. These discussions are ongoing.

Negotiations, trials, and legal disputes have delayed the application of any benefits from the rights won in 2009.

The five nations are in another round of court cases and another season of limited demonstration fisheries under existing DFO rules and regulations. The Nations continue to fight for a fishing agreement that reflects their rights and is truly a T'aaq-wiihak fishery.

*T'aaq-wiihak refers to fishing with permission of the Ḥaẇiiḥ (hereditary chiefs).

What could the fishery look like?
The T'aaq-wiihak fisheries, envisioned by the five nations, is a year-round, multi-species, non-industrial, community /citizen fishery. DFO continues to have jurisdiction over fisheries in Canada (this is true in the Ahousaht litigation ruling and in the Treaty) and will manage the fishery at a high level, including catch reporting and conservation closures. The timing, species, limits, and participants of the T'aaq-wiihak fishery, would be managed by the communities.

When the Maa-nulth Nations negotiate their right to commercially sell fish in a manner comparable to T'aaq-wiihak, there will be updates and consultation with fishers and citizens.

Questions?

If you have any further questions, please contact the Director of Implementation, Crystal Jack at 250-723-0100 or crystal.j@huuayaht.org.

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