

**MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS**

**AGREEMENT-IN-PRINCIPLE**

**October 3, 2003**

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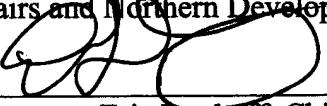
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**SIGNED** the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2003, at Bamfield, British Columbia.

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by the Honourable Robert D. Nault, Minister of  
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Witness:   
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**PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* recognizes and affirms the existing aboriginal and treaty rights of the aboriginal peoples of Canada and the courts have stated that aboriginal rights include aboriginal title;

WHEREAS the courts have stated that reconciliation of the prior presence of aboriginal people and the assertion of sovereignty by the Crown is best achieved through negotiation and agreement rather than through litigation;

WHEREAS the Parties intend to negotiate a Final Agreement and a Self-Government Agreement to provide a basis for this reconciliation and to provide a basis for a new relationship;

WHEREAS the negotiations of this Agreement have been conducted in an atmosphere of mutual respect and openness;

WHEREAS the Parties have negotiated this Agreement under the British Columbia Treaty process;

WHEREAS the Parties desire certainty in respect of Maa-nulth First Nations ownership and use of lands and resources, Maa-nulth First Nations law-making authority and the relationship of Federal Laws, Provincial Laws and Maa-nulth First Nation Laws; and

WHEREAS this Agreement sets out the principles agreed to by the Parties as the basis for negotiating a Final Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:





**CHAPTER 1 - DEFINITIONS**

In this Agreement,

**“Aboriginal Land Right”** means any aboriginal right, including aboriginal title, that relates to or affects lands, waters, wildlife, fish or other natural resources.

**“Aboriginal Self-Government Land Right”** means any aboriginal right to self-government that relates to or affects lands, waters, wildlife, fish or other natural resources.

**“Agreement”** means this Agreement-in-Principle.

**“Allocation”** means

- a) in respect of a right to harvest Fish and Aquatic Plants:
  - i) a defined harvest quantity or quota;
  - ii) a formula defining a harvest quantity or quota; or
  - iii) a defined harvest area, within the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, and
- b) in respect of a right to harvest Wildlife or Migratory Birds:
  - i) a defined harvest quantity or quota; or
  - ii) a formula defining a harvest quantity or quota,

set out in the Final Agreement or in any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement, as applicable.

**“Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan”** means the Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan described in the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Chapter.

**“Aquatic Plants”** includes all benthic and detached algae, brown algae, red algae, green algae, golden algae and phytoplankton, and all marine and freshwater flowering plants, ferns and mosses, growing in water or in soils that are saturated during most of the growing season.

**“Available Flow”** means the volume of flow of water above that required:

- a) to ensure conservation of Fish, Wildlife Fish and stream habitats and to continue navigability as determined by the Minister in accordance with Federal and Provincial Laws and policies and in accordance with the provisions of the Final Agreement; and
- b) under water reservations and water licences existing as of the date of this Agreement, and water licences applied for prior to the date of this Agreement.

**“Capital Transfer”** means an amount paid by Canada or British Columbia to a Maa-nulth First Nation under the Capital Transfer and Negotiation Loan Repayment Chapter.

**“Conflict”** means where compliance with one law or requirement would result in a breach of another law or requirement.

**“Consult”** and **“Consultation”** mean provision to a party of:

- a) notice of a matter to be decided, in sufficient detail to permit the party to prepare its views on the matter;
- b) in consultations between Parties to the Final Agreement, if requested by a Party, sufficient information in respect of the matter to permit the Party to prepare its views on the matter;
- c) a reasonable period of time to permit the party to prepare its views on the matter;
- d) an opportunity for the party to present its views on the matter; and
- e) a full and fair consideration of any views on the matter so presented by the party.

**“Crown”** means Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada or Her Majesty the Queen in right of British Columbia, as the case may be.

**“Crown Corridors”** means Provincial Roads and Public Utility corridors within Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

**“Domestic Purposes”** means food, social and ceremonial purposes.

**“Effective Date”** means the date upon which the Final Agreement and Self-Government Agreement take effect.

**“Enhancement Initiatives”** means an initiative that is intended to result in an increase in Fish stocks through:

- a) an artificial improvement to Fish habitat; or
- b) the application of Fish culture technology.

**“Federal Law”** means federal statutes, regulations, ordinances, Orders-in-Council, and the common law.

**“Final Agreement”** means the agreement among Maa-nulth First Nations, Canada and British Columbia which will be negotiated based on this Agreement.

**“First Nation Funding Agreements”** means any agreement respecting loan funding allocated to the Maa-nulth First Nations by Canada directly, or through the British Columbia Treaty Commission or by British Columbia Treaty Commissioners.

**“Fish”** means:

- a) fish;
- b) shellfish, crustaceans and marine animals;
- c) the parts of fish, shellfish, crustaceans, and marine animals; and
- d) the eggs, sperm, spawn, larvae, spat, juvenile stages and adult stages of fish, shellfish, crustaceans and marine animals,

but does not include Wildlife Fish.

**“Forest Resources”** means all Timber Resources and Non-timber Resources, including all biota, but does not include Wildlife, Migratory Birds, water, Fish and Aquatic Plants.

**“Gravel”** means gravel, rock, random borrow materials and sand.

**“Ha’wiih”** means hereditary chiefs who hold their positions in accordance with Nuu-chah-nulth custom.

**“Harvest”** means fishing for, catching, or attempting to catch, Fish by any method.

**“Heritage Site”** means a heritage site as defined by federal or provincial legislation, and includes archaeological, burial, historical, and sacred sites.

**“Income Tax Act”** means the *Income Tax Act*, S.C. 1985 (5th Supp.) c. 1.

“**Income Tax Act (British Columbia)**” means the *Income Tax Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 215.

“**Intellectual Property**” includes any intangible property right resulting from intellectual activity in the industrial, scientific, literary or artistic fields, including, but not limited to, any rights relating to patents, copyrights, trademarks, industrial designs, or plant breeders’ rights.

“**Maa-nulth Area**” means the area of land identified in the map attached as Appendix A.

“**Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area**” means the area set out in Appendix B.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation**” means any of the five collectivities of those persons who are eligible to be enrolled under the Final Agreement and who become one of the five legal entities that will sign the Final Agreement, namely: Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’ Nation, Ucluelet First Nation, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation Annual Fish Plan**” means a plan described in the Fisheries Chapter, as modified or adjusted in season.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation Area**” means, as regards a Maa-nulth First Nation, the area of land identified for that Maa-nulth First Nation on the applicable map attached to Appendix A as a Sub-appendix.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation Artifact**” means any object created by, traded to, commissioned by, or given as a gift to a Maa-nulth First Nation person or Maa-nulth First Nation, or that originated from a Maa-nulth First Nation or Maa-nulth First Nation heritage site and that has past and ongoing importance to Maa-nulth First Nations’ culture or spiritual practices, but does not include any object traded to, or commissioned by, or given as a gift to another aboriginal people.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation Capital**” means Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, Other Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, the Capital Transfer and the other assets transferred to Maa-nulth First Nations under the Final Agreement.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation Citizen**” means an individual who is enrolled under the Final Agreement in accordance with the Eligibility and Enrolment Chapter.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution**” means the constitution of a Maa-nulth First Nation provided for in the Self-Government Chapter.

“**Maa-nulth First Nation Government**” means the government of any of the Maa-nulth First Nations.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Lands”** means the lands identified in paragraph 1 of the Lands Chapter.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Law”** means a law made pursuant to Maa-nulth First Nation law-making authority set out in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement and includes a Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Private Lands”** means Maa-nulth First Nation Lands that are designated as Maa-nulth First Nation Private Lands by the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institution”** means a Maa-nulth First Nation Government body, board or commission established under law, such as a school board or health board.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Migratory Birds”** means the right of a Maa-nulth First Nation to harvest Migratory Birds for Domestic Purposes under the Final Agreement.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife”** means the right of a Maa-nulth First Nation to harvest Wildlife for Domestic Purposes under the Final Agreement.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds”** means the Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and the Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Migratory Birds.

**“Maa-nulth First Nation Road”** means any road on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands under the administration and control of a Maa-nulth First Nation.

**“Maa-nulth Fish Licence”** means any licence, permit, or document, or amendment thereto, issued by the Minister under Federal or Provincial Law in respect of the Maa-nulth Fishing Right.

**“Maa-nulth Fishing Right”** means a right to harvest Fish and Aquatic Plants for Domestic Purposes under the Final Agreement.

**“Maa-nulth Indian Band”** means any of Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’ First Nation, Ucluelet First Nation, Toquaht Band, Uchucklesaht Band and Huu-ay-aht First Nation.

**“Maa-nulth Indian Reserves”** means the lands that were “reserves”, as defined in the *Indian Act*, for the Maa-nulth Indian Bands on the day before the Effective Date.

**“Migratory Birds”** means migratory birds as defined under federal legislation enacted further to international conventions that are binding on British Columbia, and for greater certainty, includes the eggs of those birds.

“**Minister**” means the federal or provincial Minister having responsibility, from time to time, for the exercise of powers in relation to the matter in question, and any person with authority to act in respect of the matter in question.

“**Non-timber Resources**” means all Forest Resources other than Timber Resources.

“**Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations**” means Ahousaht, Ditidaht First Nation, Ehattesaht, Hesquiat First Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Hupacasath First Nation, Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’ Nation, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht First Nation, Pacheedaht First Nation, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Tseshah, Uchucklesaht Tribe and Ucluelet First Nation.

“**Other Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**” means lands owned by a Maa-nulth First Nation that are not Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

“**Parties**” means each of the Maa-nulth First Nations, Canada and British Columbia and “**Party**” means any one of them.

“**Private Roads**” means those roads identified as private roads in the Final Agreement.

“**Provincial Law**” includes provincial statutes, regulations, ordinances, Orders-in-Council, by-laws and the common law.

“**Provincial Road**” means a road existing on the Effective Date located on a Crown Corridor under the administration and control of British Columbia, including forest service roads, within Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

“**Public Utility**” has the meaning as set out in the *Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 473* and includes British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, Telus Corporation and a water, sewage, or petroleum distribution utility.

“**Section 35**” means Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

“**Self-Government Agreement**” means the agreement among Maa-nulth First Nations, Canada and British Columbia contemplated by the Self-Government Chapter.

“**Stewardship Activities**” means activities conducted for the assessment, monitoring, protection and management of Fish and Fish habitat.

“**Submerged Lands**” means lands below the natural boundary as defined in the *Land Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 245*.

**“Subsurface and Mineral Resources”** means minerals, placer minerals, petroleum, natural gas and geothermal resources and includes coal, earth, peat, marl, Gravel, riprap and other stone products.

**“Timber” or “Timber Resources”** means trees, whether living, standing, dead, fallen, limbed, bucked, or peeled.

**“Trade and Barter”** does not include sale.

**“Treaty Related Measure”** means an agreement among the Parties in support of treaty negotiations.

**“Wildlife”** means:

- a) all vertebrate and invertebrate animals, including mammals, birds, Wildlife Fish, reptiles, and amphibians; and
- b) the eggs, juvenile states, and adult stages of all vertebrate and invertebrate animals,

but does not include Fish or Migratory Birds.

**“Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area”** means the area to be set out in the Final Agreement in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Chapter.

**“Wildlife Fish”** means:

- a) lampreys, crustaceans, mollusks, and non-anadromous fish from or in non-tidal waters;
- b) the parts of lampreys, crustaceans, mollusks, and non-anadromous fish, from or in non-tidal waters; and
- c) the eggs, sperm, spawn, larvae, spat, juvenile stages, and adult stages of lampreys, crustaceans, mollusks, and non-anadromous fish, from or in non-tidal waters.





## CHAPTER 2 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Nature of this Agreement

1. The Parties acknowledge and agree that this Agreement and for greater certainty any of its provisions are not legally binding on any of the Parties and are without prejudice to the respective legal positions of the Parties prior to the Effective Date and neither this Agreement nor any related communications over the course of these negotiations will be used against any of the Parties in any court proceeding or any other forum or be construed as creating, abrogating, negating, denying, recognizing, defining, or amending any rights or obligations of any of the Parties except as expressly provided for in the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement and only upon the Effective Date.
2. Based upon this Agreement, the Parties will begin as soon as practicable to negotiate the Final Agreement.
3. If a Maa-nulth First Nation does not approve this Agreement, the Parties will:
  - a) remove the references in this Agreement to the Maa-nulth First Nation that has not approved it and make necessary consequential amendments;
  - b) amend the allocations in the Fisheries Chapter as contemplated in paragraph 14 of the Fisheries Chapter;
  - c) amend the Appendices and Sub-appendices as a result of the amendments contemplated in subparagraphs a) and b); and
  - d) make such other consequential amendments as necessary.

This Agreement, as amended, will be deemed to have been approved by those Maa-nulth First Nations that approved it in its current form.

### Nature of the Final Agreement

4. The Final Agreement, once ratified by the Parties, will be legally binding on the Parties and on all persons, and can be relied on by all Parties and all persons.
5. Upon ratification of the Final Agreement by the Parties, the Final Agreement will be a treaty and a land claims agreement within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

6. Canada and British Columbia will recommend to Parliament and the Legislature, respectively, legislation to bring into effect the Final Agreement.

**Assurances**

7. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will represent and warrant in the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement that, in respect of the matters dealt with in the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, it has the authority to enter and does enter into the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement on behalf of all persons of its Maa-nulth First Nation who have any aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title, in Canada, or any claims to such rights.
8. Canada, British Columbia and each Maa-nulth First Nation will provide assurances that it has the authority to enter into the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement.

**Constitution of Canada**

9. Neither the Final Agreement nor the Self-Government Agreement will alter the Constitution of Canada, including:
  - a) the distribution of powers between Canada and British Columbia;
  - b) the identity of Maa-nulth First Nations as aboriginal people of Canada within the meaning of the *Constitution Act, 1982*; and
  - c) sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
10. The Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will each provide that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms will apply to each Maa-nulth First Nation Government in respect of all matters within its authority.
11. The Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will each provide for the application and operation of Federal and Provincial Laws in respect of human rights.

**Character of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and Other Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

12. After the Effective Date, there will be no “lands reserved for the Indians” within the meaning of the *Constitution Act, 1867* for Maa-nulth First Nations and there will be no “reserves” as defined in the *Indian Act* for Maa-nulth First Nations.

**Application of Federal and Provincial Laws**

13. Any licence, permit or other authorization to be issued by Canada or British Columbia under the Final Agreement will be issued under Federal or Provincial Law and will not be part of the Final Agreement, but the Final Agreement will prevail to the extent of any Conflict with the licence, permit or other authorization.
14. Federal and Provincial Laws will apply to Maa-nulth First Nations, Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institutions, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and Other Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
15. The Final Agreement will confirm that federal settlement legislation enacted to bring into effect the Final Agreement will prevail over other Federal Laws to the extent of any Conflict, and provincial settlement legislation enacted to bring into effect the Final Agreement will prevail over other Provincial Laws to the extent of any Conflict.
16. The Self-Government Agreement will confirm that federal legislation enacted to bring into effect the Self-Government Agreement will prevail over other Federal Laws to the extent of any Conflict, and provincial legislation enacted to bring into effect the Self-Government Agreement will prevail over other Provincial Laws to the extent of any Conflict.
17. The Final Agreement will prevail to the extent of any Conflict with a Federal or Provincial Law.
18. The Self-Government Agreement will prevail to the extent of any Conflict with a Federal or Provincial Law.

