



SUMAS FIRST NATION NEWS

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- Birthday wishes to Melvin Pennier
- Birthday wishes to April Schwartz



- Office Closure for Good Friday April 19, 2019
- Office Closure for Easter Stat April 22, 2019

Thank you to Amber Ned! SFN'S TUOS Research Assistant who coordinated:
 Bad Rock (Upriver) Bus Tour from Chilliwack to Yale through the Stó:lō Territory. SFN Elders, Community Members and Staff Listened to historian Sonny McHalsie as he narrated the Halq'eméylem placenames.

Stops of interest along the way include Thunderbird Mountain, Kawkawa Lake, Coquihalla River, a pithouse in Hope, and Bad Rock in Yale, BC, while learning over 100 placenames.



If you think or know you have witnessed a crime, or are observing behavior that appears suspicious or against the law, first make sure you and your loved ones are safe. Then report the crime to the police. Your safety is your first priority.

You may want to ask someone else to report the crime while you continue to watch what is happening. To report a crime is taking place or is about to happen, call the police emergency line by dialing 911 as soon as you can.



2019 ABORIGINAL ROLE MODEL HONOURING CEREMONY & HALQ'EMÉYLEM GATHERING

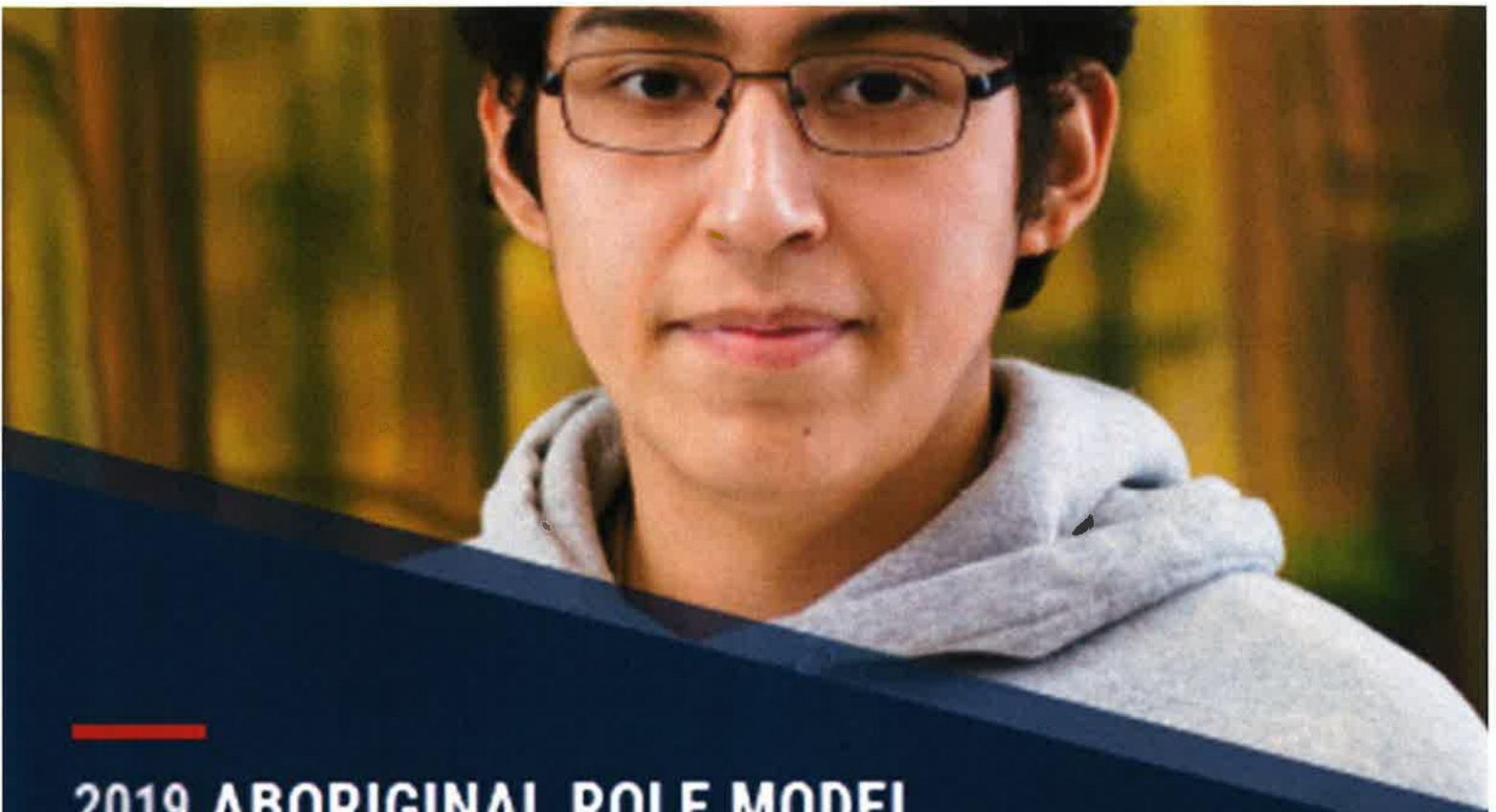
May 3, 2019 | 10:00am
 Sumas First Nation Longhouse
 2788 Sumas Mountain Road
 Abbotsford BC

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT
 THE COMMUNITY ABORIGINAL CENTRE
 ABORIGINAL@ABBYSCHOOLS.CA OR 604.859.1224

Welcome to the Busy Bear Club Preschool!

