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Philip G. Halkett Deputy Minister

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#### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Date: 31-Oct-1995 10:22am PST From: Philip Halkett of AAF

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Dept: Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Tel No: 387-6838

TO: Sandy Fraser of AAF ( GFRASER )

CC: Angus Robertson of AAF ( AROBERTSON )

Subject: BNote of October 30/95 - Haida

Your briefing note is good. Ship to Ministry of Forestes as info if you want (B N's are good trade.) Your note is on its way to Cashore.

You don't say in your note when or how Alec raised the issue. If warranted, draft up a letter for my signature to Alec explaining our view.

Over to you.

Philip.

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To: Harvey Andrusak Director

Fish Culture Section
Ministry of Environment,
Lands and Parks

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Linda Martin Director Lands and Resources Branch

cc: Alan Fry
Ministry of Environment,
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Deputy Min.i.

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Deputy Minister of Forests
Room 128, Parliament Buildings
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Dear Mr. Armstrong;



Thank you for your letter of June 13 advising that the Interim Measures negotiations have been suspended. I too value the close relationship developed between the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) and your officers in the last few years.

I believe that the Interim Measures Framework Draft has clearly laid out the issues and regret that the process cannot be finished at this time, however, we can expect to get this matter on line in due course.

There are a number of issues and items of discussion that can move ahead without a formal sitting of the Interim Measures table. Particularly the matters of:

- . Protected areas, which is critical to the ongoing relationship between BC and the Haida Nation.
- . Heritage issues, which you refer to as your "legal obligations" and which are being dealt with between our offices and yours.
- . Management issues, of which our involvement in review of cutting permits is becoming routine.
- . Economic development opportunities. Please advise us on any particular opportunities that you might be referring to in your letter.
- . Forest Renewal, Traditional Use Studies, etc.

We look forward to moving ahead on these issues and other initiatives of mutual concern. I thank you again for your letter and your closely measured position and look forward to an ongoing constructive relationship,

Sincerely,

Council of the Haida Nation

Miles G. Richardson

President

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Thank you for your letters regarding the replacement of Tree Farm Licence (TFL) Nos. 39 and 47.

Under Section 29 of the Forest Act, I was obligated to offer a replacement TFL to the holders of TFL 39 and TFL 47 prior to July 1, 1994. The offers were required, by law, to be for a 25-year term and in the case of these two TFLs, the offers were for the same land base. Further, current legislation directs that if the offers are accepted, the TFLs must be replaced. This was the case for both TFLs and they were replaced effective March 1, 1995.

I recognize that you have chosen to challenge the replacement of TFL 39 in the courts. As a result it is inappropriate for me to comment further at this time.

Thank you for informing me of your plans.

Yours truly,

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Andrew Petter Minister

Bob Friesen, Executive Director Operations Division

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To: Linda Martin, Director

Land and Resources Branch

Att: Doug Caul

Stu Lewis, Director

Treaty Mandates (Lands and Resources)

Catherine Panter, Negotiator North West Coast Regional Team

From: Rick McDougall, Director

Aboriginal Policy (Lands and Resources)

RE: Old Massett Village Council Fisheries Management Agreement

This morning I attended an interministry meeting called by Gordon Halsey (Fisheries Branch) to discuss revisiting the issue of licensing sport-fishing lodges.

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Much of the meeting focussed on discussing issues related to the attached information on the Old Massett Village Council Fisheries Management Agreement. The proposed breakfast meeting was postponed and line-agencies are looking for direction from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

This material was provided to me by Lynelle Spring in Tourism. Al Fry said it has also been forwarded to Linda Martin under separate cover from Fisheries Branch.

I will be providing direction to this group on the broader issue of provincial involvement in regulating tidal sport fisheries. I think the specific issues relating to this Old Massett Village Council agreement should be dealt with by Aboriginal Relations Division and I believe that Doug Caul handled the issue in the past.

I have passed the material for information to Stu Lewis because he and Rob Gardner are working on fisheries related mandates and to Catherine Panter because she is handling north coast treaty negotiations.

The interministry group is meeting again on Monday afternoon (November 6). Doug and I should discuss this beforehand if possible. Any additional input is welcome.

Rick McDougall



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## FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

TO:

LYNELLE SPRING

Director, Corporate Policy and Planning Branch

FROM:

JOHN WAGNER on behalf of OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL

FAX NUMBER:

387-9376

DATE:

October 24, 1995

NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING THIS PAGE): /6

MESSAGE: RE: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELATED ISSUES

Dear Ms. Spring:

Attached is a copy of a draft Fisheries Management Agreement between Old Massett Village Council of the the Haida Nation, the Province and Canada. Also attached is a copy of the letter of invitation sent to Dr. Jon O'Riordan and others for the breakfast meeting this thursday. Our apologies for the late invitation. Thank you for agreeing to attend.

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### MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA as represented by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, (hereinafter referred to as "Canada")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA as represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, and the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks (hereinafter referred to as "Province")

OF THE SECOND PART

AND:

THE OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL (OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION) (hereinafter referred to as "the Haida Nation"

#### OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Haida Nation have a unique interest in lands, sea and the resources therein within the areas they have identified as their traditional territories, arising out of their traditional use and occupancy of same;

AND WHEREAS Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and the sea surrounding Haida Gwaii have been identified as their traditional territories;

AND WHEREAS it is agreed that while the matter of Aboriginal rights, title and interest, and Treaty rights of the Haida Nation in and to the areas they have identified as their traditional territories and traditional sea may best be settled through a Treaty, it is desirable in the interim to develop processes promoting the orderly and equitable resolution of issues related to the management of the environment, fisheries and wildlife currently managed by Canada and/or by the

## Province;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that there is no formal method for communicating and addressing concerns regarding fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution between Canada and the Province;

AND WHEREAS there is no cohesive management plan of any kind for fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution, in the agreement area;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

### 1. Definitions:

- (a) "Agreement Area" means that area asserted by the Haida Nation to be their traditional territories, and included all oceans and other bodies of water outlined on the map attached as appendix "A" to this agreement;
- (b) "Associated Resources". Any resource, thing or action which when considered cumulatively, affects any fishery or a number of fisheries;
- (c) "Band" means the same as "Band" under the <u>Indian Act R.S.C.</u>, 1989, and includes the Old Massett Village Council (of the Council of the Haida Nation).
- (d) "Co-Management" means the management of fisheries and "associated resources" and the management of wildlife, ecology, the environment, pollution and the deposit of any deleterious substance in the oceans or any other body of water within the agreement area, by the Committee created by this Agreement;
- (e) "Conservation" means any activity undertaken to protect, preserve or enhance any fishery, or "associated resources, wildlife, ecology, the environment, whether on land or under oceans or other bodies of water and includes activities undertaking to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of water;
- (f) "Fishery" means the same as "Fishery" in the Fisheries Act. R.S.C., and includes any traditional Haida Nation fishery;