**Relationship of Laws**

19. Notwithstanding any other rule of priority in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, if a Maa-nulth First Nation Law has an incidental impact on, or if one of the aspects of a Maa-nulth First Nation Law is with respect to, a subject matter over which:
  - a) the Maa-nulth First Nation Government will not have law-making authority under the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement; or
  - b) the Maa-nulth First Nation Government will have law-making authority under the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement but for which Federal and Provincial Laws prevail to the extent of a conflict,

- and if that impact or aspect of the Maa-nulth First Nation Law is in Conflict with a Federal or Provincial Law, then the Federal or Provincial Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.
20. Notwithstanding any other rule of priority in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, Federal Laws in relation to peace, order and good government, criminal law, human rights, and the protection of the health and safety of all Canadians, or other matters of overriding national importance will prevail in the event of any Conflict with Maa-nulth First Nation Laws made under the law-making authorities set out in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement to the extent of any Conflict.
  21. Canada will recommend to Parliament that federal settlement legislation enacted to bring into effect the Final Agreement make Provincial Laws apply to Maa-nulth First Nations, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institutions, Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and Other Maa-nulth First Nation Lands if those Provincial Laws do not apply of their own force.
  22. Maa-nulth First Nation Laws will not apply to Canada or British Columbia.
  23. Any Maa-nulth First Nation Law that is inconsistent or in Conflict with the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will be of no force or effect to the extent of the inconsistency or Conflict.
  24. Prior to the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, the Parties will address the issue of consistency of Maa-nulth First Nation Laws and actions with Canada's international legal obligations.

**Application of the *Indian Act***

25. The *Indian Act* will not apply to Maa-nulth First Nations, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, and Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, except as set out in the *Indian Act* Transition Chapter.

**Other Rights, Benefits and Programs**

26. Neither the Final Agreement nor the Self-Government Agreement will affect the ability of Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens to enjoy rights and benefits for which they would be eligible as Canadian citizens.

27. Subject to paragraph 26, nothing in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will affect the ability of Maa-nulth First Nations, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institutions, or Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens to participate in, or benefit from, federal or provincial programs for aboriginal people, registered Indians or other Indians, in accordance with general criteria established for those programs from time to time.
28. Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens will be eligible to participate in programs established by Canada or British Columbia and to receive public services from Canada or British Columbia, in accordance with general criteria established for those programs or services from time to time, to the extent that a Maa-nulth First Nation has not assumed responsibility for those programs or public services under a Maa-nulth First Nation fiscal agreement.

### **Court Decisions**

29. If a superior court of a province, the Federal Court of Canada, or the Supreme Court of Canada finally determines any provision of the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement to be invalid or unenforceable:
  - a) the Parties will make best efforts to amend the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, as applicable, to remedy or replace the provision; and
  - b) the provision will be severable from the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, as applicable, to the extent of the invalidity or unenforceability, and the remainder of the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, as applicable, will be construed, to the extent possible, to give effect to the intent of the Parties.
30. No Party will challenge, or support a challenge to, the validity of any provision of the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement.
31. A breach of the Final Agreement by a Party does not relieve any Party from its obligations under the Final Agreement.
32. A breach of the Self-Government Agreement by a Party does not relieve any Party from its obligations under the Self-Government Agreement.

### **Specific Claims**

33. Prior to Final Agreement, the Parties will determine how specific claims will be addressed.

**Certainty**

34. The Final Agreement will comprehensively set out each of the Maa-nulth First Nations' Section 35 land rights, Section 35 self-government land rights related to matters set out in the Final Agreement, and other Section 35 rights related to matters set out in the Final Agreement.

35. As regards each Maa-nulth First Nation, the Final Agreement will modify:

- a) Aboriginal Land Rights,
- b) Aboriginal Self-Government Land Rights related to matters set out in the Final Agreement, and
- c) any other aboriginal rights related to matters set out in the Final Agreement,

that such Maa-nulth First Nation may have, into the rights set out in the Final Agreement.

36. For greater certainty, the Final Agreement will provide that the rights and authorities set out in the Self-Government Agreement are not rights modified in the Final Agreement.

37. As regards each Maa-nulth First Nation, the Final Agreement will be the full and final settlement of:

- a) Aboriginal Land Rights;
- b) Aboriginal Self-Government Land Rights related to matters set out in the Final Agreement;
- c) any other aboriginal rights related to matters set out in the Final Agreement; and
- d) any rights added to the Final Agreement as part of the orderly process described in paragraph 42,

that such Maa-nulth First Nation may have.

38. There is an outstanding issue among the Parties as to full and final settlement of Aboriginal Self-Government Land Rights that are not related to matters set out in the Final Agreement, which the Parties will resolve in the Final Agreement.

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39. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will release Canada and British Columbia from all claims in relation to past infringements of any aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title, of that Maa-nulth First Nation, which infringement occurred before the Effective Date.
  40. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will indemnify Canada and British Columbia regarding liability for any claims relating to any aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title, of that Maa-nulth First Nation, including any rights other than or different from the rights in the Final Agreement and any past infringements of aboriginal rights of that Maa-nulth First Nation. Any indemnities will exclude fees and disbursements of lawyers and other professional advisors.
  41. The Self-Government Agreement will set out the agreement of Maa-nulth First Nations not to assert or exercise any rights other than as set out in the Self-Government Agreement, for as long as the agreement is in force. This is not intended to affect the exercise of rights under the Final Agreement.
  42. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on a process concerning rights that a Maa-nulth First Nation wishes to exercise that are not rights addressed in the Self-Government Agreement or modified into a right set out in the Final Agreement.
  43. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will work together to identify an acceptable back-up legal technique in support of the modification technique to achieve the certainty which the Parties seek.

**Other Aboriginal People**

44. Neither the Final Agreement nor the Self-Government Agreement will affect, recognize or provide any aboriginal or treaty rights for any aboriginal people other than Maa-nulth First Nations.
45. If a court determines that a provision of the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement adversely affects aboriginal or treaty rights of another aboriginal people that provision will not operate to the extent of the adverse effect and the Parties will make best efforts to remedy or replace the provision.
46. The Final Agreement will set out provisions for negotiating appropriate remedies where Maa-nulth First Nations treaty rights are adversely affected by a future treaty with another aboriginal people.

**Amendment Provisions**

47. The Parties agree that the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will only be amended with the agreement of the Parties.

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48. Any one or more of the Parties may propose an amendment to the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement.
  49. In the event of a proposal pursuant to paragraph 48, the Parties agree that, before they proceed with amending the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, they may attempt to find other means of satisfying the interests of the Party or Parties proposing the amendment.
  50. The processes for ratifying amendments to the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, after the Effective Date, will be set out in the Final Agreement.
  51. The Parties agree to take the necessary steps to implement amended provisions of the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement as soon as possible after the amendment has been ratified by all of the Parties.

**Interpretation**

52. To the extent of any Conflict or inconsistency, the provisions in the General Provisions Chapter of the Final Agreement will prevail over the provisions in the other chapters of the Final Agreement.
53. To the extent of any Conflict or inconsistency, the provisions in the General Provisions Chapter of the Self-Government Agreement will prevail over the provisions in the other chapters of the Self-Government Agreement.
54. The terms of the Final Agreement will not be presumed to be interpreted in favour of any Party.
55. In this Agreement:
  - a) a reference to a statute will include every amendment to it, every regulation made under it, and any law enacted in substitution for, or in replacement of it;
  - b) a reference to “Canada’s international legal obligations” will include those which are in effect on, or after, the Effective Date;
  - c) unless it is otherwise clear from the context, the use of the singular will include the plural, and the use of the plural will include the singular; and
  - d) unless it is otherwise clear from the context, a reference in a chapter of this Agreement to a “paragraph”, “subparagraph” or “Schedule” means a paragraph, subparagraph or schedule of that chapter.



56. For greater certainty, the Parties acknowledge that the *Official Languages Act* applies to the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, including the execution of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement.
57. The Final Agreement will set out other provisions concerning interpretation of the Final Agreement.
58. The Self-Government Agreement will set out other provisions concerning interpretation of the Self-Government Agreement.

**Consultation**

59. Where Canada and British Columbia have Consulted or provided information to Maa-nulth First Nations as required by the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, or consulted in accordance with federal or provincial legislation, Canada and British Columbia will have no additional Consultation obligations.

**Information and Privacy**

60. The Final Agreement will set out arrangements among the Parties relating to privacy and access to information requirements of the Parties.



**CHAPTER 3 - LANDS**

1. On the Effective Date, the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of each Maa-nulth First Nation will consist of:

- a) Huu-ay-aht First Nations,
  - i) existing Huu-ay-aht First Nations Indian Reserves, and
  - ii) up to 6,500 hectares of additional lands;
- b) Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/ Che:k’tles7et’h’ Nation,
  - i) existing Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’ Nation Indian Reserves,
  - ii) up to 4,000 hectares of additional lands for Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’, and
  - iii) up to 1,600 hectares of additional lands for Che:k’tles7et’h’;
- c) Toquaht Nation,
  - i) existing Toquaht Nation Indian Reserves, and
  - ii) up to 1,300 hectares of additional lands;
- d) Uchucklesaht Tribe,
  - i) existing Uchucklesaht Tribe Indian Reserves, and
  - ii) up to 2,600 hectares of additional lands; and
- e) Ucluelet First Nation,
  - i) existing Ucluelet First Nation Indian Reserves, and
  - ii) up to 4,900 hectares of additional lands,

within the area set out in its respective Sub-appendix A1 through A5.

2. Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will include those Subsurface and Mineral Resources referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10, but Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will not include Submerged Lands, Crown Corridors, any existing fee simple lands, or Private Roads, within Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

3. The Final Agreement will provide for agreed upon fee simple lands acquired by Maa-nulth First Nations to be included as Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
4. The Final Agreement will set out the precise description, location and amount of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands for each Maa-nulth First Nation.
5. On the Effective Date, each Maa-nulth First Nation will own its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands in fee simple, and subject to paragraph 6, Maa-nulth First Nation fee simple ownership of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will not be subject to any condition, proviso, restriction, exception, or reservation set out in the *Land Act*, or any comparable limitation under Federal or Provincial Law.
6. Maa-nulth First Nation fee simple ownership of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be subject to any agricultural land reserve designation in respect of additional lands referred to in paragraph 1, and the continuation of all interests existing on the Effective Date on Maa-nulth Indian Reserves and the additional lands referred to in paragraph 1.
7. The Final Agreement will set out all of the interests to which Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be subject on the Effective Date, including all leases, licences, tenures, permits, and other authorized uses.
8. In the event that a Maa-nulth First Nation will be required to issue replacement tenures, or to assume existing tenures, in respect of those interests, the terms and conditions of those tenures will be included as part of the Final Agreement.
9. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will own Subsurface and Mineral Resources on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, except for those parcels of Crown lands where Subsurface and Mineral Resources are not owned by the Crown.
10. Each Maa-nulth First Nation's ownership of Subsurface and Mineral Resources is subject to all mineral tenures existing on the Effective Date on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and, for greater certainty, those mineral tenures will not be affected by the Maa-nulth First Nation's ownership of Subsurface and Mineral Resources and all Provincial Laws concerning those mineral tenures including access to them will continue to apply.
11. In accordance with the Final Agreement, its Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution, and its Maa-nulth First Nation Law, a Maa-nulth First Nation may transfer interests in its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands without the consent of Canada or British Columbia.
12. The Final Agreement will contain provisions concerning the status of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands which are sold.

13. All methods of acquiring a right in or over land by prescription or by adverse possession, including the common law doctrine of prescription and the doctrine of the lost modern grant, are abolished in respect of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
14. If, at any time, any parcel of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, or any estate or interest in a parcel of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, finally escheats to the Crown, the Crown will transfer, at no charge, that parcel, estate or interest to that Maa-nulth First Nation.
15. The boundaries of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be described at no cost to each Maa-nulth First Nation. Canada and British Columbia will, as agreed between them, pay the cost of any surveys of the boundaries of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
16. The Final Agreement will set out the process under which Maa-nulth First Nation Lands or parcels of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands may be registered under the provincial land title system or may be registered in a Maa-nulth First Nations registry system.
17. Overlapping claims with other First Nations with respect to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands referred to in paragraph 1 should be resolved prior to the Final Agreement.

**Submerged Lands**

18. British Columbia will own Submerged Lands within Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
19. British Columbia will Consult with a Maa-nulth First Nation in respect of any proposal to dispose of or develop Submerged Lands within its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
20. British Columbia will obtain the consent of a Maa-nulth First Nation in respect of certain long-term dispositions and certain long-term authorized uses or occupations of Submerged Lands within its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands as set out in the Final Agreement and that Maa-nulth First Nation may not unreasonably withhold its consent.
21. Paragraphs 19 and 20 do not affect the riparian rights of the upland owners of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands adjacent to Submerged Lands.

**Additions to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

22. The Final Agreement will contain provisions which will allow each Maa-nulth First Nation to add a specified amount of lands to its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
23. Any addition of lands to the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of a Maa-nulth First Nation will:
  - a) require the consent of Canada and British Columbia;
  - b) be at no cost to Canada and British Columbia;
  - c) be in areas free from overlap with another First Nation unless that First Nation consents;
  - d) be outside of municipal boundaries unless the municipality consents;
  - e) be contiguous to existing Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of that Maa-nulth First Nation; and
  - f) be owned in fee simple by that Maa-nulth First Nation.
24. The Final Agreement will include provisions in respect of the status of any lands within Maa-nulth First Nation Lands acquired in fee simple by that Maa-nulth First Nation.

**Other Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

25. The Final Agreement will contain provisions which may provide for a Maa-nulth First Nation owning lands other than as Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
26. On the Effective Date, Canada will transfer to the Ucluelet First Nation, in fee simple, as Other Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, the following three parcels in Ucluelet, British Columbia:
  - a) Lot 4, District lot 283, Clayoquot District, Plan 31775, PID 001-128-396;
  - b) Lot 6, District lot 283, Clayoquot District, Plan 31775, PID 001-128-400; and,
  - c) Lot 11, Block 1, section 21, Clayoquot District, Plan 9200, PID 005-569-427.

27. Maa-nulth First Nations will not own the Subsurface and Mineral Resources on the lands referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26.
28. The lands referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 will not be Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

**Subsurface and Mineral Resources - Management and Administration**

29. Subject to paragraphs 30 and 33, each Maa-nulth First Nation, as owner, will have exclusive authority to set fees, rents and other charges, for development and extraction of Subsurface and Mineral Resources owned by that Maa-nulth First Nation.
30. No Maa-nulth First Nation will have the authority to set fees, rents and other charges in respect of those mineral tenures referred to in paragraph 10.
31. Any Maa-nulth First Nation and British Columbia may enter into agreements for management and administration by British Columbia of Subsurface and Mineral Resources owned by that Maa-nulth First Nation.
32. Nothing in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will confer jurisdiction on a Maa-nulth First Nation to make laws in relation to the exploration for, development, production, use and application of nuclear energy and atomic energy and the production, possession and use, for any purpose, of nuclear substances, prescribed substances, prescribed equipment and prescribed information.
33. Nothing in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will limit or restrict the operation of Federal or Provincial Laws in respect of mineral and subsurface energy exploration and development, including Federal or Provincial Laws specifically addressing petroleum and natural gas pool straddling, environmental protection, health and safety, and mine abandonment and reclamation on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of that Maa-nulth First Nation.

