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Province	British Columbia	Current Revenue Balance Solde de revenu	\$ _____
Place Nom de l'endroit	Kitkatla B.C.	Committed Engagé	\$ _____
Date	04 May 2005 04 - mai 2005		

DO HEREBY RESOLVE
DECIDE, PAR LES PRÉSENTES:

Whereas

Approximately twenty (20) Gitksan Band members have received a fully accredited college diploma as a Salmon Farming Technician as the first step in the training initiative and

Whereas

Gitksan completed a two-year due diligence review of the salmon farming industry to ensure Pan Fish's activities would not commit irreparable harm to the environment and such activities are aligned with Gitksan's resource management initiatives within Gitksan Traditional Territory, and

Whereas

Through Gitksan's agreement with Pan Fish environmental protection mechanisms are in place to ensure the protection of the natural resource

Therefore Let It Be Resolved:

That Gitksan Chief and Council pledge their full support to the development of salmon farms within Gitksan Traditional Territory as outlined in the agreement with Pan Fish and specifically the three sites already applied for being Anger Anchorage, Patel Point and Strout Point.

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Pour cette bande le quorum est:

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DO HEREBY RESOLVE:
DÉCIDE, PAR LES PRÉSENTES:

Whereas

On January 30th, 2002 Gitksan First Nation (formerly Kikwila) resolved that the Chief and Council of Gitksan First Nation pledged their full support to Pan Fish Canada Ltd., (formerly Omega Salmon Group Ltd.) for their staking or required smolt and grow out sites, fresh water sites and a hatchery site within the Traditional Territories of Gitksan First Nation, and the subsequent submission of documentation required to secure the permits and licences.

Whereas

Gitksan First Nation entered into a salmon farm agreement in 2002 for a term of thirty (30) years with Pan Fish Canada, approving the location of up to ten (10) salmon farms within Gitksan Traditional Territories.

Whereas

Gitksan First Nation participate fully in all the resources survey work conducted by Pan Fish Canada for the application of farm locations within Gitksan Traditional Territory, and

Whereas

Gitksan First Nation pre-approved the location of the first three (3) applications currently submitted to government for approval, and

Whereas

The farm sites, specifically Anger Anchorage, Petrel Point and Strouts Point submitted by Pan Fish, are located solely within Gitksan Traditional Territory.

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Memorandum

Minister of Aboriginal Relations
and Reconciliation

To: Honourable Pat Bell
Minister of Agriculture and Lands

Ref. 19870

Subject: Coastal tour follow-up

From July 3rd to July 9th, 2007, Deputy Minister Lorne Brownsey and I had the opportunity to visit several First Nation communities along the central coast of British Columbia.

The ability to meet with community members and see first hand the on-the-ground issues facing their communities was invaluable to us as we move forward to build a New Relationship between First Nations and the Province of British Columbia.

Our discussions were broad-ranging and indicative both of the opportunities and challenges of building sustainable communities on the central coast of British Columbia. In our meetings First Nation leaders asked the Province to work with their communities in a number of different areas, including fisheries, transportation, power, health and economic development. Many of the ideas that were raised appeared to be worthy of further exploration. I made a commitment to passing on a number of points and requests to my Cabinet colleagues.

The Gitxaala (Kitkatla) First Nation and Xai'xais (Kitasoo) First Nations both raised the following issues that fall within the mandate of your ministry:

- a request to expedite the issuance of their fin fish aquaculture licences, and

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I appreciate that you copied me on a July 6, 2007 letter to Chief White of the Gitxaala First Nation offering to meet regarding the aquaculture licences. Additionally, I understand from my staff that the First Nation Leadership Council addressed concerns regarding the composition of the Aquaculture Working Group.

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Honourable Pat Bell

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Thank you for your attention to these matters. Please give me a call if you wish to discuss these matters further.

Michael de Jong
Minister

bc: Catherine Panter

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Memorandum

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations
and Reconciliation

Date: September 12, 2007

To: Joan Hesketh
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

Re: Coastal tour follow-up

Ref. 19867

I accompanied Minister de Jong on a visit to several First Nation communities within the central coast from July 3rd to 9th, 2007. We met with community members and saw first hand the on-the-ground issues facing these communities. Discussions were broad ranging and indicative of both the opportunities and the challenges inherent in building sustainable communities on the central coast.