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- (g) "Fishing Stations" means areas asserted by elders of the Haida Nation where members of their Bands have historically caught fish of any species, and includes reserves set aside for that purpose;
- (h) "Management Committee" means the body more particularly described in Clause 5;
- (i) "Recreational Fishing Operator" means a person engaged in providing accommodation at a fishing lodge or carrying passengers on a charter vessel whenever valuable consideration passes directly or indirectly to the lodge or vessel's owner, the operator or a person with financial interest in the lodge or vessel in consideration of accommodation or carriage on board;
- (j) "Subsidiary Agreement" means an agreement more particularly described in Clause 7;
- (k) "Management Agreement" means this agreement being an umbrella agreement for the future negotiations of subsidiary agreements;
- (1) "Wildlife" means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game or other species of vertebrates prescribed as wildlife;

## 2. Area of Application

(a) This Agreement applies throughout the Agreement Area as outlined in schedule "A";

## 3. Purpose

- (a) To co-manage the fishery and "associated resources" in the traditional territories of the Haida Nation including any fishery or "associated resource" that has a detrimental effect on the traditional fisheries;
- (b) To co-manage the wildlife as defined under the Fisheries

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Act, R.S.B.C.,(1979) c. 137 and Wildlife Act, R.S.B.C.,(1982) c.57;

- To co-manage the environment and the prevention of the deposit of deleterious substances;
- (d) to co-manage any tenures under the <u>Land Act</u> that may affect Aboriginal interests, rights and concerns;
- (e) To co-manage recreational fishing operators;
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- (4) The regulation of sport fishing;
- (5) The regulation of recreational fishing operators;
- (6) The regulation of commercial fisheries;
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- (10) The regulation of tourist activities;
- The regulation of the harvesting of any marine plants;
- (12) The regulation of aquaculture;
- (13) The regulation for the protection of Steelhead and other fresh water fish;

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- (14) The regulation of guide licences under the Wildlife Act;
- (15) The protection of sites of archaeological and cultural significance as designated by the Committee;
- (16) And such other topics as the Committee may advise;

#### 8. Information

- (a) All relevant information held by either of the Parties, will be made available to the Committee, as requested, by a committee member.
- (b) That all relevant information will be supplied, in timely fashion and with reasonable notice.

#### 9. Funding

- (a) Canada shall provide for sufficient funding, resources and moneys for the following:
  - The administration and operating costs of the portion of the Committee, for Canada and for the Haida Nation;
  - (ii) For the negotiation, implementation and enforcement of the Management Agreement and/or Subsidiary Agreements, as required by the Haida Nation or Canada;
  - (iii) Seminars and training, for members of the Committee and Watchmen;
- (b) The Province of British Columbia will provide, sufficient funding resources and moneys for;
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#### costs of the committee;

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   (Simon v. Her Majesty the Queen, (1985) 2 S.C.R. 387);
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- (c) "Indian food, ceremonial, or societal fishing must be given priority over other interest groups (R. v. Sparrow, (1990) 56 C.C.C. (3d) 263);
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- (e) Aboriginal and Treaty rights are affirmed (Constitution Act 1982, S. 35).

#### 11. Dispute Resolution

(a) Disputes will be referred to appointed representatives of Canada, the Province and the Haida Nation. Every attempt will be made to resolve differences through discussion and consultation;

In the event that a consensus or decision of the Committee (b) cannot be reached, the Parties will appoint a mutually agreeable mediator and the terms of the reference for mediation including the funding and costs of mediation shall be agreed upon by the Parties.

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#### 12. Term

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- The Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement (b) of the Parties;

#### 13. Notice

Any notice given pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in writing and shall be effectively given and sent by registered mail, telegram, facsimile or other similar means of electronic communication to the appropriate address set out below:

if to the Haida Nation:

Old Massett Village Council P.O. Box 189 Masset, Haida Gwaii, B.C. VOT 1M0

and

if to Canada:

Department of Fisheries and Oceans 816 Government Street, Victoria, B.C.

and

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if to the Province:

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, 808 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Z7 Fax: 1-604-356-7280 Attention: Co-Ordinator

Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks 4th Floor, 810 Blanshard Street Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4 fax: 1-604-387-5669

Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture 3rd Floor, 1117 Wharf Street Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z2 fax: 1-604-387-1420 Attention: Director

#### 14. Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the whole agreement between the Parties except as amended by future agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day 1995. of

on behalf of Canada in the presence of:	)
	}
Witness	Department of Fisheries and Oceans

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Signed, Sealed and Delivered on behalf of the Province of British Columbia in the presence of:	: )		
Witness	}	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food,	
	)	Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks	
Signed, Sealed and Delivered on behalf of the Haida Nation by its duly authorized officers	)		
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MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

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Diane Brown, Chief Councillor Skidegate Band Council Box 1301 Skidegate, British Columbia

Dear Chief Councillor Brown:

The Honourable Andrew Petter asked me to respond on his behalf to your letter of December 15, 1995, regarding your concerns that Christie Brown, Director of the Aboriginal Affairs Branch, Ministry of Forests, is interfering with the internal matters of the Haida Nation.

Firstly, I assure you that there has been no promotion of separate agreements nor any attempt to divide the Haida Nation by any representative of the Ministry of Forests.

Secondly, the fact that Linda Vandenberg is a professional colleague of Christie Brown is of no consequence to the negotiations with the Old Massett Village Council (OMVC). Linda Vandenberg has worked with First Nations across British Columbia for a number of years, as has Christie Brown.

Negotiations between the province and First Nations is a very sensitive issue from both perspectives. Personal integrity and the highest standards of professional conduct are critical to the negotiations. The Haida may have differences with the government; however, I do not feel it is appropriate to attack the integrity of individuals. Christie Brown is a highly respected and knowledgeable member of the ministry and is committed to a positive working relationship with the Haida people and all other aboriginal groups.

The Ministry of Forests and the Council of Haida Nations (CHN) have been negotiating an interim measures agreement. Negotiations broke down with CHN because OMVC repeatedly sent in letters stating they did not support CHN. When the negotiations between the ministry and the CHN were suspended, OMVC requested a separate negotiation.

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I would like to reiterate that the ministry is totally committed to establishing a positive working relationship with the Haida and looks forward to working with you in the future.

Thank you for writing. I trust I have been able to assuage your concerns.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by G. R. Armstrong

Gerry R. Armstrong Deputy Minister

cc: The Honourable John Cashore Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

The Honourable Andrew Petter Minister of Forests

Christie Brown, Director Aboriginal Affairs Branch

Wayne Wilson, New Chief Councillor Skidegate Band Council

bcc: Randy Brant, Assistant Deputy Minister Aboriginal Relations Division Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

> Bob Brash, District Manager Queen Charlotte Forest



December 15, 1995

Minister of Forests Honorable Andrew Petter Parliament Buildings Victoria B.C. V8V 1X4

Honorable Mr. Petter:

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Christy Brown of Ministry of Forests has been imposing bureaucratic interference in the internal matters of the Haida Nation.

The 'Forestry Interim Measures' negotiations between the CHN and BC was put on hold because of dissenting views within the Haida Nation. It is clear now that your senior officials have been involved in encouraging the Old Massett Village Council to go it's own way by promoting separate agreements.