**Provincial Expropriation of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

34. British Columbia acknowledges as a general principle that where it is reasonable to use other means, provincial expropriation of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be avoided.
35. Subject to paragraphs 36 to 38, any provincial expropriation of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be carried out in accordance with applicable provincial legislation and processes.

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36. Any provincial expropriation of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be:
- a) of the smallest estate or interest necessary, and for the shortest time required;
  - b) by and for the use of a provincial ministry or agent of the provincial Crown; and
  - c) with the consent of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
37. If there is a provincial expropriation of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of a Maa-nulth First Nation under provincial legislation, British Columbia and that Maa-nulth First Nation will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on Crown lands as compensation. If there is no agreement, British Columbia will provide that Maa-nulth First Nation with other compensation.
38. Lands provided by British Columbia to a Maa-nulth First Nation as compensation for a provincial expropriation will, at the option of that Maa-nulth First Nation at the time of the negotiation of the compensation, become Maa-nulth First Nation Lands provided those lands meet the criteria set out in subparagraphs 23 c), d), e) and f).
39. The Final Agreement will include provisions concerning the status of lands that a Maa-nulth First Nation purchases with cash received as compensation for a provincial expropriation.
40. British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on the maximum amount of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands that British Columbia may expropriate.
41. The Final Agreement will set out provisions under which British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations may negotiate terms that may allow a Maa-nulth First Nation to acquire lands previously expropriated by British Columbia, if the lands are no longer required by British Columbia.
42. The Final Agreement will contain provisions concerning the status of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands that are expropriated by British Columbia.

**Federal Expropriation of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

43. Canada acknowledges as a general principle that federal expropriation of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be avoided where reasonably practicable.
44. Notwithstanding paragraph 43, Canada may expropriate Maa-nulth First Nation Lands in accordance with the Final Agreement and Federal Laws.



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45. Where Canada expropriates a fee simple estate in Maa-nulth First Nation Lands those lands will no longer be Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
46. Any estate or interest in a parcel of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands may be expropriated by Canada if the Governor in Council determines in its opinion that:
- a) the expropriation is justifiable and necessary; and
  - b) the amount of land is required by Canada.
47. Subject to paragraph 52, any cash compensation in respect of the value of the expropriated estate or interest will be determined in accordance with the federal *Expropriation Act*.
48. At the request of the affected Maa-nulth First Nation, Canada will make reasonable efforts to provide alternative parcels of lands as full or partial compensation.
49. Lands provided as compensation under paragraph 48 may become Maa-nulth First Nation Lands only with the agreement of that Maa-nulth First Nation, British Columbia and Canada, provided that the lands meet the criteria set out in subparagraphs 23c), d), e) and f). The limitation on the amount of lands that can be added as Maa-nulth First Nation Lands referred to in paragraph 22 does not apply to lands provided as full or partial compensation for any federal expropriation.
50. If, at a time after the expropriation, Canada is of the opinion that the lands are no longer required for a public purpose and the lands are suitable to offer for sale, Canada will first offer the Maa-nulth First Nation from which the lands were originally expropriated an opportunity to reacquire the expropriated lands at fair market value and on an as is basis.
51. A parcel of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands expropriated by Canada and reacquired by that Maa-nulth First Nation under paragraph 50 will become Maa-nulth First Nation Lands if:
- a) that Maa-nulth First Nation requests that the parcel become Maa-nulth First Nation Lands at the time the parcel is reacquired; and
  - b) any lands that Canada may have provided under paragraph 48 as compensation for the expropriation did not become Maa-nulth First Nation Lands under paragraph 49.

52. Where Canada and a Maa-nulth First Nation do not reach agreement regarding compensation, Canada may proceed with the expropriation and the disagreement regarding the amount of compensation will be referred to arbitration under the dispute resolution process in the Dispute Resolution Chapter.
53. Where Canada and a Maa-nulth First Nation do not reach agreement regarding the price for that Maa-nulth First Nation to reacquire expropriated lands, the disagreement regarding the price for reacquisition will be referred to arbitration under the dispute resolution process in the Dispute Resolution Chapter.

**Interim Protection Measures**

54. When the Parties agree on all lands that are to become Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, the Parties will negotiate an interim protection measures agreement on proposed Maa-nulth First Nation Lands for a term of two years.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Role Outside of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

55. The Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on each Maa-nulth First Nations role outside of its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands in its respective Maa-nulth First Nations Area for the areas set out in Sub-appendices A1 through A5.

**Commercial Recreation Tenures**

56. Prior to the Final Agreement, Maa-nulth First Nations and British Columbia will develop management plans for proposed commercial recreation tenures which set out the recreational activities, reflect the environmental values in the defined area, set out the boundaries of the operating areas, and set out phase-in periods for the operations.
57. Upon satisfactory application by Maa-nulth First Nations, British Columbia will issue commercial recreation tenures to Maa-nulth First Nations for the operating areas described in the management plans that will not include Submerged Lands.
58. During the phase-in period for the commercial recreation tenures, British Columbia will not issue other commercial recreation tenures which would directly conflict with the management plans for the Maa-nulth First Nations commercial recreation tenures.

**CHAPTER 4 - WATER**

**Water Reservation**

1. The Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach an agreement on a water reservation for each Maa-nulth First Nation from the rivers and streams wholly or partially within its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands. In these negotiations, the Parties will take into account Available Flow from the particular river or stream.
2. If the Parties reach an agreement on a water reservation for a Maa-nulth First Nation, British Columbia will establish a water reservation for that Maa-nulth First Nation.
3. Water reserved pursuant to a Maa-nulth First Nation water reservation may be used for domestic, industrial and agricultural purposes.
4. Any water reservation for a Maa-nulth First Nation will take into account the volume from existing water licences held by that Maa-nulth First Nation.
5. The Final Agreement will provide that a Maa-nulth First Nation water reservation will have priority over all water licences except for existing water licences and applications for water licences as of a date to be determined.

**Water Licences**

6. A Maa-nulth First Nation or a Maa-nulth First Nation Citizen may, with the consent of the Maa-nulth First Nation holding the water reservation, apply to British Columbia for water licences for volumes of flow to be applied against that Maa-nulth First Nation's water reservation.
7. The Final Agreement will address the matter of whether provincial rentals, fees or charges will apply to water licences issued pursuant to paragraph 6.
8. If a water licence issued pursuant to paragraph 6 is cancelled, expires or otherwise terminates, the volume of flow in that licence will be added to the unlicensed volume of flow in that Maa-nulth First Nation's water reservation.
9. Water licences held by Maa-nulth First Nations will be subject to Available Flow and provincial regulatory requirements.
10. British Columbia may negotiate with any Maa-nulth First Nation that Maa-nulth First Nation's role in the management and administration of water licences issued under that Maa-nulth First Nation's water reservation.

11. British Columbia will Consult with a Maa-nulth First Nation Government respecting applications for water licences where the applicant may reasonably require access across or an interest in the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation.
12. British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on Consultation concerning applications for water licences in respect of rivers and streams wholly or partially within Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
13. The Final Agreement will provide for access on, or an interest in, Maa-nulth First Nation Lands where reasonably required by a water licence holder.
14. The Final Agreement will provide for access on, or an interest in, provincial Crown lands where reasonably required under a water licence held by a Maa-nulth First Nation or a Maa-nulth First Nation Citizen.

**Other**

15. If Federal or Provincial Laws permit the sale of water, Maa-nulth First Nations may sell water in accordance with those laws.
16. The Final Agreement will not alter Federal or Provincial Laws in respect of proprietary interests in water.
17. If, prior to the Final Agreement, British Columbia introduces initiatives to regulate activities related to groundwater, British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations will discuss those initiatives.

## CHAPTER 5 - FOREST RESOURCES

### Forest Resources on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands

1. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will own Forest Resources on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
2. Each Maa-nulth First Nation, as owner, will have exclusive authority to determine, collect and administer any fees, rents, or other charges relating to the harvesting of Forest Resources on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

### Forest Practices and Standards on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands

3. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws in respect of the management of Forest Resources on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation.
4. Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will not have law-making authority in relation to timber marking and scaling, manufacture in British Columbia of products from Forest Resources in accordance with Part 10 of the *Forest Act* on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation, and export of Forest Resources removed from such Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
5. Each Maa-nulth First Nation may apply to British Columbia to export Timber harvested from its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
6. Prior to Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on the issue of the export of Timber from Maa-nulth Indian Reserves.
7. Maa-nulth First Nation Laws in respect of Timber under paragraph 3 will provide for forest practices and standards that meet or exceed those established under provincial legislation.
8. Maa-nulth First Nation Laws in respect of Non-timber Resources under paragraph 3 will provide for practices and standards that meet or exceed those established under federal and provincial legislation.
9. In the event of a Conflict between a Federal or Provincial Law and a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 3, the Federal or Provincial Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.

10. The Final Agreement will set out arrangements between British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations for the management and control of forest health on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and for forest fire protection and suppression on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
11. The Final Agreement will provide for information sharing in relation to forest activities on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and on provincial Crown lands immediately adjacent to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

**Transition Provisions on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

12. The Final Agreement will set out measures for the transition to each Maa-nulth First Nation authority and management of Forest Resources on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, including silviculture obligations and road de-activation.

**CHAPTER 6 - ACCESS**

**Public Access on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

1. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will allow reasonable public access on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands for temporary recreational and non-commercial purposes, including reasonable opportunities for the public to hunt and fish on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, provided that this access does not interfere with uses authorized by that Maa-nulth First Nation or the ability of that Maa-nulth First Nation to authorize uses or dispose of its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
2. Reasonable public access does not include the harvesting or extraction of resources owned by a Maa-nulth First Nation, or causing damage to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands or resources owned by a Maa-nulth First Nation.
3. The Final Agreement will include provisions with respect to access, where reasonably required, to legal interests within, contiguous or in close proximity to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, identified in the Final Agreement.
4. Subject to paragraphs 1 and 3, a Maa-nulth First Nation may designate portions of its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands as Maa-nulth First Nation Private Lands.
5. Subject to paragraphs 1 and 3, each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws regulating public access on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation for the:
  - a) prevention of harvesting or extracting of resources owned by the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation; and
  - b) protection of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation's cultural sites.
6. In the event of a Conflict between a Federal or Provincial Law and a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 5, the Maa-nulth First Nation Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.

7. Subject to paragraphs 1 and 3, each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws regulating public access on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation for:
  - a) purposes of public safety;
  - b) prevention of nuisance or damage, including forest fire prevention; and
  - c) protection of sensitive habitat.
8. In the event of a Conflict between a Federal or Provincial Law and a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 7, the Federal or Provincial Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.
9. Each Maa-nulth First Nation's liability for public access to its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, other than Maa-nulth First Nation Private Lands, will be comparable to the liability of the Crown for public access to unoccupied Crown lands.

#### **Navigable Waters**

10. Nothing in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will affect the public right of navigation on navigable waters.

#### **Crown Access to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

11. Employees, agents and other representatives of the Crown, Public Utilities, and peace officers will have access, at no cost, to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands in order to enforce laws, respond to emergencies, deliver programs and services and for other specified purposes as set out in the Final Agreement.
12. Neither the Self-Government Agreement nor the Final Agreement will limit the authority of Canada or the Minister of National Defence to carry out activities related to national defence and security on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, without payment of any fees or other charges to Maa-nulth First Nations except as provided for under Federal Laws.
13. The Final Agreement will set out notice provisions regarding access under paragraphs 11 and 12 to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.



**Maa-nulth First Nations Access to Crown Lands**

14. Employees, agents and other representatives of Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will have access, at no cost, to provincial Crown lands to enforce Maa-nulth First Nation Laws, deliver programs and services, and for other specified purposes as set out in the Final Agreement, in accordance with Federal and Provincial Laws.
15. The Final Agreement will set out notice provisions regarding access under paragraph 14 to provincial Crown lands.
16. Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens will have reasonable access to provincial Crown lands to allow for the exercise of Maa-nulth First Nations' rights set out in the Final Agreement, including use of resources for purposes incidental to the normal use of those rights, provided that this access and incidental use of resources are in accordance with federal and provincial legislation and do not interfere with authorized uses or the ability of the Crown to authorize uses or dispose of Crown lands.



**CHAPTER 7 - CROWN CORRIDORS AND ROADS**

**Crown Corridors**

1. Crown Corridors will not be part of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and will be owned by British Columbia. The widths of Crown Corridors will be 30 metres unless otherwise specified in the Final Agreement.
2. The Final Agreement will identify all Crown Corridors within Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
3. British Columbia will Consult with the applicable Maa-nulth First Nations regarding new uses or major road construction within Crown Corridors.

**Entry on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands Outside Crown Corridors**

4. In addition to the provisions of the Access Chapter, British Columbia or any Public Utility, their employees, agents, contractors, or representatives may enter on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands outside Crown Corridors for the purpose of undertaking works, including:
  - a) constructing drainage works;
  - b) maintaining slope stability; or
  - c) removing dangerous trees or other hazards,

as required for the protection, care, maintenance, or construction of road or Public Utility works.
5. Before British Columbia commences any work referred to in paragraph 4, British Columbia will deliver a written work plan describing the effect and extent of the proposed work on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands to the affected Maa-nulth First Nation for approval which will not be unreasonably withheld
6. If British Columbia and that Maa-nulth First Nation do not agree on a work plan submitted by British Columbia within 30 days of receipt by that Maa-nulth First Nation, either British Columbia or that Maa-nulth First Nation may refer the disagreement to be finally determined by arbitration under the Dispute Resolution Chapter.
7. In undertaking works referred to in paragraph 4, British Columbia will minimize the damage to, and time spent on, Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

8. British Columbia will pay compensation for any interference with, or damage to, the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation Lands resulting from works by, or on behalf of, British Columbia, referred to in paragraph 4. British Columbia or the applicable Maa-nulth First Nations may refer a disagreement in respect of compensation to be finally determined by arbitration under the Dispute Resolution Chapter.
9. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Final Agreement, British Columbia may undertake works and take steps on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands that are urgently required in order to protect works constructed on Crown Corridors, or to protect persons or vehicles using Crown Corridors.
10. British Columbia will, as soon as practicable, notify the affected Maa-nulth First Nation in writing that it has undertaken works on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands under paragraph 9.
11. The Final Agreement will include provisions for Public Utility access to Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, including provisions allowing a Public Utility to operate, maintain, replace, upgrade or extend its works on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

**Consultation Regarding Traffic Regulation**

12. Upon request of a Maa-nulth First Nation, British Columbia will Consult with that Maa-nulth First Nation with respect to existing regulation of traffic and transportation on a Crown Corridor that is adjacent to a settled area on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.

**Access and Safety Regulation**

13. British Columbia will retain the authority to regulate all matters relating to:
  - a) the location and design of intersecting roads giving access to Crown Corridors from Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, including:
    - i) regulating or requiring signs, signals, or other traffic control devices on Crown Corridors,
    - ii) regulating or requiring merging lanes, on ramps and off ramps, or
    - iii) requiring contributions to the cost of the matters referred to in subparagraphs 13a)i) and 13a)ii); and

- b) the height and location of structures on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands immediately adjacent to Crown Corridors, only to the extent reasonably required to protect the safety of the users of Crown Corridors.
- 14. Subject to provincial requirements, including those set out in paragraph 13, British Columbia will not unreasonably deny a Maa-nulth First Nation access to a Provincial Road from its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
- 15. Subject to provisions of the Final Agreement, British Columbia will not zone or otherwise regulate land use on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands adjacent to Crown Corridors.
- 16. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will Consult with British Columbia on land use decisions relating to the development of its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands adjacent to Crown Corridors.