In our meetings First Nation leaders asked the province to work with their communities in a number of different areas, including fisheries, transportation, power, health and economic development. I made a commitment to passing on a number of points and requests to my Deputy Minister colleagues.

Two fisheries issues were raised that fall within your ministry's purview. First, the Gitga'at First Nation at Hartley Bay are seeking provincial support for the concept of salmon ocean ranching. I understand that ocean ranching of salmon is within federal jurisdiction and that the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL) has led the Province's policy involvement on this issue to date. I am also aware that the Special Legislative Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture has made a recommendation regarding ocean ranching. The recommendation was to undertake more study by MAL, in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment and using the expertise of First Nations, on the feasibility of the salmon ranching industry as a form of aquaculture in British Columbia. I will therefore be sending a similar memorandum to Larry Pederson, Deputy Minister of MAL.

With this in mind, does the Province have a position on ocean ranching? Is there anything that the Province can do to facilitate the Gitga'at First Nation in putting forward their interest?

Second, the Wuikinuxv First Nation (WFN) at Rivers Inlet seeks support for a hatchery feasibility study. The WFN has requested provincial assistance in working with Canada on this issue. I understand that in the past there was a federal salmon hatchery located there.

I know that the province may be reluctant to begin supporting any salmon hatcheries, particularly since Canada usually has had very good financial and biological reasons for discontinuing them. However, given the successful hatcheries we toured at Hartley Bay and Klemtu, perhaps the WFN should be advised to visit one or both of those hatcheries in order to help develop a business plan. Would your ministry financially support this approach? Alternately, are there other ways in which your ministry could assist the Wuikinuxw to develop the wild salmon stocks in the area, perhaps through such initiatives as the Living Rivers Strategy?

Thank you for your attention to these matters. I will be giving you a call later in September to discuss these issues further.

Lorne Brownsey
Deputy Minister

pc: Larry Pederson
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

bc: Catherine Panter

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Memorandum

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations
and Reconciliation

Date: September 12, 2007

Ref. 19868

To: Larry Pederson
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Agriculture and Land

Re: Coastal tour follow-up

I accompanied Minister de Jong on a visit to several First Nation communities within the central coast from July 3rd to 9th, 2007. We met with community members and saw first hand the on-the-ground issues facing these communities. Discussions were broad-ranging and well illustrated the opportunities and the challenges of building sustainable communities on the central coast.

In our meetings First Nation leaders asked the Province to work with their communities in a number of different areas, including fisheries, transportation, power, health and economic development. I made a commitment to passing on a number of points and requests to my Deputy Minister colleagues. Your Minister will also be receiving a letter from Minister de Jong regarding some aquaculture issues that came up.

A fisheries issue was raised that appears to fall within the purview of both the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and your ministry. I will therefore be sending a similar memorandum to Deputy Minister Joan Hesketh of MOE.

The Gitga'at First Nation at Hartley Bay is seeking provincial support for the concept of salmon ocean ranching. I understand that ocean ranching of salmon is within federal jurisdiction and that the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL) has led the Province's policy involvement in this issue to date. I am also aware that the Special Legislative Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture has made a recommendation regarding ocean ranching. This recommendation was to undertake more study by MAL in conjunction with the Ministry of Environment, using the expertise of First Nations, on the feasibility of the salmon ranching industry as a form of aquaculture in British Columbia.

Larry Pederson

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With this in mind, does the Province have a position on ocean ranching? Is there anything that the Province can do to facilitate the Gitga'at First Nation in putting forward their interest?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I will be giving you a call later this month to discuss this issue further.

