

FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

RESOLUTION #1016.09

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR THE FIRST NATIONS WILD SALMON ALLIANCE
2016 STRATEGIC SESSION FINAL REPORT**

WHEREAS:

- A. Wild Pacific salmon are an integral keystone in the culture, economy and livelihood of First Nations throughout BC.
- B. There are serious and proven impacts resultant from the development and continual activity of current aquaculture practices on the sustainability and survival of wild salmon stocks.
- C. The steady decline of healthy and abundant wild salmon stocks has reached a crisis point.
- D. The *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* provides that:

Article 26: Indigenous peoples have the right to own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources that they possess by reason of traditional ownership or other traditional occupation or use...

Article 29: Indigenous peoples have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources....

- E. The First Nations Wild Salmon Alliance (FNWSA) seeks to bring First Nations together to speak with a common voice for the protection and conservation of wild salmon throughout BC.
- F. First Nations in BC have diverse interests, perspectives and priorities with respect to the management of marine finfish, shellfish and aquaculture, and as self-determining Nations share a responsibility to manage resources in a manner that respects the interdependence we have with one another.
- G. First Nations in BC have a common interest in increasing decision-making and control with respect to the regulation, policy, planning and management of marine finfish, shellfish and aquaculture to promote the protection, restoration and sustainability of fisheries, aquatic and ocean resources and ecosystems.
- H. The FNWSA convened a Strategic Dialogue Session on April 18 and 19, 2016, to develop a cohesive voice and a comprehensive set of recommendations to ensure the health of BC's wild salmon stocks.
- I. Following the successful conclusion of the FNWSA Strategic Dialogue Session, the FNWSA prepared the Strategic Dialogue Session Final Report which contains eighteen recommendations designed to ensure the safeguarding of BC's wild salmon stocks.

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J. The Strategic Dialogue Session Final Report was distributed at the October 2016 First Nations Summit meeting.

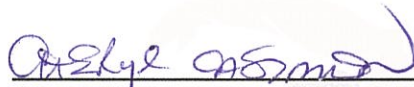
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

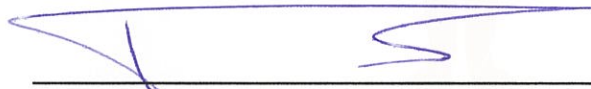
1. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly fully endorse the First Nations Wild Salmon Alliance ("FNWSA") 2016 Strategic Dialogue Session Final Report on Proceedings and Recommendations.
2. That the First Nations Summit Chiefs in Assembly direct the First Nations Summit Political Executive to communicate its endorsement of the FNWSA Strategic Dialogue Session Final Report on Proceedings and Recommendations to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

MOVED BY: Chief Maureen Chapman, Skawahlook First Nation
SECONDED BY: Councillor Les Antone, Kwantlen First Nation
DATED: October 21, 2016

Passed by consensus.

ENDORSED BY:


Cheryl Casimer


Robert Phillips


Grand Chief Edward John