**Roads**

- 17. Provincial Roads will not be part of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands and are owned by British Columbia.
- 18. Roads on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands will be Maa-nulth First Nation Roads.
- 19. In accordance with the Access Chapter, each Maa-nulth First Nation will allow public use of its Maa-nulth First Nation Roads.
- 20. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will be responsible for maintenance and repair of its Maa-nulth First Nation Roads.

**Gravel**

- 21. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will have reasonable access at no cost, other than the cost of extraction, refinement and transportation, to sufficient quantities of Gravel and related aggregate materials from existing Gravel on provincial Crown lands in the vicinity of its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands to fulfill any obligations it may have to construct, maintain or repair roads or rights-of-way on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
- 22. British Columbia will have reasonable access at no cost, other than the cost of extraction, refinement and transportation, to sufficient quantities of Gravel and related aggregate materials from existing Gravel on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands. Gravel and related aggregate materials extracted from those sites will be used to fulfill any obligations British Columbia may have to construct, maintain or repair roads and public rights-of-way.

23. The Final Agreement will contain provisions for Maa-nulth First Nations and British Columbia to prepare gravel management plans in respect of paragraphs 21 and 22 respectively.

**CHAPTER 8 - FISHERIES**

**General**

1. Maa-nulth First Nations will have a right to Harvest, in accordance with the Final Agreement, Fish and Aquatic Plants for Domestic Purposes in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area described in Appendix B.
2. The Maa-nulth Fishing Right will be limited by measures necessary for conservation, public health or public safety.
3. Where practicable, the Minister will, in advance, discuss with, or give notice to the holder of a Maa-nulth Fish Licence, public health or public safety measures that would require the Maa-nulth Fish Licence to be amended.
4. Where a Maa-nulth First Nation Citizen Harvests Fish or Aquatic Plants under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right, the Maa-nulth First Nation Citizen will not be required to have federal or provincial licences.
5. Harvesting under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Maa-nulth Fish Licence.
6. The Final Agreement will include provisions to address the implications for the amount of Fish and Aquatic Plants that Maa-nulth First Nations may harvest, including any implications for overages and underages, in any year where there is not enough abundance of a stock or species of Fish or Aquatic Plants to meet all allocations from that stock or species for other British Columbia First Nations for Domestic Purposes.
7. The Maa-nulth Fishing Right is held by Maa-nulth First Nations and cannot be alienated.
8. The Minister will retain authority for managing and conserving Fish, Aquatic Plants, and Fish habitat.
9. Fish and Aquatic Plants harvested under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right cannot be sold.
10. The Final Agreement will not alter Federal Law or Provincial Law in respect of proprietary interests in Fish and Aquatic Plants.

11. Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens will have the right to Trade and Barter any Fish or Aquatic Plants harvested under the Final Agreement among themselves or with other aboriginal people of Canada resident in British Columbia.
12. The Maa-nulth Fishing Right will be exercised within the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area unless otherwise provided for in a Maa-nulth Fish Licence or otherwise agreed by the Minister.
13. The Final Agreement will not preclude Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens from harvesting Fish and Aquatic Plants under a licence, permit, or other document issued under a Federal Law or Provincial Law.
14. The Parties agree that the allocations provided for in the Fisheries Chapter are for the Maa-nulth First Nations. Should one or more of the Maa-nulth First Nations not approve this Agreement the allocations will be reduced accordingly.
15. The Crown may authorize uses of or dispose of Crown lands, and any authorized use or disposition may affect the method, times and locations of harvesting Fish under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right, provided that the Crown ensures that those authorized uses or dispositions do not deny Maa-nulth First Nations the reasonable opportunity to harvest Fish under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right.

**Documentation**

16. The Final Agreement will provide for each Maa-nulth First Nation Government issuing documentation to its Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens or vessels used by its Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, to harvest Fish and Aquatic Plants under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right.
17. Where Allocations for Fish or Aquatic Plants have been established under the Final Agreement, each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may issue documentation to persons who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens or to vessels used by persons who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, to harvest those Fish or Aquatic Plants under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right. This provision is not intended to alter the application of Federal or Provincial Laws in respect of foreign fishing vessels in Canadian waters.
18. All persons or vessels used by persons who harvest or attempt to harvest Fish or Aquatic Plants under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right will be required to carry documentation issued by the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation Government and to produce that documentation on request by an authorized person.
19. Documentation issued by a Maa-nulth First Nation Government to a person or to a vessel used by a person who harvests or attempts to harvest Fish or Aquatic Plants under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right will:



- a) be in the English language, and, at the discretion of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation, in the Nuu-chah-nulth language;
  - b) in the case of a person, include the name and address of the person;
  - c) in the case of a vessel, include the vessel identification, and the identification of the name of the operator of the vessel; and
  - d) meet any requirements set out in the applicable Maa-nulth Fish Licence.
20. The Final Agreement will not preclude Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens from being designated by another First Nation to harvest Fish and Aquatic Plants under federal or provincial arrangements with that First Nation.
21. Unless the Parties otherwise agree prior to Final Agreement, Maa-nulth First Nations may not document persons or vessels used by persons who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens to Harvest Fish or Aquatic Plants under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right where there is no Allocation established under the Final Agreement.

**Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocations**

22. The Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocations for sockeye salmon, chinook salmon, coho salmon, chum salmon, herring, halibut, groundfish (other than halibut, sablefish, skates, tuna, pile perch and Pacific hake), Dungeness crab and prawns are set out in Appendix C.
23. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will establish Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocations for sablefish, butter clams, mussels, horse clams, geoduck, rock oysters (*Pododesmus* sp.), razor clams, abalone, sea urchins, goose barnacles, skates, tuna, pile perch, Pacific hake and other Fish and Aquatic Plants as agreed to by the Parties.
24. The Final Agreement will set out that Canada or British Columbia, in respect of any Fish or Aquatic Plant species within their respective management authority, or Maa-nulth First Nations may propose the establishment of a Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocation for Fish and Aquatic Plants not included in paragraphs 22 and 23.
25. The Final Agreement will include provisions describing how Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocations for Fish and Aquatic Plants that are not set out in the Final Agreement will be determined, taking into account factors that the Parties agree are relevant.

26. The Final Agreement may set out areas in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area where the Minister will not permit commercial harvesting of bi-valve shellfish in the inter-tidal zone.
27. Fish and Aquatic Plants for which there is no Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocation established under the Final Agreement may be harvested for Domestic Purposes under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right in accordance with a Maa-nulth Fish Licence.
28. The Final Agreement will describe when and how subsequent adjustments in respect of overages and underages are made to a Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocation to account for salmon and, with the agreement of the Parties, other harvests that exceed or fail to meet the Maa-nulth Fishing Right Allocation in any year. Any adjustment will take into account the actions of the Minister and Maa-nulth First Nations in the conduct of the fishery. The Minister and Maa-nulth First Nations will endeavour to minimize any overages or underages in each year and to minimize the accumulation of overages and underages in successive years.
29. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the Parties agree that the issue of the Maa-nulth Fishing Right as it applies to marine mammals will be addressed prior to the Final Agreement.

#### **Aquaculture Tenures**

30. The Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on lands to be included in designations under section 17(1) of the *Land Act*, for the purpose of establishing shellfish aquaculture tenures for each of the Maa-nulth First Nations.
31. If the Parties reach an agreement on the lands to be included in a designation referred to in paragraph 30, the Minister will, on the Effective Date, designate those lands under section 17(1) of the *Land Act*, for a term of 25 years, for the purpose of establishing shellfish aquaculture tenures for each of the Maa-nulth First Nations.
32. Notwithstanding section 17(3) of the *Land Act*, the Minister will not amend or cancel a designation referred to in paragraph 30 without the consent of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation.
33. Subject to paragraph 32, British Columbia will continue, under Provincial Law, to manage and use lands designated in accordance with paragraph 30.
34. Each Maa-nulth First Nation may apply to British Columbia for shellfish aquaculture tenures with respect to the lands that have been respectively designated in accordance with paragraph 30.

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35. Any shellfish aquaculture tenure or other authorization that may be issued by the Minister to a Maa-nulth First Nation with respect to lands designated in accordance with paragraph 30 will be issued under Provincial Law and will not form part of the Final Agreement.
36. Any shellfish aquaculture tenure or other authorization that may be issued by the Minister to a Maa-nulth First Nation with respect to lands designated in accordance with paragraph 30 will contain the standard terms and conditions for such tenures and authorizations, except that prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties may agree on amendments to those terms and conditions.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Participation in the Commercial Fishery**

37. On the Effective Date, at the request of Maa-nulth First Nations, Canada will issue any licence listed in Appendix D to Maa-nulth First Nations as a commercial fishing licence.
38. Maa-nulth First Nations commercial fishing licences and vessels will be subject to Federal and Provincial Laws.
39. Prior to the Final Agreement and subject to the agreement of the Parties, licences referred to in paragraph 37 may be converted into capacity for inclusion in any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement**

40. On the Effective Date, Canada and Maa-nulth First Nations may enter into a Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement in respect of Fish.
41. Any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement and paragraphs 42 to 50 and Appendix E will not be part of the Final Agreement, will not be a treaty or land claims agreement and will not recognize or affirm any rights.
42. Prior to the Final Agreement, Canada and Maa-nulth First Nations will address the issue of whether some or all of the commercial fishing capacity of any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement is transferable.
43. In this Chapter:
- a) “Compensable Share” means the share of the commercial fishing capacity included in a Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement to which compensation provisions will apply; and

- b) "Maximum Share" means the maximum share of the commercial fishing capacity that may be included in a Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement.
44. The Maximum Share and the Compensable Share for sockeye salmon, chinook salmon, herring, halibut, sablefish and Dungeness crab is set out in Appendix E.
45. Any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement:
- a) will set out the Maximum Share for any fishery included in that Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement;
  - b) will set out the Compensable Share for any fishery included in that Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement;
  - c) may set out the period of time within which the Maximum Share and the Compensable Share included in that Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement may be acquired;
  - d) will be for a term of 25 years and be renewable on the same terms at the discretion of Maa-nulth First Nations every 15 years for a further 25 years;
  - e) will include provisions for the Harvest and disposition of Fish, Harvest monitoring, and fisheries management;
  - f) will include a dispute resolution process and a process for termination of that Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement including a requirement for fair compensation for any reduction in the Compensable Share; and
  - g) will include a process allowing for the addition of new species of Fish to any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement within a period of time to be determined prior to the Final Agreement.
46. Any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement will be established under federal settlement legislation.
47. The Minister will implement any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement by:
- a) issuing licences to Maa-nulth First Nations; or
  - b) other means under Federal Laws or Provincial Laws.
48. Fisheries under any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement will have the same priority as commercial and recreational fisheries in fisheries management decisions made by the Minister.

49. Where the Maa-nulth First Nations and the Minister have agreed to a Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement that provides a share of the total allowable catch for a stock or species of Fish, there will be a Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement fishery for that stock or that species in a year when the following conditions have been met:
- a) there is:
    - i) a commercial fishing opportunity for that stock or that species in the area described in the Harvest Agreement in that year; or
    - ii) a directed commercial harvest of that stock or that species within the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area in that year; and
  - b) the Minister has not imposed conservation restrictions on recreational fisheries for that stock or that species in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area in that year,

unless otherwise determined by the Minister.

50. The Parties acknowledge that the Minister may authorize selective terminal salmon fishing opportunities in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area for Maa-nulth First Nations and other harvesters. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to agree on selective terminal salmon fishing opportunities for the Maa-nulth First Nations.

**Harvest of Surplus Salmon**

51. Each year the Minister may determine whether there is a surplus of a species of salmon originating in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, the size of the surplus, and access to that surplus.
52. The Joint Fisheries Committee may:
- a) recommend to the Minister procedures for the identification of a surplus and terms and conditions for the harvest of the surplus; and
  - b) provide advice to the Minister on the size and disposition of the surplus.

53. The Minister may permit Maa-nulth First Nations to harvest some or all of the surplus salmon that originate in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, on reaching agreement with Maa-nulth First Nations in respect of:
- a) the terms and conditions of the harvest; and
  - b) whether all or part of the harvest will be included in the determination of underages.

**New and Emerging Fisheries**

54. Where the Minister determines opportunities exist for development of a new and emerging commercial fishery, the Maa-nulth First Nations will be eligible to participate in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the Minister for entry into that fishery.
55. The extent of the participation referred to in paragraph 54 will be consistent with the development of a framework by Canada and British Columbia related to new and emerging fisheries. The framework may reflect, among other factors, the nature of the new and emerging fishery, any share to be set aside for the participation of other British Columbia First Nations, the location of the new and emerging fishery relative to any other British Columbia First Nations' harvest areas, and the interest of other British Columbia First Nations in participation in the fishery.
56. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on the process to determine the share to be set aside for Maa-nulth First Nations participation in any new and emerging fisheries authorized by the Minister, and the process for inclusion of that share in a Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement.

**Law-Making Authority**

57. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws consistent with the Final Agreement on the following matters:
- a) the distribution of the Fish and Aquatic Plants harvested under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right among Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens;
  - b) the designation of persons to Harvest under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right; and
  - c) other Fish and Aquatic Plants matters as set out in the Final Agreement.

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58. In the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 57 and a Federal Law or Provincial Law, the Maa-nulth First Nation Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.
59. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws consistent with the Final Agreement on the following matters:
- a) the documentation of those persons designated by the Maa-nulth First Nation Governments who may Harvest Fish and Aquatic Plants under the Final Agreement; and
  - b) other Fish and Aquatic Plants matters as set out in the Final Agreement.
60. In the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 59 and a Federal Law or Provincial Law, the Federal Law or Provincial Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.

**Joint Fisheries Committee**

61. The Parties agree that it is best to deal with fisheries management issues involving the Maa-nulth First Nations and the other Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations in one forum.
62. Before Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement with respect to a Joint Fisheries Committee.
63. The Joint Fisheries Committee will be open to representatives from all Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations, British Columbia and Canada.
64. The Maa-nulth First Nations will participate in the Joint Fisheries Committee.
65. The Joint Fisheries Committee will facilitate cooperative planning of:
- a) Maa-nulth First Nations fisheries for Domestic Purposes under the Final Agreement;
  - b) Maa-nulth First Nations Enhancement Initiatives and Stewardship Activities;
  - c) Maa-nulth First Nations fisheries monitoring and enforcement activities;
  - d) Maa-nulth First Nations environmental protection activities associated with Fish and Fish habitat; and
  - e) other matters by agreement of the parties.