The Hereditary Leaders of the Haida Nation have stated clearly that we proceed as one people - which we are. Our Hereditary Leaders who otherwise have the veto over such agreements, have been totally left out of the OMVC - Christy Brown process.

The full House of Assembly of the Haida Nation has never entertained the notion of splitting up and doing separate things under the Band Council banners, this is not possible given the demographics of our people.

The Village of Skidegate is composed of people from the southern parts of these islands as well as the north, and particularly from some of the areas purported to be the exclusive domain of the Old Massett Village Council.

The consultant Linda Vandenberg, retained by the OMVC is a long time personal associate of Ms. Brown. If there were no internal problems in the Haida Nation Ms. Vandenberg would not be involved in this particular project.

We have no doubt that these agreements are being pushed by Ms. Brown in attempt to split the Haida Nation.

What your senior bureaucrats are doing is wrong and totally against any of the principles for which interim measures were devised.

Mr. Minister, we ask for your intervention.

Sincerely \_

(Ms.) Diane Brown Chief Councillor

cc - Minister of Aboriginal Affairs

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#### Province of British Columbia

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June 13, 1995

Miles Richardson President Council of the Haida Nation P.O. Box 589 Masset, British Columbia VOT IMO

#### Dear Miles Richardson:

I am writing to advise you of the Ministry of Forests' position on continuing interim measures activities with the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN).

The Forest Service is committed to assisting First Nations economic development and will continue to work with the CHN to support new economic opportunities. We recognize our responsibility to respect constitutionally protected aboriginal rights during forest management activities and will consult with the CHN, Skidegate and Masset Bands to ensure that aboriginal rights are not unjustifiably infringed.

With regard to the interim measures negotiations between the CHN and the Ministry of Forests, I have been advised several times, verbally and in writing, by Chief Wilson Brown that the people of Old Masset Village do not support continuing negotiations in their current form. The concerns expressed by Chief Brown have placed the ministry in an untenable position and until such time as these issues, which we consider to be largely internal to the Haida people are resolved, we have little choice but to suspend these interim measures negotiations.

I value the relationship between the Forest Service and the CHN, and feel that an interim measures agreement can still be a positive component of that relationship. The Forest Service would be happy to resume discussions on an interim measures agreement once both your member bands support the talks.

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In addition, I must stress that my ministry will continue to meet its legal obligations regarding aboriginal rights and work with the CHN to support and identify economic beveropment opportunities.

Yours truly,

Gerry Armstrong Deputy Minister

cc: Chief Wilson Brown

Old Masset Village Council

Chief Diane Brown Skidegate Indian Band

Philip Halkett, Deputy Minister Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Ken Collingwood, Regional Manager Vancouver Forest Region

Mark Stevenson, Treaty Negotiator Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

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October 20, 1995

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MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRE

#### Proposed Agreement with the Haida Nation

On October 12, 1995, representatives from the Ministries of Environment, Lands and Parks (MELP) and Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), as well as the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) met with the Old Massett Village Council and the Council of Haida Nation to discuss a proposed tripartite agreement. The agreement prepared by the First Nations is attached.

The Haida Nation is proposing this agreement as an interim measure, which would allow the parties to work together to protect and develop the resources in the territory. They expressed a primary concern that current processes leave uncertainty about jurisdiction and coordination thus putting the local resources in peril.

DFO expressed their encouragement for the concepts in the agreement as they were forward looking and identify what needs to be done. However, they also expressed concern that this was being proposed as an interim measure rather than discussion at a treaty table. There is currently an Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy agreement with the Haida.

I expressed concern that management boards are often too costly and slow to make decisions, that decision making authority for licencing must remain with the province and that the proposed process could result in a de facto moratorium, which the province does not condone. I also asked why they were choosing this option rather than the treaty process given that several treaty maintable meetings with the province had been canceled at the request of the Haida Nation.

Chief Councillor Wilson Brown responded that the Council of Haida Nation was only at stage 2 in the treaty process, that its constitution was being changed to give co-chairs to Masset and Skidegate which would take time, and that there was an emergency to protect the resources which could not wait for a treaty.

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DFO committed to advise the Haida on their position in a week or so. I advised that such an agreement would need to have at least the MELP, Small Business Tourism and Culture (SBTC), and MAFF as signatories for the process to work and I could not speak for those other ministries. I also advised that although MAFF was prepared to enter into an interim measures agreement with the Haida Nation regarding resources within its mandate, this agreement went beyond what would normally be considered and I would need to seek advice.

While I offered to be the initial provincial contact on this agreement it was left to Ms. Linda Vandenberg, consultant to the Haida, to organize a meeting of the three resource ministries to explain the agreement and seek a provincial response. Mr. Gordon Halsey, she suggested that she would contact Mr. Jon O'Riordan, Mr. Jim Walker and Mr. Jack Hall separately to be sure they understood what was being proposed. Ms. Lynelle Spring, I suggested that you should be contacted with respect to SBTC.

I am providing this to you as a heads-up and for an initial response if you wish including your interest in meeting collectively prior to being contacted by the Haida consultant. Mr. Doug Caul has had considerable experience with the Haida on similar agreements. Mr. Caul, I wonder if you should co-ordinate our internal activities to ensure we are meeting overall provincial policy and being cognizant of past provincial positions.

The Haida are hopeful they will be able to have a second meeting with government staff in Old Masset by October 30, 1995.

Government staff attending the meeting were myself, Mr. Alvin Cober of MELP and Mr. Gus Jaltema and Mr. Don Radcliff of DFO.

I may be reached by E-Mail (JFRALICK) or at (604)387-9566.

J.E. Fralick

Manager

Aboriginal Affairs

Attachments

Mr. Jim Anderson
Director
Aquaculture and Commercial
Fisheries Branch
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Ms. Lynelle Spring
A/Director
Corporate Policy and
Planning Branch
Ministry of Small Business,
Tourism and Culture

Mr. Gordon Halsey Assistant Director Fisheries Branch Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks

Mr. Jack Hall
Executive Director
Lands Regional Operations Department
Ministry of Environment,
Lands and Parks

Mr. Doug Caul Negotiator Lands and Resources Branch Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Mr. Sandy Fraser Negotiator North West Coast Regional Team Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Mr. Geoff Moyes Solicitor Legislative Counsel's Office Ministry of Attorney General

Ms. Terry Simonson
Interim Measures Negotiator
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October 17, 1995

Jim Fralick
Manager, Aboriginal Affairs Section
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
1st Floor, 808 Douglas Street
Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z7
fax: 356-7280



Dear Mr. Fralick:

Attached is an improved copy of the draft Fisheries Agreement between Canada, British Columbia and the Haida Nation, as promised.

Changes were made to section 13 as agreed at the meeting October 12th, but otherwise this document is identical to the draft tabled at the meeting.

