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**Subject:** FW: FOR Follow-up Media Request: Pacheedaht Statement  
**Sent:** 11/24/2023 19:27:08

Hey all,

Urgent review needed on this one. It was hastily passed over to us by WLRS, needs to be sent out ASAP.

Robyn has signed off.

Thanks,

Jason

**Jason Tollman** (he/him)  
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**Subject:** FOR Follow-up Media Request: Pacheedaht Statement

**Reporter**

Jim Thomson, Reporter  
Freelancer

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**Deadline** Friday, November 24, 2023 4:00 PM

**Request**

Phone Call:

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Can you tell me how he got a copy of it?

Jimmy

### **Background**

This is a follow-up to a media request from November 9, 2023.

#### *REQUEST:*

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#### *RESPONSE:*

Declined to Comment

This request has been passed on to caucus COMMS.

### **Recommendation**

- Pacheedaht First Nation distributed their statement to media and had also shared a copy with government.
- The Ministry of Forests started receiving media requests about Pacheedaht's statement the morning of April 12, 2021.

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**Sent:** 11/30/2023 00:33:31

MO approves.  
Ian

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Hey MO, nudging on this one.

Thanks,

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**Subject:** FOR Follow-up Media Request: Pacheedaht Statement

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**Deadline** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:00 PM

## **Request**

Hi Jason,

Thanks for the call just now, I'm looking forward to the answer regarding Min. Cullen's sharing of the Pacheedaht statement.

As a follow-up:

-I'm attaching both the draft and final statements here; the draft is the one with signatures at the bottom. What feedback did the government provide to Pacheedaht when it was sent this draft statement on April 8, four days before the statement went out to the public (primarily via Min. Cullen)?

-Who was involved in that process? Who, within the government, reviewed the draft, besides Eric Kristianson (then ADM of strategic initiatives within the Premier's office)?

-Was there any negotiation regarding the interim conservation measure that is solidified in the final version but only hinted at in the draft?

Thank you,

Jimmy

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Jimmy Thomson

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## **Background**

This is a follow-up to a media request from November 24, 2023.

### *REQUEST:*

Phone Call:

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### *RESPONSE:*

Provided Background

Good afternoon Jimmy,

We're working on your questions you sent today for early next week.

In the meantime, regarding your original request, the following can be attributed to the Ministry of Forests.

Thanks,

Jason

From the Ministry of Forests:

- Pacheedaht First Nation distributed their statement to media and had also shared a copy with government.
- The Ministry of Forests started receiving media requests about Pacheedaht's statement the morning of April 12, 2021.

### **Recommendation**

As previously mentioned, the Pacheedaht transmitted the statement to media which reported on it at the time.

The Pacheedaht shared a copy of their material with government, as it references the commitment from government to support suspending forestry activities in certain areas of their territory.

As noted in the statement from Pacheedaht, the interim conservation measure resulted from discussions involving the Pacheedaht, tenure holders and the BC Government.

The Province would not speak to details of government-to-government discussions with a First Nation.

In June 2021, in response to requests from the leadership of the Pacheedaht, Ditidaht and Huu-ay-aht First Nations, the B.C. Government announced old growth deferral areas including Fairy Creek watershed and the Central Walbran areas.

Government received media requests as early as 11:30am on April 12<sup>th</sup> for reaction to the Pacheedaht statement that media had received that morning and the Forests Minister scrummed with press gallery members at 1:45pm. Minister Cullen's post of a copy of the same statement was at 2:26pm



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**Subject:** FW: End of Day Media Request Report  
**Sent:** 11/29/2023 21:18:26

Hey all,

Nothing with MO at the moment, however the two highlighted stories will need to be go out urgently once they make their way into your hands.

Thanks,

Jason

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**Subject:** FOR: End of Day Media Request Report

**Zoe Yunker - The Tyee**

ISSUE: Ecosystem/Biodiversity Announcements

STATUS: With GCPE

**Deadline:** **OVERDUE** Friday, November 24, 2023 4:00 PM

**Jim Thomson - Freelancer**

ISSUE: **Follow-up** Pacheedaht Statement

STATUS: With GCPE

**Deadline:** **OVERDUE** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 4:00 PM

**Sonia Aslam - CityNews - Vancouver**

ISSUE: Wildfire Season Questions

STATUS: With GCPE

**Deadline:** **OVERDUE** Tuesday, November 28, 2023 5:00 PM