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66. Subject to federal and provincial access to information and privacy legislation, Maa-nulth First Nations and Canada and British Columbia, if British Columbia chooses to participate in the Joint Fisheries Committee, will provide each other with access to all information necessary to enable the committee to carry out its responsibilities.
67. Prior to the Final Agreement, British Columbia will determine if it will participate in the Joint Fisheries Committee.
68. The Final Agreement may include provisions concerning the relationship between the Maa-nulth First Nations members of the Joint Fisheries Committee and British Columbia with respect to fisheries managed by British Columbia.
69. In facilitating cooperative planning, under paragraph 65, the Joint Fisheries Committee may:
- a) discuss publicly available information for existing and proposed commercial and other fisheries that could significantly affect Maa-nulth First Nations fisheries;
  - b) discuss publicly available information related to measures necessary for conservation, public health or public safety that could significantly affect Maa-nulth First Nations fisheries;
  - c) discuss publicly available information related to proposed Enhancement Initiatives in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area;
  - d) arrange for collection and exchange of publicly available fisheries-related data;
  - e) discuss possible provisions for a Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan and Maa-nulth Fish Licence prior to Maa-nulth First Nations developing a Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan;
  - f) review the Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan;
  - g) recommend to the Minister provisions for a Maa-nulth Fish Licence, taking into account the Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan, including Maa-nulth First Nations preferences in respect of Harvest methods, timing and locations, where they are submitted in a timely fashion;
  - h) review Maa-nulth First Nations proposals for Enhancement Initiatives and Stewardship Activities;



- i) provide advice to the Minister and Maa-nulth First Nations concerning:
    - i) Fish management and Harvesting in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area,
    - ii) Maa-nulth First Nations fisheries,
    - iii) the conduct of fisheries outside the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area that could significantly affect Harvesting under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right,
    - iv) Fish habitat management and protection,
    - v) escapement goals for salmon stocks in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area,
    - vi) Enhancement Initiatives and other Stewardship Activities conducted by Maa-nulth First Nations in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area,
    - vii) in-season amendments to Maa-nulth Fish Licences,
    - viii) overages and underages, or
    - ix) harvest of surplus salmon;
  - j) communicate with other advisory bodies in respect of matters of mutual interest;
  - k) make recommendations to the trustees of the *Tsuh-Tsuh-Thluk* Trust in respect of projects, programs and activities to be funded from expenditures from that trust; and
  - l) carrying out other responsibilities as the parties agree.
70. The Joint Fisheries Committee will operate on a consensus basis. If there is no consensus, each member party on the Joint Fisheries Committee may submit recommendations or advice to the Minister.

71. If special circumstances make it impracticable to receive advice or recommendations from the Joint Fisheries Committee, the Minister:
- a) may make the decision or take the action that the Minister considers necessary, without receiving advice from the Joint Fisheries Committee; and
  - b) will advise the Joint Fisheries Committee as soon as practicable of the special circumstances and the decision made or action taken.
72. Before Final Agreement, the Parties will agree to a process to amend the roles, membership and responsibilities of the Joint Fisheries Committee.

**Fisheries Advisory Processes**

73. The Final Agreement will provide that:
- a) where a public fisheries advisory process exists, or may be established by Canada or British Columbia, that principally encompasses the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, Canada or British Columbia will provide for Maa-nulth First Nations participation in that process on the same basis as other participants;
  - b) where a public fisheries advisory process exists, or may be established by Canada or British Columbia, that involves a geographic area in British Columbia including but significantly larger than the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, Canada or British Columbia will provide for Maa-nulth First Nations representation in that process on the same basis as other First Nations; and
  - c) if a regional fisheries committee is established for integrating fisheries management processes, including those which apply to aboriginal fisheries, in an area that includes all or part of the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, and the committee has responsibilities similar to those of the Joint Fisheries Committee, the Parties may agree that some of the responsibilities of the Joint Fisheries Committee may be performed by the regional fisheries committee.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plans**

74. Each year, Maa-nulth First Nations will develop a Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan.

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75. The Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan and any amendments will include the Maa-nulth First Nation's preference as to:
- a) as appropriate, what stocks would be Harvested and in what amounts;
  - b) a description of the Fish and Aquatic Plants to be Harvested;
  - c) the location and timing of harvest;
  - d) the method of harvest, including the size, type, identification, marking, and quantity of fishing gear and the manner in which it may be used;
  - e) the monitoring of harvest, including notification, catch monitoring, identification and reporting of harvest;
  - f) the distribution and transportation of Fish and Aquatic Plants Harvested under the Maa-nulth Fishing Right;
  - g) enforcement of Maa-nulth First Nations fisheries; and
  - h) other matters.
76. The Maa-nulth First Nations may propose in a Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan provisions that the Maa-nulth First Nations wish to be included in a Maa-nulth Fish Licence.
77. Maa-nulth First Nations will provide the Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan to the Minister in a timely fashion.
78. Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plans will not be part of the Final Agreement.

**Maa-nulth Fish Licence**

79. Each year, the Minister will issue a Maa-nulth Fish Licence to a Maa-nulth First Nation in respect of the Maa-nulth Fishing Right. The Maa-nulth Fish Licence will be consistent with the Final Agreement.
80. Canada or British Columbia will not charge any fee for a Maa-nulth Fish Licence.
81. Where the Minister receives a Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan in a timely fashion, the Minister will take that plan into account prior to issuing a Maa-nulth Fish Licence.

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82. The Minister will provide written reasons to Maa-nulth First Nations and the Joint Fisheries Committee if the Maa-nulth Fish Licence has significant changes from Maa-nulth First Nations preferences in respect of methods, timing and location of harvest, and from any other matter set out in the relevant Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plan.
83. Where the Minister makes changes to a Maa-nulth Fish Licence, the Minister will give notice and reasons, and where practicable, discuss those changes with Maa-nulth First Nations and the Joint Fisheries Committee in advance.

**Treaty Related Measure and Interim Arrangements**

84. Canada will acquire, as soon as practicable after the signing of this Agreement, on a willing buyer - willing seller basis, fishing capacity up to an amount to be agreed to by the Parties (the “Interim Fishing Capacity”), subject to a process agreed among the Parties. As set out in paragraph 5 of the Capital Transfer and Negotiation Loan Repayment Chapter, the cost of these acquisitions will be deducted from the Capital Transfer.
85. Under a Treaty Related Measure, the Maa-nulth First Nations will be able to utilize the Interim Fishing Capacity until the Effective Date or the termination of the Treaty Related Measure. On the Effective Date, the Interim Fishing Capacity will be provided to the Maa-nulth First Nations.
86. The Maa-nulth First Nations will utilize the Interim Fishing Capacity in accordance with licence conditions applicable to the commercial fishery, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.
87. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on what, if any, part of the Interim Fishing Capacity may be converted into capacity for inclusion in any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement.
88. The Parties will, through interim arrangements, test provisions of this Agreement related to the Joint Fisheries Committee, any Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreement, any Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fishing Plan and licensing arrangements.

89. The Parties acknowledge that the activities contemplated in the Treaty Related Measure and any interim arrangements may inform the negotiation of Maa-nulth First Nations Harvest Agreements and of the Fisheries Chapter for the Final Agreement, including:
- a) the activities and responsibilities of the Joint Fisheries Committee;
  - b) Maa-nulth First Nations Annual Fish Plans;
  - c) the matters to be taken into account by the Minister in the issuance of the Maa-nulth Fish Licence; and
  - d) the identification of selective terminal salmon fishing opportunities.

**Stewardship and Enhancement**

90. Maa-nulth First Nations may conduct, with the approval of the Minister and in accordance with Federal Law and Provincial Law, Enhancement Initiatives and Stewardship Activities in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area.
91. Canada and Maa-nulth First Nations will establish a *Tsuh-Tsuh-Thluk* Trust as soon as practicable after the Effective Date.
92. The objects of the Trust will be consistent with the requirements of a charitable trust under Federal Law, and may include:
- a) promoting conservation and protection of Fish, Aquatic Plants and Fish habitat in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area;
  - b) facilitating sustainable management of Fish and Fish habitat in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area; and
  - c) promoting and supporting Maa-nulth First Nations participation in the stewardship of Fish and Fish habitat in the Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area, for the benefit of all Canadians.

Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties may negotiate an agreement regarding the inclusion of watershed restoration activities as an object of the Trust.

93. Canada will settle on the trustees up to \$3 million for the purposes of stock and habitat assessments, escapement monitoring, and estimation of seasonal abundance.

94. In pursuing the objects of the Trust, the trustees will seek and consider recommendations from the Canada and Maa-nulth First Nations members of the Joint Fisheries Committee regarding projects, programs and activities to be funded by the Trust.

**Enforcement**

95. The Parties may negotiate agreements concerning enforcement of Federal Laws, Provincial Laws, or Maa-nulth First Nation Laws in respect of fisheries. Any of those agreements will not be part of the Final Agreement, will not be a treaty or land claims agreement and will not recognize or affirm any rights.
96. Maa-nulth First Nation Laws made in accordance with this Chapter may be enforced by persons authorized to enforce Federal Laws, Provincial Laws, or Maa-nulth First Nations Laws in respect of Fish and Aquatic Plants, in British Columbia.
97. The Final Agreement may address other enforcement issues in respect of Maa-nulth First Nations fisheries.

**CHAPTER 9 - WILDLIFE AND MIGRATORY BIRDS**

**General**

1. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will have the right to harvest, under its Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds, in accordance with the Final Agreement, Wildlife and Migratory Birds for Domestic Purposes in the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area.
2. The Final Agreement will set out the boundaries of the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area which will include:
  - a) the Maa-nulth Area; and
  - b) any other areas that may be agreed upon by the Parties within:
    - i) the boundary of the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area as defined in the draft Nuu-chah-nulth Agreement-in-Principle dated March 10, 2001; and
    - ii) the Statement of Intent Areas of the Ditidaht First Nation, Pacheedaht First Nation and Hupacasath First Nation filed with the British Columbia Treaty Commission.
3. The Final Agreement will provide that if Canada and British Columbia enter into a treaty with a Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation other than a Maa-nulth First Nation that provides for harvesting of Wildlife and Migratory Birds by Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens in areas outside the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement to amend the boundaries of the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area to include those additional areas and to make other necessary amendments to the Final Agreement.
4. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds will be limited by measures necessary for conservation, public health or public safety.
5. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds is a right to harvest in a manner that:
  - a) is consistent with:
    - i) the communal nature of the Maa-nulth First Nation's harvest for Domestic Purposes, and
    - ii) the traditional seasons of the Maa-nulth First Nation's harvest; and

- b) does not interfere with other authorized uses of Crown lands.
6. The Crown may authorize uses of or dispose of Crown lands, and any authorized use or disposition may affect the method, times and locations of harvesting Wildlife and Migratory Birds under the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds, provided that the Crown ensures that those authorized uses or dispositions do not deny Maa-nulth First Nations the reasonable opportunity to harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds under the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds.
  7. Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens will not be required to have federal or provincial licences or pay any fees, charges, or royalties to Canada or British Columbia relating to the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds.
  8. Nothing in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will affect Canada's ability to require Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens to obtain licences for the use and possession of firearms under Federal Laws on the same basis as other aboriginal people of Canada.
  9. The Final Agreement will not preclude Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens from harvesting Wildlife outside of the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area throughout Canada in accordance with:
    - a) Federal and Provincial Laws;
    - b) any agreements, that are in accordance with Federal and Provincial Laws, between Maa-nulth First Nations and other aboriginal people; or
    - c) any arrangements between other aboriginal people and Canada or British Columbia.
  10. The Final Agreement will not preclude Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens from harvesting Migratory Birds throughout Canada in accordance with:
    - a) Federal and Provincial Laws;
    - b) any agreements, that are in accordance with Federal and Provincial Laws, between Maa-nulth First Nations and other aboriginal people; or
    - c) any arrangements between other aboriginal people and Canada or British Columbia.



**Documentation**

11. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will issue documentation to the Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation to harvest or attempt to harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds under the Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds in the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area.
12. All persons who harvest or attempt to harvest Wildlife or Migratory Birds under a Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds will be required to carry documentation issued by a Maa-nulth First Nation Government and to produce that documentation on request by an authorized person.
13. Documentation issued by a Maa-nulth First Nation Government to a person who harvests or attempts to harvest Wildlife or Migratory Birds under a Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds will:
  - a) be in the English language, and, at the discretion of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation, in the Nuu-chah-nulth language;
  - b) include the name and address of the person; and
  - c) meet any other requirements set out in the Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan.
14. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds is held by the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation and cannot be alienated.

**Allocations**

15. The Final Agreement will set out processes for determining Allocations for specified Wildlife species and specified Migratory Bird species.

**Management**

16. The Minister will retain authority for Wildlife and Migratory Birds, their management, conservation, and habitat.
17. The Final Agreement will not alter Federal or Provincial Law in respect of proprietary interests in Wildlife and Migratory Birds.

**Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan**

18. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife will be in accordance with an Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan.

19. Each year Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will jointly:
  - a) develop an Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan for the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area for the harvest of:
    - i) Wildlife species for which there is an Allocation, and
    - ii) Wildlife species proposed by Maa-nulth First Nations or British Columbia; and
  - b) submit the Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan to the Minister for approval.
20. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Final Agreement will include provisions in respect of Wildlife Fish and the Parties will determine in the Final Agreement whether the Maa-nulth First Nations right to harvest Wildlife Fish will be provided for in the Wildlife Chapter as part of Wildlife or in another Chapter of the Final Agreement.
21. An Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan will include provisions consistent with the Final Agreement in respect of:
  - a) designating and documenting Maa-nulth First Nations harvesters;
  - b) methods, timing, and locations of the Maa-nulth First Nations harvest;
  - c) as appropriate, the sex and age composition of the Maa-nulth First Nations harvest;
  - d) monitoring and reporting of the Maa-nulth First Nations harvest; and
  - e) other matters as set out in the Final Agreement.
22. An Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan will take into account management concerns identified by the Minister.
23. The Final Agreement will set out provisions in respect of the review of the proposed Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan by British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations prior to it being forwarded to the Minister for decision.
24. The Final Agreement will set out factors the Minister will take into account in making a decision about a proposed Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan.

25. If a proposed Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan is consistent with the Final Agreement, the Minister will, subject to the factors referred to in paragraph 24, approve, or vary and approve, that Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan, and the Minister will provide written reasons to the Maa-nulth First Nation for any significant changes between the proposed Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan and the approved Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan. An approved Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan will be consistent with the Final Agreement.
26. If there is a Conflict between a provision of the approved Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan and Provincial Laws, the approved Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.
27. The Final Agreement will set out provisions for British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations to establish a Wildlife information-sharing plan for species of Wildlife not included in the Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan that ensures that British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will provide agreed upon information to each other, including information respecting monitoring and reporting Wildlife harvested in the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area.

**Law-Making Authority**

28. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws, in respect of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation Right to Harvest Wildlife that are consistent with the Final Agreement and an approved Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan for:
  - a) the distribution of harvested Wildlife among the Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens of its Maa-nulth First Nation;
  - b) designating the Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation to harvest Wildlife;
  - c) documenting the Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation who have been designated; and
  - d) other matters as set out in the Final Agreement.
29. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will make laws to require the Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation to comply with the Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan.
30. In the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under subparagraph 28a) or b) and a Federal or Provincial Law, the Maa-nulth First Nation Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.

31. In the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under subparagraph 28c) or paragraph 29 and a Federal or Provincial Law, the Federal or Provincial Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.
32. The Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on a mechanism to provide for Maa-nulth First Nations' law-making authorities to regulate the methods, timing and location of the harvest, under the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Wildlife in the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area, of those species of Wildlife that are not included in the Annual Wildlife Harvest Plan.
33. The Final Agreement will set out each Maa-nulth First Nation law-making authority for the regulation of the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Migratory Birds.
34. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Final Agreement may provide that the authorities and responsibilities of the Maa-nulth First Nation Governments set out in this Chapter will be carried out by a central body.
35. Maa-nulth First Nations will have the right to participate in any Wildlife advisory management processes established by British Columbia, in respect of the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Harvest Area.