Yours truly,

John Wagner

#### MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT



BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA as represented by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, (hereinafter referred to as "Canada")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
as represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food,
and the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks
(hereinafter referred to as "Province")

OF THE SECOND PART

AND:

THE OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL (OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION) (hereinafter referred to as "the Haida Nation"

#### OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Haida Nation have a unique interest in lands, sea and the resources therein within the areas they have identified as their traditional territories, arising out of their traditional use and occupancy of same;

AND WHEREAS Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and the sea surrounding Haida Gwaii have been identified as their traditional territories;

AND WHEREAS it is agreed that while the matter of Aboriginal rights, title and interest, and Treaty rights of the Haida Nation in and to the areas they have identified as their traditional territories and traditional sea may best be settled through a Treaty, it is desirable in the interim to develop processes promoting the orderly and equitable resolution of issues related to the management of the environment, fisheries and wildlife currently managed by Canada and/or by the

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#### Province;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that there is no formal method for communicating and addressing concerns regarding fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution between Canada and the Province;

AND WHEREAS there is no cohesive management plan of any kind for fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution, in the agreement area;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Definitions:

- (a) "Agreement Area" means that area asserted by the Haida Nation to be their traditional territories, and included all oceans and other bodies of water outlined on the map attached as appendix "A" to this agreement;
- (b) "Associated Resources". Any resource, thing or action which when considered cumulatively, affects any fishery or a number of fisheries;
- (c) "Band" means the same as "Band" under the <u>Indian Act R.S.C.</u>, 1989, and includes the Old Massett Village Council (of the Council of the Haida Nation).
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- (g) "Fishing Stations" means areas asserted by elders of the Haida Nation where members of their Bands have historically caught fish of any species, and includes reserves set aside for that purpose;
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- (l) "Wildlife" means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game or other species of vertebrates prescribed as wildlife;

#### 2. Area of Application

(a) This Agreement applies throughout the Agreement Area as outlined in schedule "A";

### 3. Purpose

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- (b) To co-manage the wildlife as defined under the Fisheries



Act, R.S.B.C.,(1979) c. 137 and Wildlife Act, R.S.B.C.,(1982) c.57;

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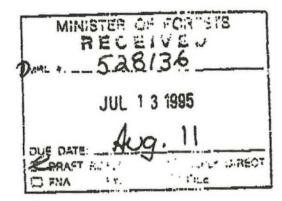
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P.O. Box 98 Skidegate, Haida Gwaii

July 10, 1995

Gerry Armstrong
Deputy Minister of Forests
Room 128, Parliament Buildings
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Dear Mr. Armstrong;



Thank you for your letter of June 13 advising that the Interim Measures negotiations have been suspended. I too value the close relationship developed between the Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) and your officers in the last few years.

I believe that the Interim Measures Framework Draft has clearly laid out the issues and regret that the process cannot be finished at this time, however, we can expect to get this matter on line in due course.

There are a number of issues and items of discussion that can move ahead without a formal sitting of the Interim Measures table. Particularly the matters of:

- . Protected areas, which is critical to the ongoing relationship between BC and the Haida Nation.
- . Heritage issues, which you refer to as your "legal obligations" and which are being dealt with between our offices and yours.
- . Management issues, of which our involvement in review of cutting permits is becoming routine.
- . Economic development opportunities. Please advise us on any particular opportunities that you might be referring to in your letter.
- . Forest Renewal, Traditional Use Studies, etc.

We look forward to moving ahead on these issues and other initiatives of mutual concern. I thank you again for your letter and your closely measured position and look forward to an ongoing constructive relationship.

Sincerely,

Council of the Haids Nation

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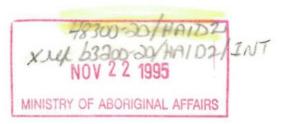
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Mr. Randy Brant

Sent by facsimile: (604)626-5440

November 20, 1995

Mr. Wilson Brown Chief Councillor NATION Old Masset Village Council P.O. Box 189 Old Massett Haida Gwaii Via Canada Post VOT 1M0



Dear Chief Councillor Brown:

Subsequent to our meeting in Old Massett on October 12, 1995, I have discussed the draft agreement which you tabled with staff within the provincial government ministries. Copies were provided to the Ministries of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food; Environment, Lands and Parks; Aboriginal Affairs; Small Business, Tourism and Culture; and Attorney General.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food considers many of the issues to be beyond its mandate and some of the topics to be better dealt with within the treaty process. Therefore, this ministry is not prepared to enter into substantive discussions with the Haida Nation regarding the proposed management agreement.

We are prepared to consider an alternative approach which may be more productive and beneficial to both parties in the short term. I propose that we discuss the kelp resources of Haida Gwaii from the perspective of abundance, monitoring, conservation and harvest regimes. It may also be beneficial to include the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans in these discussions because of the close relationship between the kelp resource and the herring for herring roe on kelp fisheries. Following those discussions we may determine what studies could be undertaken to enhance our knowledge of kelp and the benefits of training Haida peoples with respect to the resource.

Mr. Wilson Brown November 20 ,1995 Page 2

Although a formal agreement does not seem necessary now, it may be possible in the future. However, any agreement would have to be specific to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food mandate and would not include any delegation of legislative authority.

Please advise me if you would like to proceed with this alternative proposal and designate a contact person for me to work with in the early planning stages. My telephone number is (604)387-9566.

J.E. Fralick

Manager

Aboriginal Affairs

cc: Mr. Randy Brant
Aboriginal Relations Division
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Mr. Jon O'Riordan
Assistant Deputy Minister
Environmental; Regional Operations
Division
Ministry of Environment,
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October 20, 1995

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The Haida Nation is proposing this agreement as an interim measure, which would allow the parties to work together to protect and develop the resources in the territory. They expressed a primary concern that current processes leave uncertainty about jurisdiction and coordination thus putting the local resources in peril.

DFO expressed their encouragement for the concepts in the agreement as they were forward looking and identify what needs to be done. However, they also expressed concern that this was being proposed as an interim measure rather than discussion at a treaty table. There is currently an Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy agreement with the Haida.

I expressed concern that management boards are often too costly and slow to make decisions, that decision making authority for licencing must remain with the province and that the proposed process could result in a de facto moratorium, which the province does not condone. I also asked why they were choosing this option rather than the treaty process given that several treaty maintable meetings with the province had been canceled at the request of the Haida Nation.

Chief Councillor Wilson Brown responded that the Council of Haida Nation was only at stage 2 in the treaty process, that its constitution was being changed to give co-chairs to Masset and Skidegate which would take time, and that there was an emergency to protect the resources which could not wait for a treaty.

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DFO committed to advise the Haida on their position in a week or so. I advised that such an agreement would need to have at least the MELP, Small Business Tourism and Culture (SBTC), and MAFF as signatories for the process to work and I could not speak for those other ministries. I also advised that although MAFF was prepared to enter into an interim measures agreement with the Haida Nation regarding resources within its mandate, this agreement went beyond what would normally be considered and I would need to seek advice.

While I offered to be the initial provincial contact on this agreement it was left to Ms. Linda Vandenberg, consultant to the Haida, to organize a meeting of the three resource ministries to explain the agreement and seek a provincial response. Mr. Gordon Halsey, she suggested that she would contact Mr. Jon O'Riordan, Mr. Jim Walker and Mr. Jack Hall separately to be sure they understood what was being proposed. Ms. Lynelle Spring, I suggested that you should be contacted with respect to SBTC.