Lorne Brownsey
Deputy Minister

pc: Joan Hesketh
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

bc: Catherine Panter

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Memorandum

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations
and Reconciliation

Date: September 12, 2007

To: Sheila Wynn
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Community Services

Re: Coastal tour follow-up

Ref. 20036

I recently took a boat tour down the central coast of British Columbia with the intent of engaging with and learning about remote First Nations communities. During this trip many First Nations made suggestions on how the British Columbia government may be able to aid them in a variety of community, social and economic endeavours. One First Nation, the Gitxaala at Kitkatla, asked what support might be available for a community square in their village.

Our investigation shows that:

- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada does not provide funding for this kind of infrastructure, they would only contribute if it was a community centre.
- The Spirit Square initiative, closed as of February 2007, was a unique project driven by the Premier's Office and funded through the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts; however, funding was not available for reserve land.
- Your ministry's Towns for Tomorrow program opens the door for British Columbia's smaller communities to improve their local infrastructure and become even better places to live and work. I understand that this initiative is for communities that are incorporated and with a population under 5,000. It is currently in year two of a three-year initiative. I further understand that the program is designed for local governments and that reserve lands do not qualify.

Sheila Wynn

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I would like to work with your Ministry to consider an adjustment to criteria for participation in infrastructural development programs such as Towns of Tomorrow, so that First Nation communities such as the Gitxaala may benefit from them.

Lorne Brownsey
Deputy Minister

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MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS
AND RECONCILIATION
BRIEFING NOTE

File: 280-20

Ref: 20282

I Prepared for the **INFORMATION** of Honourable Michael de Jong, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

II ISSUE:

Meeting with Minister Bell, Chief Clifford White, Mark Ayranto and Allan Okabe regarding aquaculture licences – October 29, 2007.

III BACKGROUND:

Chief Clifford White is from the Gitxaala First Nation at Kitkatla on the north coast. Mark Ayranto is from Kitkatla Gold Seafoods and Allan Okabe is Gitxaala First Nation's Economic Development officer.

The Gitxaala First Nation has been trying to develop salmon farming as an economic opportunity for its community (see attached Sept 19, 2007 letter from Chief White to Premier Campbell and Ministers Bell and de Jong).

The Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL) has engaged with the First Nation Leadership Council (FNLC) on the development of a Provincial Aquaculture Plan. The FNLC appointed several chiefs to a Working Group to undertake this work. Chief Clifford White is one of the appointed chiefs,

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The Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation (MARR) is also participating in the work on the Aquaculture Plan through an ADM's Committee (Julian Paine) and a technical working group (Terry Simonson), particularly regarding how the principles of the New Relationship can be applied to aquaculture development and management in British Columbia.

MAL has obtained Cabinet endorsement of priority actions that will be fundamental elements of the Provincial Aquaculture Plan, including no expansion of salmon farming on the north coast until eco-system based management is developed. MAL intends to inform the FNLC Working Group of Cabinet's direction during the next scheduled meeting of the group on October 29, 2007.

MAL would like Minister Bell to personally inform Chief White of Cabinet's direction and the implications to Gitxaala First Nation's aquaculture applications prior to Chief White hearing the direction at the meeting of the Working Group later that day.

IV DISCUSSION:

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However, Chief White has said in the FNLC Working Group meetings that he recognizes that the issues of great concern to First Nations in the south coast need to be resolved prior to successfully developing salmon aquaculture in the north. Ecosystem based management of aquaculture may address some of those First Nations' concerns,

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V RECOMMENDATION:

MARR supports MAL's work and is actively engaged in the discussions with the FNLC Working Group on Aquaculture.

Terry Simonson
Director, Policy
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October 17, 2007

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Memorandum

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Aboriginal Relations
and Reconciliation

November 26, 2007

Ref. 20564

To: Joan Hesketh
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Environment

Re: Potential of Ocean Salmon Ranching

Thank you for your November 8, 2007 response to my memo of September 12, 2007, regarding the potential of ocean salmon ranching to support the economy of First Nation communities. I appreciate your timely response.

I have asked Terry Simonson, Director of Policy, Strategic Initiatives, to set up a meeting with staff from your Oceans and Marine Fisheries Division in the near future to address this matter.

Lorne Brownsey
Deputy Minister

pc: Terry Simonson
Director of Policy, Strategic Initiatives
Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation

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