**Trade and Barter and Sale**

36. Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens will have the right to Trade and Barter among themselves, or with other aboriginal people of Canada resident in British Columbia, any Wildlife, Wildlife parts, including meat and furs, Migratory Birds, and the eggs or inedible by-products or down of Migratory Birds, harvested under the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds.
37. Any sale of Wildlife, Wildlife parts, including meat and furs, Migratory Birds, and the eggs or the inedible by-products or down of Migratory Birds, harvested under the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds will be in accordance with any Federal and Provincial Laws that permit sale.

**Enforcement**

38. The Parties may negotiate agreements concerning enforcement of Federal or Provincial Laws, or Maa-nulth First Nation Laws in respect of Wildlife and Migratory Birds. Any of those agreements will not be part of the Final Agreement, will not be a treaty or land claims agreement and will not recognize or affirm any rights.

39. Maa-nulth First Nations Laws made in accordance with this Chapter may be enforced by persons authorized to enforce Federal or Provincial Laws, or Maa-nulth First Nation Laws in respect of Wildlife or Migratory Birds in British Columbia.
40. The Final Agreement will address enforcement issues in respect of the harvest or attempt to harvest of Wildlife or Migratory Birds by Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens under the Maa-nulth First Nation Rights to Harvest Wildlife and Migratory Birds.



**CHAPTER 10 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Environmental Assessment**

1. Each Maa-nulth First Nation may participate in established federal or provincial environmental assessment processes for proposed projects that may have adverse effects on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands or on its interests set out in the Final Agreement in the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation Area.

**Environmental Protection**

2. Each Maa-nulth First Nation may make environmental protection laws, applicable on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, as set out in the Final Agreement.
3. In the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 2 and a Federal or Provincial Law, the Federal or Provincial Law will prevail to the extent of the Conflict.
4. If there is an environmental emergency or natural disaster that affects a Maa-nulth First Nation or its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, the Party responding will notify the appropriate Parties as soon as practicable.





## CHAPTER 11 - PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS

### Provincial Parks and Protected Areas

1. Prior to the Final Agreement, British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement regarding arrangements for Maa-nulth First Nation participation in the management of specific provincial protected areas.
2. British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on provisions to be included in specific park management plans regarding Maa-nulth First Nation activities in provincial parks.
3. Maa-nulth First Nations may make proposals to British Columbia to establish new provincial protected areas.
4. Nothing in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will obligate British Columbia to establish any new provincial protected areas.
5. British Columbia will Consult with the affected Maa-nulth First Nations regarding the creation of new provincial parks and protected areas in the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation Areas.
6. Any agreement reached pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 2 will not be part of the Final Agreement.
7. British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations will address potential economic opportunities, consistent with park management plans, outside of the Final Agreement.

### Pacific Rim National Park

8. In this Chapter:
  - a) “Cultural Heritage Sites” means an area within Pacific Rim National Park which has heritage value to a group, including aboriginal people, communities and other Canadians. Cultural Heritage Sites may include traditional use sites, archaeological sites, burial sites and sacred sites;
  - b) “Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim” means the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and the Ucluelet First Nation;

- c) “National Marine Conservation Area” means the federal Crown lands and water column which are established as national marine conservation areas in the schedules to the *Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act* or in other Federal Law;
- d) “National Park” means federal Crown lands described as a National Park in the schedules to the *Canada National Parks Act*;
- e) “Pacific Rim National Park” means federal Crown lands described as Pacific Rim National Park in the schedules to the *Canada National Parks Act* that lie within the Maa-nulth Area; and
- f) “Pacific Rim National Park Reserve” means the federal Crown lands described as Pacific Rim National Park Reserve in the schedules to the *Canada National Parks Act*, subject to the finalization of treaties or land claims with the Maa-nulth First Nations and other First Nations.

**National Park and National Marine Conservation Area Establishment**

- 9. On the date upon which treaties are, or have been, signed with each of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Tseshaht, Ditidaht First Nation, Pacheedaht First Nation and the Maa-nulth First Nations of the Pacific Rim, Canada will establish all of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve as Pacific Rim National Park.
- 10. On the Effective Date, Canada may establish those portions of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve lying within the Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim area as described in Appendix F as part of Pacific Rim National Park, subject to resolution of any overlaps that may exist.
- 11. No area forming part of Pacific Rim National Park within the Maa-nulth Area will be removed from Pacific Rim National Park without the consent of the affected Maa-nulth First Nations.
- 12. Canada will Consult with the affected Maa-nulth First Nations prior to the proclamation of any new National Park or National Marine Conservation Area within the Maa-nulth Area.
- 13. If Canada conducts impact studies prior to enlarging Pacific Rim National Park, the affected Maa-nulth First Nations will be invited to participate in the design and conduct of the studies and will be provided with the results.
- 14. Any National Park or National Marine Conservation Area established within the Maa-nulth Area will be subject to the provisions of the Final Agreement relating to Pacific Rim National Park.

15. Canada will protect and manage Pacific Rim National Park, including Cultural Heritage Sites and cultural resources within Pacific Rim National Park, in accordance with the Final Agreement and applicable Federal Laws and policies.
16. Canada will fund Pacific Rim National Park in accordance with appropriations for National Parks made by Parliament.
17. Canada will Consult the affected Maa-nulth First Nations in respect of any proposed amendments to the standards of protection and management of Pacific Rim National Park.
18. Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens will have access, without charge, to and within Pacific Rim National Park as set out in the Final Agreement.

**Special Marine Management Areas**

19. The Parties may negotiate and attempt to reach agreement with respect to special marine management areas, with the following goals:
  - a) enhancing the protection of marine resources;
  - b) sustaining marine resources;
  - c) proposing research projects in any special marine management areas, including exchange of and respect for research information and traditional knowledge; and
  - d) other matters as agreed.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Renewable Resource Harvesting**

20. For the purpose of paragraphs 21 to 26, harvesting, as it relates to harvesting Fish, shall include fishing for, catching, or attempting to catch, Fish by any method.
21. Maa-nulth First Nations may carry out renewable resource harvesting activities in Pacific Rim National Park, limited by measures necessary for conservation, public health and public safety.
22. Unless otherwise provided in the Final Agreement, renewable resource harvesting activities means:
  - a) gathering of traditional foods;
  - b) fishing;

- c) gathering of Forest Resources for medicinal, ceremonial, or artistic purposes;
  - d) trapping of fur-bearing mammals; and
  - e) hunting of birds and land mammals.
23. The Final Agreement will set out provisions respecting how the renewable resource harvesting activities referred to in paragraphs 21 and 22 will be carried out.
24. For greater certainty, the use of selected trees included in subparagraph 22c) will not include commercial Timber harvests.
25. Maa-nulth First Nations and Canada may negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on a renewable resource harvest management plan within Pacific Rim National Park. The details of the proposed harvest management plan will be set out in a side agreement which will not form part of the Final Agreement.
26. Unless Canada and Maa-nulth First Nations agree, and subject to the Final Agreement, there will be no extraction or harvesting by Maa-nulth First Nations of the resources of the lands and non-tidal waters of Pacific Rim National Park for commercial purposes except for the trapping of fur-bearing mammals or for the making of traditional crafts and artistic objects.

**Co-operation in Planning and Management**

27. The Minister retains authority for the management and administration of Pacific Rim National Park.
28. Canada and the Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim will set out arrangements in the Final Agreement for the establishment of a planning and management process for Pacific Rim National Park to provide advice to the Minister. This process will be detailed in a renewable side agreement which will not form part of the Final Agreement.
29. Canada and the Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim agree that it is best to deal with park planning and management in one forum involving the Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim and the other Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations with interests in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.
30. Representation of the Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim in the process referred to in paragraph 28 will consist of one representative from each of the Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim.

31. In considering the advice provided pursuant to paragraph 28, the Minister will take into account the following:
- a) the protection of Cultural Heritage Sites;
  - b) the interpretation and presentation of natural and cultural heritage;
  - c) the involvement of Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim in the identification, protection, interpretation and presentation of Cultural Heritage Sites, natural history and cultural resources of Pacific Rim National Park; and
  - d) the consideration of traditional ecological knowledge.
32. The planning and management process for Pacific Rim National Park within the Maa-nulth Area will be undertaken cooperatively by Canada and the Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim. The planning and management process will outline:
- a) roles and responsibilities, including:
    - i) park management planning,
    - ii) zoning,
    - iii) annual planning,
    - iv) budgeting,
    - v) administration of programs or operational agreements,
    - vi) research,
    - vii) resource use,
    - viii) Nuu-chah-nulth language use,
    - ix) employment and training,
    - x) recruitment and staffing, and
    - xi) economic opportunities;
  - b) scheduling;
  - c) dispute resolution;

- d) consensus seeking approach; and
- e) other matters as agreed.

**Dispute Resolution**

- 33. The Final Agreement will identify a process for the resolution of disputes arising with respect to the matters described in this Chapter.

## CHAPTER 12 – SELF-GOVERNMENT

### Maa-nulth First Nations Self-Government

1. The Parties acknowledge that self-government and governance for each Maa-nulth First Nation will be achieved through the exercise of the Section 35 rights set out in the Final Agreement and the authorities set out in the Self-Government Agreement.

### Self-Government Agreement

2. On the Effective Date, the Parties will enter into a Self-Government Agreement.
3. The Self-Government Agreement, once ratified by the Parties, will be legally binding on the Parties and on all persons, and can be relied on by all Parties and all persons.
4. The Self-Government Agreement will not be part of the Final Agreement and will not be a treaty or a land claims agreement within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
5. The Self-Government Agreement will not recognize, affirm, deny, abrogate, or derogate from Maa-nulth First Nation aboriginal rights which rights are not modified into rights in the Final Agreement.
6. Canada and British Columbia will recommend to Parliament and the Legislature, respectively, legislation to bring into effect the Self-Government Agreement.
7. In exercising authorities under the Self-Government Agreement, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will act in accordance with:
  - a) the Final Agreement;
  - b) Maa-nulth First Nation Laws, including the Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation; and
  - c) the Self-Government Agreement.
8. After 10 years, the Parties will review the Self-Government Agreement to determine if any amendments are required.
9. After the initial review, at the request of a Party, the Parties will review the Self-Government Agreement.

**Maa-nulth First Nation Governments**

10. Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, as provided for under the Maa-nulth First Nation Constitutions and the Final Agreement, will be the governments of the Maa-nulth First Nations, respectively.

**Legal Status and Capacity**

11. Each Maa-nulth First Nation, will be a separate and distinct legal entity with the capacity, rights, powers, and privileges of a natural person including the ability to:
- a) enter into contracts and agreements;
  - b) acquire, hold, own, buy, and sell property and interests in property;
  - c) raise, spend, invest, and borrow money;
  - d) sue and be sued; and
  - e) do other things ancillary to the exercise of its rights, powers and privileges.
12. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will act through its Maa-nulth First Nation Government in accordance with:
- a) the Final Agreement; and
  - b) its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws, including its Maa-nulth First Nation Constitutions.
13. The Final Agreement will include provisions to address the scope of immunity and liability of Maa-nulth First Nations, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, members of the Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, and Maa-nulth First Nations public officers. Where appropriate, the scope of immunity and liability will be similar to that for municipalities under provincial legislation.

**Maa-nulth First Nation Constitutions**

14. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will have a Constitution, consistent with the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, which will provide:
- a) for a democratic Maa-nulth First Nation Government, including its duties, composition, and membership;



- b) that its Maa-nulth First Nation Government will be accountable to its Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens;
- c) that its Maa-nulth First Nation Government will hold elections at least every five years;
- d) a process for removal of members of a Maa-nulth First Nation Government;
- e) for financial administration comparable to standards generally accepted for governments in Canada;
- f) for conflict of interest rules comparable to those generally accepted for governments in Canada;
- g) for recognition and protection of rights and freedoms of its Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens;
- h) that every person who is enrolled under the Final Agreement is entitled to be a Maa-nulth First Nation Citizen;
- i) that the Final Agreement set out the authority of the Maa-nulth First Nation Government to make laws;
- j) the process for the enactment of laws by its Maa-nulth First Nation Government;
- k) for challenging the validity of its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws;
- l) that its Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution prevails over its other laws;
- m) for the establishment of its Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institutions;
- n) for conditions under which that Maa-nulth First Nation may dispose of its lands or interests in lands;
- o) for a transitional Maa-nulth First Nation Government from the Effective Date until the first election of its Maa-nulth First Nation Government;
- p) for amendment of its Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution; and
- q) for other provisions.

15. At the discretion of each Maa-nulth First Nation, its Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution may provide for the incorporation of the appointment of *Ha'wiih* into its governance structure, including such issues as:

- a) the process for appointment of *Ha'wiih*;
- b) the duties and composition of elected and appointed members; and
- c) other matters

applicable to a Maa-nulth First Nation whose Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution provides for the incorporation of the appointment of *Ha'wiih* into its governance structures.

16. Maa-nulth First Nation Constitutions, once ratified in accordance with the Final Agreement, will come into force on the Effective Date.

**Maa-nulth First Nation Government Structure**

17. The Final Agreement will contain provisions setting out the structure of Maa-nulth First Nation Governments.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Elections**

18. Elections for each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will be held in accordance with the Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation and its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws.

**Appeal and Review of Administrative Decisions**

19. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will establish processes for appeal or review of administrative decisions made by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government or its Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institutions exercising a statutory power of decision under its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws.

20. The Supreme Court of British Columbia will have jurisdiction to hear appeals or judicial reviews of administrative decisions of a Maa-nulth First Nation Government or a Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institution exercising a statutory power of decision under Maa-nulth First Nation Laws.

**Registry of Laws**

21. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will:
  - a) maintain a public registry of its Maa-nulth First Nations Laws in the English language and, at the discretion of that Maa-nulth First Nation Government, in the Nuu-chah-nulth language; and
  - b) provide Canada and British Columbia with copies of its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws.

**Individuals who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens**

22. The Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will provide opportunities or processes for participation by individuals who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, residing on or having a property interest in Maa-nulth First Nation Lands, in decisions of the relevant Maa-nulth First Nation Government and the relevant Maa-nulth First Nation Public Institutions that affect them.
23. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will Consult with individuals who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, residing on or having a property interest in the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation, regarding proposed Maa-nulth First Nation Government decisions that may directly and significantly affect them.
24. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will provide that individuals who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens, residing on or having a property interest in the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation, will have access to the appeal and review procedures under paragraphs 19 and 20.

**Transitional Provisions**

25. The Final Agreement and Self-Government Agreement will include provisions for the transition from Maa-nulth Indian Bands to Maa-nulth First Nation Governments.

**Maa-nulth First Nation Law-Making Authority**

26. The Parties will negotiate the nature and scope of each Maa-nulth First Nation Government's law-making authority to be set out in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, including to whom its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws apply, and where and when its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws apply.