I am providing this to you as a heads-up and for an initial response if you wish including your interest in meeting collectively prior to being contacted by the Haida consultant. Mr. Doug Caul has had considerable experience with the Haida on similar agreements. Mr. Caul, I wonder if you should co-ordinate our internal activities to ensure we are meeting overall provincial policy and being cognizant of past provincial positions.

The Haida are hopeful they will be able to have a second meeting with government staff in Old Masset by October 30, 1995.

Government staff attending the meeting were myself, Mr. Alvin Cober of MELP and Mr. Gus Jaltema and Mr. Don Radcliff of DFO.

I may be reached by E-Mail (JFRALICK) or at (604)387-9566.

J.E. Fralick

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Attachments

Mr. Jim Ander n
Director
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Ms. Lynelle Spring A/Director Corporate Policy and Planning Branch Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture

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Mr. Doug Caul Negotiator Lands and Resources Branch Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

Mr. Sandy Fraser Negotiator North West Coast Regional Team Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

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October 17, 1995

Jim Fralick
Manager, Aboriginal Affairs Section
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
1st Floor, 808 Douglas Street
Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z7
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Dear Mr. Fralick:

Attached is an improved copy of the draft Fisheries Agreement between Canada, British Columbia and the Haida Nation, as promised.

Changes were made to section 13 as agreed at the meeting October 12th, but otherwise this document is identical to the draft tabled at the meeting.

Yours truly,

John Wagner

#### MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT



BETWEEN

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OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

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OF THE SECOND PART

AND:

THE OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL (OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION) (hereinafter referred to as "the Haida Nation"

#### OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Haida Nation have a unique interest in lands, sea and the resources therein within the areas they have identified as their traditional territories, arising out of their traditional use and occupancy of same;

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AND WHEREAS it is agreed that while the matter of Aboriginal rights, title and interest, and Treaty rights of the Haida Nation in and to the areas they have identified as their traditional territories and traditional sea may best be settled through a Treaty, it is desirable in the interim to develop processes promoting the orderly and equitable resolution of issues related to the management of the environment, fisheries and wildlife currently managed by Canada and/or by the

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#### Province;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that there is no formal method for communicating and addressing concerns regarding fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution between Canada and the Province;

AND WHEREAS there is no cohesive management plan of any kind for fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution, in the agreement area;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

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- (d) "Co-Management" means the management of fisheries and "associated resources" and the management of wildlife, ecology, the environment, pollution and the deposit of any deleterious substance in the oceans or any other body of water within the agreement area, by the Committee created by this Agreement;
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- (h) "Management Committee" means the body more particularly described in Clause 5;
- (i) "Recreational Fishing Operator" means a person engaged in providing accommodation at a fishing lodge or carrying passengers on a charter vessel whenever valuable consideration passes directly or indirectly to the lodge or vessel's owner, the operator or a person with financial interest in the lodge or vessel in consideration of accommodation or carriage on board;
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- (k) "Management Agreement" means this agreement being an umbrella agreement for the future negotiations of subsidiary agreements;
- (l) "Wildlife" means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game or other species of vertebrates prescribed as wildlife;

#### 2. Area of Application

(a) This Agreement applies throughout the Agreement Area as outlined in schedule "A";

#### 3. Purpose

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- (b) To co-manage the wildlife as defined under the Fisheries



### Act, R.S.B.C.,(1979) c. 137 and Wildlife Act, R.S.B.C.,(1982) c.57;

- To co-manage the environment and the prevention of the deposit of deleterious substances;
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- (e) To co-manage recreational fishing operators;
- (f) To negotiate, draft and implement subsidiary agreements on specific matters hereinafter enumerated;
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direction of the Committee, to oversee the implementation and enforcement of the Management Agreement and the Subsidiary Agreements;

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#### Proposed Agreement with the Haida Nation

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The Haida Nation is proposing this agreement as an interim measure, which would allow the parties to work together to protect and develop the resources in the territory. They expressed a primary concern that current processes leave uncertainty about jurisdiction and coordination thus putting the local resources in peril.

DFO expressed their encouragement for the concepts in the agreement as they were forward looking and identify what needs to be done. However, they also expressed concern that this was being proposed as an interim measure rather than discussion at a treaty table. There is currently an Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy agreement with the Haida.

I expressed concern that management boards are often too costly and slow to make decisions, that decision making authority for licencing must remain with the province and that the proposed process could result in a de facto moratorium, which the province does not condone. I also asked why they were choosing this option rather than the treaty process given that several treaty maintable meetings with the province had been canceled at the request of the Haida Nation.

Chief Councillor Wilson Brown responded that the Council of Haida Nation was only at stage 2 in the treaty process, that its constitution was being changed to give co-chairs to Masset and Skidegate which would take time, and that there was an emergency to protect the resources which could not wait for a treaty.

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DFO committed to advise the Haida on their position in a week or so. I advised that such an agreement would need to have at least the MELP, Small Business Tourism and Culture (SBTC), and MAFF as signatories for the process to work and I could not speak for those other ministries. I also advised that although MAFF was prepared to enter into an interim measures agreement with the Haida Nation regarding resources within its mandate, this agreement went beyond what would normally be considered and I would need to seek advice.

While I offered to be the initial provincial contact on this agreement it was left to Ms. Linda Vandenberg, consultant to the Haida, to organize a meeting of the three resource ministries to explain the agreement and seek a provincial response. Mr. Gordon Halsey, she suggested that she would contact Mr. Jon O'Riordan, Mr. Jim Walker and Mr. Jack Hall separately to be sure they understood what was being proposed. Ms. Lynelle Spring, I suggested that you should be contacted with respect to SBTC.

I am providing this to you as a heads-up and for an initial response if you wish including your interest in meeting collectively prior to being contacted by the Haida consultant. Mr. Doug Caul has had considerable experience with the Haida on similar agreements. Mr. Caul, I wonder if you should co-ordinate our internal activities to ensure we are meeting overall provincial policy and being cognizant of past provincial positions.

The Haida are hopeful they will be able to have a second meeting with government staff in Old Masset by October 30, 1995.

Government staff attending the meeting were myself, Mr. Alvin Cober of MELP and Mr. Gus Jaltema and Mr. Don Radcliff of DFO.

I may be reached by E-Mail (JFRALICK) or at (604)387-9566.

J.E. Fralick

Manager

Aboriginal Affairs

Attachments

Mr. Jim Anderson
Director
Aquaculture and Commercial
Fisheries Branch
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Fisheries and Food

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October 17, 1995

Jim Fralick
Manager, Aboriginal Affairs Section
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
1st Floor, 808 Douglas Street
Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z7

fax: 356-7280

Dear Mr. Fralick:



Attached is an improved copy of the draft Fisheries Agreement between Canada, British Columbia and the Haida Nation, as promised.

Changes were made to section 13 as agreed at the meeting October 12th, but otherwise this document is identical to the draft tabled at the meeting.