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27. In negotiating Maa-nulth First Nation Governments' law-making authorities, the Parties will consider the particular circumstances of Maa-nulth First Nations, including the population and location of the Maa-nulth First Nations.
28. Federal and Provincial Laws will apply concurrently with Maa-nulth First Nation Laws.
29. In addition to law-making authorities provided for in other Chapters in this Agreement, each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will have law-making authorities to be set out in the Final Agreement with respect to:
- a) aspects of preschool, elementary, and secondary education provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government that meet provincial standards for:
    - i) curriculum, examination, and other standards that allow for transfers of students between school systems at a similar level of achievement and permit admission of students to the provincial post-secondary systems, and
    - ii) certification of teachers regarding the provision of instruction in respect of Nuu-chah-nulth language and culture;
  - b) aspects of child and family services provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation which laws would include standards comparable to provincial standards for the safety and well-being of children and families;
  - c) adoption of its Maa-nulth First Nation children, provided that its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws include provisions to ensure that the best interests of the child are paramount;
  - d) Nuu-chah-nulth culture, Nuu-chah-nulth language, and Nuu-chah-nulth cultural property but not intellectual property or official languages of Canada;
  - e) Maa-nulth First Nation citizenship, provided that its Maa-nulth First Nation Laws do not deal with Canadian citizenship, entry into Canada, or registration under the *Indian Act*;
  - f) regulation, administration, and expropriation of the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation;
  - g) Maa-nulth First Nation assets on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation;

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- h) zoning and land use planning of the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation, including the management and operation of businesses related to lands and resources, with standards consistent with Federal and Provincial Laws; and
  - i) management, operation, and financial administration of that Maa-nulth First Nation Government.
30. The Final Agreement will set out the relationship of laws in the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 29 and a Federal or Provincial Law.
31. In addition to the law-making authorities referred to in paragraph 29, each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will have law-making authorities to be set out in the Self-Government Agreement with respect to:
- a) aspects of preschool, elementary, and secondary education provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government that meet provincial standards for curriculum, examination, and other standards that allow for transfers of students between school systems at a similar level of achievement and permit admission of students to the provincial post-secondary systems;
  - b) aspects of child and family services provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation which laws would include standards comparable to provincial standards for the safety and well-being of children and families;
  - c) aspects of administration of justice provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government;
  - d) solemnization of marriage;
  - e) social services provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government;
  - f) income support provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government;
  - g) health services provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government;
  - h) post-secondary education provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation, that includes standards comparable to provincial standards, including the establishment of post-secondary institutions that have the ability to grant diplomas but not degrees;

- i) buildings, structures, and public works on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation;
  - j) emergency preparedness provided by Maa-nulth First Nations on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands;
  - k) fire protection provided by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government on the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation Lands;
  - l) traffic and transportation on Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation; and
  - m) regulation, control or prohibition of actions or activities on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation that constitute, or may constitute, a nuisance, a trespass, a danger to public health, or a threat to peace, order, and safety.
32. The Self-Government Agreement will set out the relationship of laws in the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 31 and a Federal or Provincial Law.
33. The placement of law-making authorities set out in paragraphs 29 and 31 that will be exercised by Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will be reviewed and amended if necessary prior to the Final Agreement. The Parties will place all negotiated authorities relating to lands and resources in the Final Agreement.
34. The Maa-nulth First Nation Governments' law-making authority will not include criminal law, criminal procedure, or Intellectual Property.
35. The Parties may negotiate Maa-nulth First Nation Governments' law-making authorities with respect to other matters as agreed to by the Parties in the Final Agreement.
36. For greater certainty, the authority of Maa-nulth First Nation Governments to make laws in respect of a subject matter, as set out in the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, will include the authority to make laws and to do other things as may be necessarily incidental to exercising its authority.
37. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws and do other things that may be necessary to enable the relevant Maa-nulth First Nation and Maa-nulth First Nation Government to exercise its rights, or to carry out its responsibilities, under the Final Agreement.

38. The Final Agreement will set out the relationship of laws in the event of a Conflict between a Maa-nulth First Nation Law made under paragraph 36 or 37 and a Federal or Provincial Law.





**CHAPTER 13 - MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT  
RELATIONSHIPS**

1. Either the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement will address the relationship that the Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will have with the Alberni-Clayoquot and Comox-Strathcona Regional Districts, including member municipalities of these Regional Districts within the Maa-nulth Area, on matters such as the delivery of and payment for services, coordination between the governments for common areas of responsibility, and representation of the Maa-nulth First Nation Governments and residents of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands on the Alberni-Clayoquot and Comox-Strathcona Regional Districts.



**CHAPTER 14 - *INDIAN ACT* TRANSITION**

1. The *Indian Act* will not apply to Maa-nulth First Nations, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments, and Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens except for:
  - a) determining registration as an Indian under the *Indian Act*;
  - b) the estates of Maa-nulth First Nations individuals, who die prior to the Effective Date, that are administered under the *Indian Act* as of the Effective Date; and
  - c) the estates of Maa-nulth First Nations children or other Maa-nulth First Nations individuals whose property is administered under the *Indian Act* as of the Effective Date.
2. The Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will set out transitional provisions in respect of the bylaws of each Maa-nulth Indian Band.
3. The Final Agreement will set out transitional provisions for the operation of each Maa-nulth First Nation Government from the Effective Date until the first elections are held in accordance with the Final Agreement and the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution.
4. On the Effective Date, all of the rights, titles, interests, assets, obligations, and liabilities of the following *Indian Act* Bands vest in the following Maa-nulth First Nations:
  - a) the Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’ First Nation vest in the Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’ Nation;
  - b) the Huu-ay-aht First Nation vest in the Huu-ay-aht First Nations;
  - c) the Toquaht Band vest in the Toquaht Nation;
  - d) the Uchucklesaht Band vest in the Uchucklesaht Tribe; and
  - e) the Ucluelet First Nation vest in the Ucluelet First Nation,

and those Indian Bands cease to exist.
5. The Final Agreement will set out how the rights, titles, interests, assets, obligations, and liabilities of the Maa-nulth First Nations will be addressed.

***Indian Act Section 87 Exemption***

6. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties agree to negotiate transitional tax measures to address the fact that section 87 of the *Indian Act* will no longer apply after the Effective Date.
7. These transitional tax measures will be negotiated in a way that provides a reasonably comparable effect to transitional tax measures in other land claim or self-government agreements-in-principle, or other land claim or self-government agreements negotiated with other aboriginal groups in British Columbia.

**CHAPTER 15 - CAPITAL TRANSFER AND NEGOTIATION LOAN  
REPAYMENT**

**Capital Transfer**

1. The Capital Transfer from Canada and British Columbia to Maa-nulth First Nations will be \$62.5 million distributed in the following way:
  - a) \$18.312 million to Huu-ay-aht First Nations;
  - b) \$15.519 million to Ka:'yu:'k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' Nation;
  - c) \$3.734 million to Toquaht Nation;
  - d) \$5.195 million to Uchucklesaht Tribe; and
  - e) \$19.740 million to Ucluelet First Nation,

and will be paid in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
  
2. A provisional schedule of payments will be negotiated prior to the initialling of the Final Agreement such that:
  - a) the timing and amounts of payments in the provisional schedule of payments will provide for a first payment to Maa-nulth First Nations on the Effective Date and subsequent payments on each anniversary of the Effective Date;
  - b) the net present value of the amounts listed in the provisional schedule of payments will equal the amounts set out in paragraph 1; and
  - c) the net present value of the amounts listed in the provisional schedule of payments will be calculated using as a discount rate the most recent and appropriate Consolidated Revenue Fund Lending Rate available prior to the initialling of the Final Agreement from the Department of Finance, Canada, less one eighth of one percent.
  
3. A final schedule of payments will be determined three months prior to or as soon as the Effective Date is known, whichever date is closest to the Effective Date, in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Final Amount} = \text{Provisional Amount} \times \left( \frac{\text{EffectiveDateFDDIPI}}{\text{1stQ2003FDDIPI}} \right)$$

Where,

“Final Amount” refers to each amount in the final schedule of payments;

“Provisional Amount” refers to the corresponding amount in the provisional schedule of payments;

“Effective Date FDDIPI” refers to the value of the Canada Final Domestic Demand Implicit Price Index (FDDIPI) for the quarter prior to the Effective Date;

“1st Q 2003 FDDIPI” refers to the value of the Canada FDDIPI for the 1st quarter of the year 2003;

the Effective Date FDDIPI and Xth Q 200X FDDIPI values used will be the latest published values available from Statistics Canada three months prior to or as soon as the Effective Date is known, whichever date is closest to the Effective Date.

4. British Columbia and, subject to paragraph 12, Canada will make payments to Maa-nulth First Nations in accordance with the final schedule of payments determined in accordance with paragraph 3.
5. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, if, prior to the Final Agreement, as a result of a Treaty Related Measure among the Parties, Canada acquires commercial fishing capacity on behalf of Maa-nulth First Nations under paragraph 84 of the Fisheries Chapter, the Capital Transfer amount in paragraph 1 will be reduced by the cost of any acquisition.
6. Canada and British Columbia will, on the Effective Date, pay to the Ucluelet First Nation a Capital Transfer of \$6.25 million. This amount will be adjusted in the same manner as set out in paragraph 3. This amount is in addition to the amount set out in paragraph 1. This Capital Transfer is in lieu of lands.

### **Revenue Sharing**

7. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on sharing with Maa-nulth First Nations of agreed-upon revenues originating in British Columbia and flowing to Canada or British Columbia.

**Negotiation Loan Repayment**

8. On the date of the initialling of the Final Agreement, Canada will determine the outstanding amount of negotiation loans:
  - a) made by Canada to the Maa-nulth First Nations, including any interest that may have accrued to that date, in accordance with First Nation Funding Agreements;
  - b) assumed by the Maa-nulth First Nations pursuant to assumption agreements between the Maa-nulth First Nations and Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, pertaining to loans made to Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council under the British Columbia treaty process, including any interest that may have accrued to that date;
  - c) assumed by the Maa-nulth First Nations pursuant to agreements between the Maa-nulth First Nations and Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council pertaining to loans made to Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for negotiations prior to the establishment of the British Columbia treaty process, including any interest that may have accrued to that date; and
  - d) made by Canada to Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council on behalf of or for the use of the Maa-nulth First Nations, including any interest that may have accrued to that date.
  
9. At the same time, Canada will prepare a provisional schedule for the repayment of the outstanding negotiation loan amount referred to in paragraph 8, such that the repayments will be proportional to the provisional schedule of payments referred to in paragraph 2.
  
10. This provisional schedule will use an interest rate equal to the discount rate referred to in subparagraph 2c).
  
11. A final schedule of loan repayment amounts will be determined approximately three months prior to, or as soon as the Effective Date is known, whichever date is the closest to the Effective Date, by:
  - a) determining the amount of any additional negotiation loans made by Canada to Maa-nulth First Nations after the initialling of the Final Agreement and prior to the Effective Date, and any further interest that may have accrued in respect of any negotiation loans, in accordance with First Nation Funding Agreements; and
  - b) prorating the additional amount in subparagraph 11a) over the provisional repayment schedule.

12. Canada may deduct any amounts due pursuant to the final schedule of loan repayments referred to in paragraph 11 from Capital Transfer payments payable to Maa-nulth First Nations in accordance with paragraph 4.
13. Maa-nulth First Nations may pay to Canada, in advance and on account, without bonus or penalty, amounts that will be credited against the loan repayment amounts set out in paragraph 11.



**CHAPTER 16 - FISCAL RELATIONS**

**Fiscal Agreements**

1. Every five years, or other periods as agreed, the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on Maa-nulth First Nations fiscal agreements which will set out how funding will be provided to Maa-nulth First Nations to support the provision of agreed-upon programs and services to Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens and, where applicable, non-Maa-nulth First Nations occupants of Maa-nulth First Nation Lands.
  
2. In negotiating Maa-nulth First Nations fiscal agreements in respect of the agreed-upon programs and services, the Parties will take into account the following:
  - a) the financial resources necessary to provide agreed-upon programs and services at a level reasonably comparable to the level of programs and services available in First Nation and non-First Nation communities of similar size and circumstances in southwest British Columbia;
  - b) existing levels of federal and provincial funding provided to Maa-nulth First Nations;
  - c) affordability in relation to prevailing federal, provincial, and Maa-nulth First Nations fiscal policies;
  - d) efficiency and effectiveness in providing agreed-upon programs and services;
  - e) Maa-nulth First Nations revenue capacity determined in accordance with this Chapter;
  - f) the costs of operating Maa-nulth First Nation Governments which may include adjustments to base funding such as price and volume considerations; and
  - g) any other matters set out in the Final Agreement.
  
3. In negotiating the first Maa-nulth First Nations fiscal agreement, the Parties will take into account the following:
  - a) the start-up costs of operating Maa-nulth First Nation Government; and

- b) the level and condition of agreed-upon physical community infrastructure assets and the management, maintenance, and replacement costs of those assets over time.
- 4. If the Parties do not reach a further fiscal agreement by the expiry date of a fiscal agreement, the fiscal agreement will continue in effect for two years from its original expiry date, or for any other period that the Parties may agree while they attempt to reach a further fiscal agreement.
  - 5. Setting out Maa-nulth First Nation Governments' authorities, including law-making authorities in the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, will not create or imply any financial obligations or service responsibility for any Party.
  - 6. In negotiating fiscal agreements, the Parties will consider procedures for:
    - a) the collection and exchange of information, including statistical information, to facilitate the implementation of the fiscal agreements;
    - b) dispute resolution in relation to the fiscal agreements;
    - c) the accountability of the Maa-nulth First Nation Governments to the funding governments; and
    - d) other procedures agreed to by the Parties.
  - 7. Any amounts required for the purposes of a fiscal agreement will be paid out of appropriations as may be made by the Parliament of Canada or the Legislature of British Columbia for those purposes.
  - 8. Unless the Parties otherwise agree, the Parties will initial the first fiscal agreement no later than the date at which the Final Agreement is initialed.
  - 9. Any Maa-nulth First Nations fiscal agreements will not be part of the Final Agreement, will not be a treaty or land claims agreement and will not recognize or affirm any rights.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Revenue**

- 10. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will contribute to the funding of its Maa-nulth First Nation Government from its own revenue sources and it is the shared objective of the Parties that this contribution will be enhanced over time.
- 11. The fiscal arrangements between the Parties should provide a reasonable incentive for Maa-nulth First Nations to raise revenues from their own sources.

12. Prior to initialling the Final Agreement, the Parties will negotiate for each revenue source the manner in which Maa-nulth First Nations revenue capacity or revenue will be used in determining the funding amount provided by Canada or British Columbia.
13. In calculating each Maa-nulth First Nation's revenue capacity, all of its Maa-nulth First Nation revenue sources will be included except for the following:
  - a) Capital Transfer payments under the Final Agreement;
  - b) any federal or provincial payments under fiscal agreements or other agreements for programs and services;
  - c) proceeds from the sale of its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands; and
  - d) any other matters set out in the Final Agreement.
14. The manner in which Maa-nulth First Nations revenue capacity will be used in determining the funding amount to be provided by Canada or British Columbia may be phased in over a number of years as negotiated and specified before the initialling of the Final Agreement.
15. Prior to the initialling of the Final Agreement, the Parties will address any issues concerning the need for a reasonable degree of competitive equity between Maa-nulth First Nation Governments' commercial activities and commercial activities elsewhere in British Columbia.

**Review**

16. The Parties acknowledge that Canada, British Columbia and First Nations representatives may agree upon other approaches to taxation or fiscal relations for general use in negotiations with First Nations in British Columbia. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will review the Taxation and Fiscal Relations Chapters to determine whether any of those approaches are appropriate for use in the Final Agreement or related agreements.
17. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will determine the placement of provisions of this Chapter in either the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement.



**CHAPTER 17 - TAXATION**

1. The Parties agree that prior to the Final Agreement, they will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on which taxation provisions in this Chapter should be included in the Final Agreement, and which should be included in the Self-Government Agreement or a Taxation Agreement.

**Maa-nulth First Nation Capital**

2. A transfer, or recognition of ownership, under the Final Agreement, of Maa-nulth First Nation Capital will not be taxable.
3. For purposes of the *Income Tax Act* and the *Income Tax Act (British Columbia)*, Maa-nulth First Nation Capital transferred to, or recognized as owned by, Maa-nulth First Nation Governments under the Final Agreement will be deemed to have been acquired by Maa-nulth First Nation Governments on the latest of the Effective Date, the date of transfer or the date of recognition, at a cost equal to its fair market value on that date.

**Maa-nulth First Nation Lands**

4. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government will not be subject to taxation of lands, or interest in lands, on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation on which there are no improvements or on which there is an improvement all or substantially all of which is used for a public purpose and not for a profitable purpose.

**Direct Taxation**

5. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may make laws in respect of direct taxation of the Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation on its Maa-nulth First Nation Lands in order to raise revenue for Maa-nulth First Nation purposes.
6. Maa-nulth First Nation Government powers provided for in paragraph 5 will not limit the powers of Canada or British Columbia to impose or levy tax or make laws in respect of taxation.

**Other Taxation and Tax Administration Agreements**

7. From time to time, Canada or British Columbia may enter into negotiations and attempt to reach an agreement with a Maa-nulth First Nation Government in relation to the following matters:
  - a) the extent to which that Maa-nulth First Nation Government may enact laws for the direct taxation of persons on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation and who are not Maa-nulth First Nation Citizens; and
  - b) the manner in which taxation by that Maa-nulth First Nation Government will be coordinated with existing federal and provincial tax systems.
  
8. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties may negotiate and attempt to reach agreement:
  - a) in respect of sales tax and income tax, the extent to which Canada will provide each Maa-nulth First Nation Government direct taxation authority over all persons on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation; and
  - b) the manner in which taxation by Maa-nulth First Nation Governments will be coordinated with the existing federal and provincial taxation systems.
  
9. British Columbia will agree not to impose real property tax after the Effective Date on all persons on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation in respect of their lands or interests in lands provided that, prior to the Final Agreement, British Columbia and that Maa-nulth First Nation Government negotiate and reach agreement on:
  - a) terms and conditions to provide Maa-nulth First Nation Governments with the authority to impose real property tax on all persons on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation;
  - b) arrangements to provide provincial services to all persons on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation; and
  - c) the definition and treatment of Maa-nulth First Nation revenue capacity associated with real property taxation.

**Taxation Agreement**

10. Prior to Final Agreement, the Parties will enter into a Taxation Agreement, which will take effect on the Effective Date. The Parties agree to address the following in taxation negotiations:
  - a) tax treatment of Maa-nulth First Nation Governments and their subsidiaries;
  - b) GST rebate;
  - c) British Columbia social service tax and motor fuel tax;
  - d) property transfer tax;
  - e) transfer of Maa-nulth First Nation Capital between a Maa-nulth First Nation, its Maa-nulth First Nation Government, and its subsidiaries;
  - f) gifts to Maa-nulth First Nations;
  - g) *Cultural Property Export and Import Act* (tax treatment respecting donations of cultural artifacts);
  - h) international treaties;
  - i) implementation (giving effect to the Taxation Agreement);
  - j) dispute resolution;
  - k) amendment;
  - l) Valuation Date; and
  - m) other items agreed to by the Parties which may include Maa-nulth First Nation Government exemptions or rebates.
  
11. Any Taxation Agreement is not intended to be a treaty or a land claims agreement, and is not intended to recognize or affirm aboriginal or treaty rights within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.
  
12. Canada and British Columbia will recommend to Parliament and the Legislature, respectively, that the provisions of the Taxation Agreement be given effect under federal legislation and provincial legislation.

13. The Parties acknowledge that Canada, British Columbia and representatives of aboriginal groups may agree upon other approaches to taxation or fiscal relations for general use in negotiations with First Nations in British Columbia. Prior to the Final Agreement, the Parties will review the Taxation and Fiscal Relations Chapters to determine whether any of those approaches are appropriate for use in the Final Agreement or related agreements.



**CHAPTER 18 - CULTURE AND HERITAGE**

**General**

1. The Parties recognize the integral role of Maa-nulth First Nation Artifacts in the continuation of Maa-nulth First Nations' culture, values, and traditions, whether those artifacts are held by a Maa-nulth First Nation, a Maa-nulth First Nation corporation, a Maa-nulth First Nation Citizen, Parks Canada, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, or the Royal British Columbia Museum.
2. The Final Agreement will set out provisions for the sharing of or transfer to Maa-nulth First Nations of Maa-nulth First Nation Artifacts, if any, in the permanent collection of the Canadian Museum of Civilization.
3. The Final Agreement will set out provisions for the transfer to Maa-nulth First Nations of certain Maa-nulth First Nation Artifacts, if any, in the permanent collection of Parks Canada.
4. The Final Agreement will set out provisions for the sharing of or transfer to Maa-nulth First Nations of Maa-nulth First Nation Artifacts, if any, in the permanent collection of the Royal British Columbia Museum.
5. At the request of a Maa-nulth First Nation, Canada or British Columbia, respectively, will make reasonable efforts to facilitate that Maa-nulth First Nation's access to Maa-nulth First Nation Artifacts, or heritage materials, in other collections.
6. Prior to the Final Agreement Maa-nulth First Nations will attempt to develop mechanisms to address issues related to Nuu-chah-nulth artifacts.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Ancient Human Remains**

7. Subject to Federal and Provincial Laws, any Maa-nulth First Nation ancient human remains removed from Heritage Sites will be returned to that Maa-nulth First Nation.

**Heritage Sites**

8. Each Maa-nulth First Nation Government may develop processes, comparable to British Columbia processes, to manage Heritage Sites on the Maa-nulth First Nation Lands of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation in order to preserve Maa-nulth First Nation and other heritage values associated with those sites from proposed lands and resource activities that may affect those sites.
9. British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on a list of key sites of cultural and historic significance outside Maa-nulth First Nation Lands to be protected through provincial heritage site designation or through other measures agreed to by British Columbia and Maa-nulth First Nations.

**Place Names**

10. Maa-nulth First Nations and British Columbia will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on a list of key geographic features, set out in the Final Agreement, to be named or renamed in the Nuu-chah-nulth language subject to provincial requirements.
11. After the Effective Date, Maa-nulth First Nations may propose that British Columbia name or rename other geographic features with names in the Nuu-chah-nulth language, and British Columbia will consider those proposals in accordance with Provincial Laws.
12. At the request of Maa-nulth First Nations, British Columbia will record names in the Nuu-chah-nulth language and historic background information submitted by Maa-nulth First Nations for inclusion in the British Columbia geographic names data base for the geographic features that are set out in the Final Agreement, in accordance with provincial policy and procedures.

**CHAPTER 19 - DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

1. The Final Agreement will set out a dispute resolution process for:
  - a) disputes over interpretation, application, implementation, and alleged breaches of the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement; and
  - b) other matters identified in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement.
2. The Parties share the following objectives to avoid disputes:
  - a) to cooperate and develop respectful working relationships; and
  - b) to identify and resolve issues early, efficiently, and in a non-adversarial way.
3. Unless otherwise provided for in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, any disputes that arise among the Parties will progress, until resolved, through the following stages of the dispute resolution process:
  - a) informal discussions among the Parties;
  - b) formal negotiations among the Parties;
  - c) mediation or another non-binding process; and
  - d) a binding decision-making process, either by arbitration where agreed to in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, or by court proceedings.
4. Unless otherwise provided for in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement, each Party will bear its own costs of participating in the dispute resolution process and the Parties will share common costs equally.



## CHAPTER 20 - ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLMENT

### Maa-nulth First Nations Eligibility Criteria

1. The Final Agreement will provide for separate eligibility for enrolment for each Maa-nulth First Nation. As regards each Maa-nulth First Nation, an individual will be eligible for enrolment under the Final Agreement if that individual:
  - a) is registered on the band list of the applicable Maa-nulth Indian Band as of the day before the Effective Date, provided that the eligibility for enrolment of an individual having no aboriginal ancestry but who is currently a member of such Maa-nulth Indian Band, having acquired membership prior to April 17, 1985 as a result of marriage to a member of such Maa-nulth Indian Band, will be addressed prior to the Final Agreement;
  - b) is of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation ancestry;
  - c) was adopted as a child under laws recognized in Canada or by Nuu-chah-nulth custom by an individual of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation who is eligible for enrolment; or
  - d) is a descendant of an individual of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation who is eligible for enrolment.

For greater certainty, an individual will only be eligible for enrolment once under the Final Agreement and as regards one Maa-nulth First Nation.

2. Notwithstanding subparagraph 1d), where an individual having no aboriginal ancestry became a member of a Maa-nulth Indian Band prior to April 17, 1985 because of marriage to a Maa-nulth Indian Band member, and that individual having no aboriginal ancestry subsequently has a child with another individual having no Maa-nulth First Nation ancestry, that child will not be entitled to be enrolled.
3. Enrolment under the Final Agreement will not:
  - a) confer or deny rights of entry into Canada, Canadian citizenship, the right to be registered as an Indian under the *Indian Act*, or any of the rights or benefits under the *Indian Act*; or

- b) except as set out in the Final Agreement, or in any Federal or Provincial Law, impose any obligation on Canada or British Columbia to provide rights or benefits.

**Other Land Claims Agreements**

- 4. An individual who is a member of an Indian Band that is a signatory to a treaty, or an individual who is enrolled under another treaty or land claims agreement in Canada, cannot be enrolled under the Final Agreement.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Committee**

- 5. The Maa-nulth First Nations will establish a Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Committee to be responsible for the Maa-nulth First Nations enrolment process as set out in the Final Agreement.
- 6. The Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Committee will:
  - a) consider and decide each enrolment application based on the eligibility criteria of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation;
  - b) maintain an enrolment register for each Maa-nulth First Nation;
  - c) amend the enrolment register of the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation to take into account decisions of the Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Appeal Board;
  - d) report on the enrolment process to the Parties; and
  - e) comply with other requirements as set out in the Final Agreement.

**Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Appeal Board**

- 7. The Parties will establish the Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Appeal Board with equal representation of each of the Parties to be responsible for the enrolment appeal process set out in the Final Agreement.
- 8. The Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Appeal Board will consider and decide appeals from decisions of the Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Committee.
- 9. Decisions of the Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Appeal Board are subject to judicial review in the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

**Costs**

10. Canada and British Columbia will provide an agreed amount of funding for the Maa-nulth First Nations Enrolment Committee and Enrolment Appeal Board.

**Transition**

11. The Final Agreement will set out the process for each Maa-nulth First Nation to assume responsibility for its enrolment process.





## CHAPTER 21 - IMPLEMENTATION

### General

1. The Parties will, prior to the initialling of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, conclude an implementation plan for the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement that will take effect on the Effective Date, and have a term of 10 years.

### Implementation Plan

2. The implementation plan for the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will:
  - a) identify the obligations in the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement, the activities to be undertaken to fulfill these obligations, the responsible Party or Parties and when the activities will be completed;
  - b) specify how the implementation plan may be amended;
  - c) specify how the implementation plan may be renewed or extended; and
  - d) address other matters agreed to by the Parties.
  
3. The implementation plan for the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will not:
  - a) form part of the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement;
  - b) be a treaty or land claims agreement;
  - c) recognize or affirm aboriginal or treaty rights, within the meaning of sections 25 or 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;
  - d) create legal obligations;
  - e) alter any rights or obligations set out in the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement;
  - f) preclude any Party from asserting that rights or obligations exist under the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement even though they are not referred to in the implementation plan for the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement; and

- g) be used to interpret the Final Agreement or the Self-Government Agreement.

**Implementation Working Group**

- 4. The Parties agree to establish a tripartite implementation working group during Final Agreement negotiations which will:
  - a) be responsible for the development of an implementation plan prior to the initialling of the Final Agreement; and
  - b) be responsible for the development of a list of activities that the Parties must complete by the Effective Date.

**Implementation Committee**

- 5. On the Effective Date, the Parties will establish a tripartite implementation committee.
- 6. The implementation committee will have a term of 10 years which may be renewed or extended upon agreement by the Parties.
- 7. The Parties will each appoint one representative to the implementation committee.
- 8. The implementation committee will:
  - a) establish its own procedures and operating guidelines;
  - b) develop a communications strategy in respect of the implementation and content of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement;
  - c) provide a forum for the Parties to discuss the implementation of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement;
  - d) provide for the preparation of annual reports on the implementation of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement; and
  - e) prior to the expiry of the implementation plan, advise the Parties on the further implementation of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement and recommend whether the implementation plan may be renewed or extended.

**CHAPTER 22 - APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT-IN-PRINCIPLE**

1. This Agreement will be submitted to the Parties for approval after it has been initialed by the Chief Negotiators for Canada and British Columbia and the Maa-nulth First Nations.
2. Each Maa-nulth First Nation will have approved this Agreement when it is signed by the Chief Negotiator of each Maa-nulth First Nation after a community approval process.
3. Canada will have approved this Agreement when it is signed by a Minister authorized to do so by the federal Cabinet.
4. British Columbia will have approved this Agreement when it is signed by a Minister authorized to do so by the provincial Cabinet.
5. This Agreement is not legally binding.



## CHAPTER 23 - RATIFICATION OF THE FINAL AGREEMENT

### General

1. The Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will both be legally binding once ratified by all of the Parties in accordance with the Ratification Chapters of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement respectively.
2. The Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement will be submitted to the Parties for ratification as set out in the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement after they have been initialed by Chief Negotiators for Canada and British Columbia and the Maa-nulth First Nations.

### Ratification by Maa-nulth First Nations

3. The Parties will establish a Ratification Committee, with equal representation of each of the Parties, to be responsible for the Maa-nulth First Nations ratification process, including preparing a list of eligible voters, as set out in the Final Agreement.
4. An eligible voter will be a person who:
  - a) is enrolled under the Eligibility and Enrolment Chapter;
  - b) is not enrolled in any other land claims agreement; and
  - c) meets any other criterion set out in the Final Agreement.
5. The Final Agreement will set out the minimum age for an eligible voter on the day of voting.
6. Ratification of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement by each Maa-nulth First Nation requires:
  - a) that its Maa-nulth First Nation voters have a reasonable opportunity to review the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement;
  - b) a vote, by way of a secret ballot;
  - c) that a majority of eligible voters of that Maa-nulth First Nation vote in favour of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement;

- d) ratification of its Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution through the process set out in the Final Agreement; and
  - e) the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement be signed by the authorized representative of its Maa-nulth First Nation.
7. Notwithstanding paragraph 6, the Final Agreement will address the role in the ratification of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement of each Maa-nulth First Nation.

**Ratification by Canada**

8. Ratification of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement by Canada requires:
- a) that the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement be signed by a Minister authorized by the federal Cabinet; and
  - b) the coming into force of federal legislation giving effect to the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement.

**Ratification by British Columbia**

9. Ratification of the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement by British Columbia requires:
- a) that the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement be signed by a Minister authorized to do so; and
  - b) the coming into force of provincial legislation giving effect to the Final Agreement and the Self-Government Agreement.

**Ratification of the Maa-nulth First Nation Constitutions**

10. Ratification of a Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution by the applicable Maa-nulth First Nation requires:
- a) that the voters of that Maa-nulth First Nation have a reasonable opportunity to review their Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution;
  - b) a vote, by way of a secret ballot; and
  - c) that a majority of the eligible voters in that Maa-nulth First Nation vote in favour of adopting their Maa-nulth First Nation Constitution.