Yours truly,

John Wagner

#### MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT



BETWEEN

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF CANADA as represented by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, (hereinafter referred to as "Canada")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
as represented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food,
and the Ministry of Environment, Lands & Parks
(hereinafter referred to as "Province")

OF THE SECOND PART

AND:

THE OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL (OF THE COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION) (hereinafter referred to as "the Haida Nation"

#### OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Haida Nation have a unique interest in lands, sea and the resources therein within the areas they have identified as their traditional territories, arising out of their traditional use and occupancy of same;

AND WHEREAS Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands) and the sea surrounding Haida Gwaii have been identified as their traditional territories;

AND WHEREAS it is agreed that while the matter of Aboriginal rights, title and interest, and Treaty rights of the Haida Nation in and to the areas they have identified as their traditional territories and traditional sea may best be settled through a Treaty, it is desirable in the interim to develop processes promoting the orderly and equitable resolution of issues related to the management of the environment, fisheries and wildlife currently managed by Canada and/or by the

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#### Province;

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that there is no formal method for communicating and addressing concerns regarding fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution between Canada and the Province;

AND WHEREAS there is no cohesive management plan of any kind for fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution, in the agreement area;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Definitions:

- (a) "Agreement Area" means that area asserted by the Haida Nation to be their traditional territories, and included all oceans and other bodies of water outlined on the map attached as appendix "A" to this agreement;
- (b) "Associated Resources". Any resource, thing or action which when considered cumulatively, affects any fishery or a number of fisheries;
- (c) "Band" means the same as "Band" under the <u>Indian Act R.S.C.</u>, 1989, and includes the Old Massett Village Council (of the Council of the Haida Nation).
- (d) "Co-Management" means the management of fisheries and "associated resources" and the management of wildlife, ecology, the environment, pollution and the deposit of any deleterious substance in the oceans or any other body of water within the agreement area, by the Committee created by this Agreement;
- (e) "Conservation" means any activity undertaken to protect, preserve or enhance any fishery, or "associated resources, wildlife, ecology, the environment, whether on land or under oceans or other bodies of water and includes activities undertaking to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of water;
- (f) "Fishery" means the same as "Fishery" in the <u>Fisheries Act</u>, <u>R.S.C.</u>, and includes any traditional Haida Nation fishery;



- (g) "Fishing Stations" means areas asserted by elders of the Haida Nation where members of their Bands have historically caught fish of any species, and includes reserves set aside for that purpose;
- (h) "Management Committee" means the body more particularly described in Clause 5;
- (i) "Recreational Fishing Operator" means a person engaged in providing accommodation at a fishing lodge or carrying passengers on a charter vessel whenever valuable consideration passes directly or indirectly to the lodge or vessel's owner, the operator or a person with financial interest in the lodge or vessel in consideration of accommodation or carriage on board;
- (j) "Subsidiary Agreement" means an agreement more particularly described in Clause 7;
- (k) "Management Agreement" means this agreement being an umbrella agreement for the future negotiations of subsidiary agreements;
- (l) "Wildlife" means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game or other species of vertebrates prescribed as wildlife;

#### 2. Area of Application

(a) This Agreement applies throughout the Agreement Area as outlined in schedule "A";

#### 3. Purpose

- (a) To co-manage the fishery and "associated resources" in the traditional territories of the Haida Nation including any fishery or "associated resource" that has a detrimental effect on the traditional fisheries;
- (b) To co-manage the wildlife as defined under the Fisheries



<u>Act</u>, R.S.B.C.,(1979) c. 137 and <u>Wildlife Act</u>, R.S.B.C.,(1982) c.57;

- To co-manage the environment and the prevention of the deposit of deleterious substances;
- (d) to co-manage any tenures under the <u>Land Act</u> that may affect Aboriginal interests, rights and concerns;
- (e) To co-manage recreational fishing operators;
- (f) To negotiate, draft and implement subsidiary agreements on specific matters hereinafter enumerated;
- (g) To give priority to Aboriginal rights, interests and concerns in the co-management of any fishery, associated resource, wildlife or environment, such Aboriginal rights following directly behind, in priority, "conservation";
- (h) To ensure the cooperative and mutually supportive relationship between Canada, the Province and the Haida Nation concerning the management of issues hereinbefore enumerated and for resolving issues related to the management of the said topics hereinbefore enumerated;
- (i) To provide a method of communciation, and for addressing the concerns regarding fisheries, wildlife, ecology, environment and pollution, between the Province and Canada and the Haida Nation.

#### 4. Without Prejudice

- (a) Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed so as to prejudice any Aboriginal rights, title or interests of the members of the Haida Nation or any Treaty, which may be negotiated between, the Province, Canada and the Haida Nation;
- (b) No provision of this Agreement will create, extinguish, abrogate or derogate from any Aboriginal rights. Nor will it be a Treaty or Land Claim Agreement under S. 35 of



#### the Constitution Act (1982);

- (c) Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as to prejudice a position of either of the parties, in future negotiations, on any agreement or treaty;
- (d) Nothing in this agreement shall prejudice the ability of Canada or the Province, to carry out it's jurisdictional responsibilities, according to law.

#### 5. Management Committee

- (a) A Management Committee (hereinafter called the "Committee") will be established on the execution of this Agreement;
- (b) The Committee will be comprised of four members of the Haida Nation and two members from each of the other parties, to be appointed by the Parties, in a manner which fosters consultation and cooperation;
- (c) The Committee will operate on a consensus basis;
- (d) The Committee will meet as needed, upon reasonable notice, by either of the Parties;
- (e) The Committee shall have the authority to establish its own procedures;
- (f) The chair of the Committee will alternate between the Parties. Each meeting and minutes of meetings shall be kept and circulated, for approval by the Party, not in the chair;

#### 6. Duties of the Management Committee

(a) The Management Committee will appoint from the members of the Haida Nation a coordinating watchman and such watchmen, as may be required under the

direction of the Committee, to oversee the implementation and enforcement of the Management Agreement and the Subsidiary Agreements;

- (b) The Committee will perform but shall not be limited to the following duties and responsibilities:
- (i) To direct the coordinating watchman officer appointed by the Committee in the implementation and enforcement of the Management Agreement and Subsidiary Agreements; and
- (ii) To set the duties for the watchman officers appointed by the Committee and acting under the Coordinating Watchman officer;
- (iii) To co-manage all fisheries and associated resources, wildlife, the ecology or the environment including, all bodies of water and the quality of water within the agreement area;
- (iv) To set policies for the implementation of the Management Agreement and Subsidiary Agreements;
- (v) To determine the priority of the execution of the Subsidiary Agreements in a manner that is consistent with paragraph 3; and
- (vi) To ensure the proper negotiation and finalisation of each of the Subsidiary Agreements;
- (vii) To identify and make recommendations to the Party with respect to other subject matters for Subsidiary Agreements;
- (viii) To ensure that all existing legislation for the Province or for Canada are complied with and shall, for more certainty, include any environmental review process;



- (ix) To implement and direct in a manner consistent with the spirit of this Agreement, interim policies and recommendations, with respect to identified issues of concern to the Committee, where no Subsidiary Agreement has yet been executed, or where, Subsidiary Agreements do not yet occupy the field;
- (x) To act as the principal forum of communication and as a coordinating body, between the Parties;
- (xi) To forthwith and annually, develop a work plan for the purposes of directing the implementation and enforcement of the Management Agreement and Subsidiary Agreements;

## 7. <u>Subsidiary Agreements</u>

- (a) Upon the execution of this Agreement, the parties shall forthwith develop their co-operative process and negotiate and execute Subsidiary Agreements respecting those matters more particularly described in the following paragraph.
- (b) The Parties shall diligently pursue the negotiation and execution of Subsidiary Agreements with respect to the following matters:
  - Long-term management and planning with respect to fisheries and "associated resources" including the ecology, the environment of land and water and wildlife, within the agreement area;
  - (ii) Individual agreements shall be negotiated, with either Canada or the Province, as the case may be, depending on which Party has jurisdiction, and the Committee members not

involved may assume observer status, as follows:

- (1) The protection and maintenance of existing salmon stocks;
- (2) The protection and maintenance of existing ground fish stocks (which ground fish include, but are not limited to halibut, ling cod and other rock fish);
- (3) The protection of all shellfish including Abalone;
- (4) The regulation of sport fishing;
- (5) The regulation of recreational fishing operators;
- (6) The regulation of commercial fisheries;
- (7) The regulation of any provincial tenures, as issued under the <u>Land Act</u> for recreational fishing operations and support services;
- (8) The regulation of hunting of wildlife;
- (9) Regulations of vessels, barges or other floating objects, which may pose a risk to a fishery, to wildlife, to the ecology, environment or water quality;
- (10) The regulation of tourist activities;
- (11) The regulation of the harvesting of any marine plants;
- (12) The regulation of aquaculture;
- (13) The regulation for the protection of Steelhead and other fresh water fish;



- (14) The regulation of guide licences under the Wildlife Act;
- (15) The protection of sites of archaeological and cultural significance as designated by the Committee;
- (16) And such other topics as the Committee may advise;

#### 8. Information

- (a) All relevant information held by either of the Parties, will be made available to the Committee, as requested, by a committee member.
- (b) That all relevant information will be supplied, in timely fashion and with reasonable notice.

## 9. Funding

- (a) Canada shall provide for sufficient funding, resources and moneys for the following:
  - The administration and operating costs of the portion of the Committee, for Canada and for the Haida Nation;
  - (ii) For the negotiation, implementation and enforcement of the Management Agreement and/or Subsidiary Agreements, as required by the Haida Nation or Canada;
  - (iii) Seminars and training, for members of the Committee and Watchmen;
- (b) The Province of British Columbia will provide, sufficient funding resources and moneys for;
  - (i) One third of the administration and operating

#### costs of the committee;

- (ii) For the negotiation, implementation and enforcement of the Management Agreement or Subsidiary Agreements, which might be within sole jurisdiction of the Province;
- (c) The Committee will make recommendations to Canada and to the Province on funding for the operation of the Committee and the implementation of the operation of the Management Agreement and Subsidiary Agreements;

#### 10. Principles to be Applied in the Negotiations of Subsidiary Agreements

- (a) "Rights derived from a Treaty are unique and "sui generis"
   (Simon v. Her Majesty the Queen, (1985) 2 S.C.R. 387);
- (b) Aboriginal rights and Treaty rights must be interpreted liberally in favour of the Indians (R. v. Nowegijick (1983) 1 S.C.R. 29);
- (c) "Indian food, ceremonial, or societal fishing must be given priority over other interest groups (R. v. Sparrow, (1990) 56 C.C.C. (3d) 263);
- (d) any limit on Aboriginal or Treaty rights must be justified and constitutionally valid (for the purposes of proper conservation) (R. v. Sparrow, (Supra);
- (e) Aboriginal and Treaty rights are affirmed (Constitution Act 1982, S. 35).

### 11. Dispute Resolution

(a) Disputes will be referred to appointed representatives of Canada, the Province and the Haida Nation. Every attempt will be made to resolve differences through discussion and consultation;

(b) In the event that a consensus or decision of the Committee cannot be reached, the Parties will appoint a mutually agreeable mediator and the terms of the reference for mediation including the funding and costs of mediation shall be agreed upon by the Parties.

#### 12. Term

- (a) This Agreement shall be reviewed by the Parties, no more often than bi-annually, upon the request of the Parties;
- (b) The Agreement may be amended at any time by agreement of the Parties;

#### 13. Notice

Any notice given pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in writing and shall be effectively given and sent by registered mail, telegram, facsimile or other similar means of electronic communication to the appropriate address set out below:

if to the Haida Nation:

Old Massett Village Council P.O. Box 189 Masset, Haida Gwaii, B.C. V0T 1M0

#### and

if to Canada:

Department of Fisheries and Oceans 816 Government Street, Victoria, B.C.

and

#### if to the Province:

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food, 808 Douglas Street, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Z7 Fax: 1-604-356-7280 Attention: Co-Ordinator

Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks 4th Floor, 810 Blanshard Street Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4 fax: 1-604-387-5669

Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture 3rd Floor, 1117 Wharf Street Victoria, B.C., V8W 2Z2 fax: 1-604-387-1420 Attention: Director

#### 14. Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the whole agreement between the Parties except as amended by future agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day of 1995.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered	)
on behalf of Canada in the	)
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### COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION

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Carol Corcoran BC Treaty Commission Via Fax (604) 776-2092

Tom Malloy Federal Treaty Negotiations Office Via Fax (604) 775-7149

Mark Stevenson Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Via Fax (604) 5-387-0887

Dear Folks

Re: Haida Treaty Negotiations

This letter is to advise you that Council of the Haida Nation is postponing all meetings of the "Main Table".

Please contact President Miles G. Richardson (559-4468) if you have any comments or questions.

Yours truly

Ernie Collison Administrator

□ Box 98 Skidegate, Haida Gwaii VOT 1S1 • Phone (604) 559-4468 • Fax (604) 559-8951

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File No. 63200-20/HAID2/GEN

Wilson Brown Chief Councillor Old Massett Village Council P.O. Box 189, Old Massett Haida Gwaii, British Columbia VOT 1M0

Dear Wilson Brown:

The letter of November 8, 1995 from the Old Massett Village Council to the Premier, the Honourable Mike Harcourt, regarding your concerns with the appointment of Miles Richardson to the British Columbia Treaty Commission has been referred to my attention.

You raise in your letter what is clearly a serious internal matter for the Haida Nation and the Province respects the need for the Haida Nation to deal with this issue. We, of course, hope that the issue will be resolved expeditiously and in a mutually satisfactory manner. In the interim, I will take the opportunity of informing Mark Stevenson, the provincial Treaty Negotiator responsible for negotiations with the Haida Nation of the issues you have raised. Also, I trust that you have brought your concerns directly to the attention of Alec Robertson, the Chief Commissioner of the British Columbia Treaty Commission.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention and my best wishes for a speedy resolution.

Yours truly,

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John Cashore Minister

cc: Honourable Mike Harcourt
Premier
Province of British Columbia

Mark Stevenson Treaty Negotiator North West Regional Team

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Dear John:

Enclosed please find a copy of a recent letter addressed to the Premier from the Old Massett Village Council regarding concerns Council has with the nomination of Miles Richardson to the B.C. Treaty Commission.

Would you please respond to this correspondence on behalf of the Premier with a copy to us for our files.

Your attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Walsh Chief of Staff

Enclosure



## OLD MASSETT VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Premier Harcourt
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Phone # Phone # 5626 - 5440

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Dear Mr. Harcourt:

We are writing today on a matter of very serious concern to the leadership and citizens of Old Massett.

As you maybe aware the communities of Old Massett and Skidegate formed an organization several years ago to deal with the outstanding jurisdictional dispute over the home lands of the Haida known to us as Haida Gwaii. The outside world still refers to our territories as the Queen Charlotte Islands. The organization, (Council of the Haida Nation) has been led by one single person known as the President (Miles Richardson Jr.). The elected leadership of Old Massett have commended Mr. Richardson for years of service to the organization and thanked him for his accomplishments on behalf of the Haida people. We are fully cognizant of the fact that no political office is free from criticism, accusations, false rumours, etc., It is not, and never has been our intention to take this method of dealing with our leadership. It is our intention, however, to maintain a level of sophistication in our internal matters that is worthy of the gravity of the situation that we must deal with in our negotiations over the future of all Haida Citizens.

Beginning from that basis point we bring a matter of grave concern to your attention. As you may be aware, Miles Richardson Jr. was nominated and accepted a position with the B.C. Treaty Commission on October 4th, 1995 at the B.C. Summit meeting held in Vancouver. This raised an immediate concern with the Old Massett leadership, as the position in our opinion are at opposite ends of the spectrum. We sought legal advice on this matter from Kelly Russ, a Haida lawyer and external legal opinion who offered the enclosed opinion; which we believe is the correct one. This situation has caused the Old Massett leadership some extremely serious concerns in light of the following:

- The Old Massett leadership have attempted on many occasions to begin a discussion on resolving several outstanding issues. There has been absolutely no response from the President.
- We understand that Miles assured the Treaty Commission that he would resign his position as President of the Council of the Haida Nation within thirty days of his nomination to the position of Treaty Commissioner. That day has come and gone (November 4, 1995)

- The Haida constitution states very clearly that upon .... acating of the position of President, the Vice-President automatically assumes the position.
- Miles Richardson Jr. along with eight other Haida Citizens renounced their Canadian Citizenship several years ago. Whether this has any validity or not it was a conscious act that was carried out.
- There have been contracts and agreements signed on behalf of the Haida people through the Haida Fisheries (Saanich which were not authorized by any Haida Legal Authority.
- The elected leadership and citizens of Old Massett have indicated a position of non-confidence in the President (as evidence by the tally of votes in the election for President in February of 1995).
- Given these concerns, the leadership of O & M are demanding an immediate cessation of all activities of the ex-President of the Council of the Haida Nation (Miles Richardson Jr.) In all discussions, negotiations, correspondence, and related activities with representatives of the Government of British Columbia. We are requesting that this position of the Old Massett Leadership be conveyed to your senior officials in Cabinet positions immediately and that they direct their staff to act accordingly.
- In view of these concerns, the Old Massett Village Council and the Old Massett Regional Council met on Tuesday, November 7, 1995 and passed the following motion:

"That the Old Massett Village Council support sending a letter to Mike Harcourt outlining the points made at the joint meeting of the Council of the Haida Nation Massett Regional Council and the Old Massett Village Council on November 7, 1995."

The same motion was passed by the Old Massett Regional Council, with both motions being passed unanimously. With all due respect to yourself and your representatives in their various portfolios, this position is taken with the utmost seriousness, with full knowledge of the implications that may emerge.

Our concern, as stated previously is to conduct our business in a fair, equitable and open manner, that we hope will be satisfactory to all Haida Citizens.

With Respect.

Old Massett Village Council

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Old Massett Regional Council





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Miles Richardson
President, Council of the Haida Nation
P.O. Box 98
Skidegate, Queen Charolotte Islands
British Columbia
VOT 1S0
(VIA FAX: 559-8951)

Dear Miles Richardson:

I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment to the British Columbia Treaty Commission (BCTC). Your experiences as a member of the British Columbia Claims Task Force, your role as President and Chief Negotiator for the Council of the Haida Nation and your obvious commitment to the treaty process will enhance the credibility of the BCTC.

I have enjoyed working with you in the tri-partite process and look forward to meeting with you in your new role.

Yours truly,

Mark L. Stevenson

Treaty Negotiator Northwest Regional Team

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#### MINISTRY OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS BRIEFING NOTE

File: Haida

I Prepared for Honourable John Cashore, Minister, FOR INFORMATION

#### II ISSUE:

Haida Treaty Negotiations.

#### III BACKGROUND:

The Haida have not been declared ready by the British Columbia Treaty Commission (BCTC). There were several trilateral meetings in 1994 and early in 1995 where a draft Protocol on openness was tabled and a public education plan was approved. A series of public education events were held in March, 1995. Since then the process has been in limbo due to internal difficulties with the First Nation. Bilateral negotiations on forestry issues have been suspended.

#### IV DISCUSSION:

Miles Richardson has been recently appointed to the BCTC. It is unclear whether this will assist in resolving the internal problems. It is unlikely that there will be further trilateral meetings in the near future.

#### V CONCLUSION:

The Province is prepared to continue with the readiness process as soon as the First Nation indicates it is ready to meet.

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#### VIA FAX

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Mark Stevenson Chief Treaty Negotiator Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

RE: Appointment of Ms. Pauline La Mothe, Chief Federal Negotiator

I am pleased to advise you that Ms. Pauline LaMothe is taking on the responsibility as Chief Negotiator for treaty negotiations with the Council of the Haida Nation. As you may recall, Ms. LaMothe has attended maintable sessions and has participated as part of the federal team in the public information sessions held throughout Haida Gwaii/Queen Charlotte Islands in the spring of 1995.

Ms. LaMothe has many years of experience as a senior executive. She previously held the position of regional head of the Prairie Region for the Customs arm of Revenue Canada where she was responsible for consulting with stakeholders including First Nations. Prior to that, she worked with the Correctional Service of Canada as a psychologist and manager. She has experience in many aspects of conflict resolution and program development.

Ms. LaMothe has the same authority and mandate for the negotiation of treaties as all other Chief Federal Negotiators. This reassignment of Chief Federal Negotiators will facilitate Canada's ability to deal with First Nations within the British Columbia Treaty Commission process equitably and in a timely fashion.



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I understand that the treaty negotiations with the Council of the Haida Nation are on hold at the present, however, when treaty negotiations resume I am confident that Ms. LaMothe's breadth of experience will contribute to progress in these negotiations.

Yours truly,

Doreen Mullins

**Executive Director, FTNO** 

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Thank you,

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