Registration for the September 2019/2020 school year is now open!

- We are a play-based program with an excellent staff
- We have spaces available for the 3-year-old class and the 4-year-old class
- Our 4-year-old class runs 3-5 days a week Monday to Friday or Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- The 3-year-old class runs Tuesdays and Thursdays
- We provide morning (9:30am-12:00pm) and afternoon classes(1:00pm-3:00pm)
- Please pick up a registration form at the preschool or you can email us at geshia.flores@sumasfirstnation or call us at (604)852-1260 if you have any further questions.



2019 ABORIGINAL ROLE MODEL

Aiden Silver | Yale Secondary

My name is Aiden Garner-Silver and I am a grade 12 from Yale Secondary. I am from The Sumas First Nation, The Sto:lo Nation. As I grew up in a close community, I had some aspects of the culture. I am learning Halq'emeytem. I was in the N'wax'wax'wax music video 'A Warrior's Dream'. I took part in a Canoe Journey and did traditional dancing in front of a grad class. I have plans to head to UFV and take the Aboriginal Culture and Language Support diploma, to be a cultural support teacher and join the district. The culture is coming back, try to incorporate the culture and language to teach everyone around you how beautiful it truly is.



Aboriginal
Education

The Abbotsford School District invites you to

ABORIGINAL ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT

We invite you to share your ideas on how to best support the achievement and development of Aboriginal students as part of the consultation for the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement

Monday, April 8 2019, 6:00 pm
Community Dinner for families from Sumas First Nation. 2788 Sumas Mountain Road



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Education

For more info, please contact
Darlene.MacDonald@abbyschools.ca,
604 859 1224



The background of the poster is a vibrant blue color, decorated with various Easter-themed illustrations. These include several colorful Easter eggs in shades of yellow, orange, and white, some with patterns like stripes or polka dots. There are also white rabbits, some in profile and some facing forward, scattered throughout. Small white and yellow flowers, along with orange and yellow dandelion-like seed heads, are also present. The overall aesthetic is bright and festive.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Pancakes • Bacon • Sausage

**April 22,
2019
10:30 AM**

SFN Hall

Pictures with the Easter Bunny!



Ladies Group

Wednesday April 17, 2019

SFN Health Building

12:00-2:00pm

*Come on down ladies to enjoy a meal
and some great conversation!*



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April Workout Nights

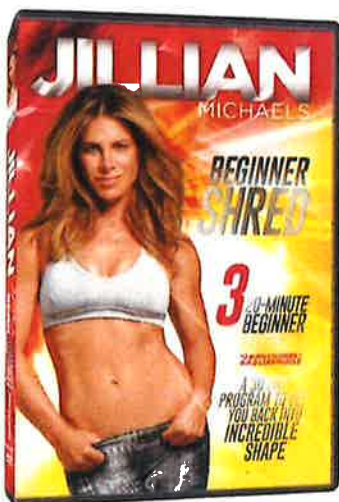
Dates: April 1, 8, 15 & 29

Where: SFN Hall

Time: 8:00-8:45PM

What to bring :

- Water
- Towel
- Yoga Mat
- Two—2/3lbs Weights



Join us in following along to the Jillian Michaels Beginner Shred Video!

Benefits of Regular Exercise:

- 1) Exercising regularly can improve your mood and reduce feelings of anxiety and depression
- 2) Exercise is crucial to supporting a fast metabolism and burning more calories per day. It also helps you maintain your muscle mass and weight loss
- 3) Physical activity helps you build muscles and strong bones. It may also help prevent osteoporosis
- 4) Engaging in regular physical activity can increase your energy levels.
- 5) Moderate exercise can provide antioxidant protection and promote blood flow, which can protect your skin and delay signs of aging
- 6) Regular exercise improves blood flow to the brain and helps brain health and memory. Among older adults, it can help protect mental function
- 7) Regular physical activity, regardless of whether it is aerobic or a combination of aerobic and resistance training, can help you sleep better and feel more energized during the day

April 2019

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If you have any questions please contact Patricia at patricia.ned@sumasfirstnation.com

SEMA:TH XO:TSA DEVELOPMENT CORP.

is a progressive organization looking to fill the position of:

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

The role of the Executive Assistant to Sema:th Xo:tsta Development Corp. (SXDLP) is to ensure the delivery of executive administrative support services in the SXDLP offices. This position is responsive for assisting the Director in day-to-day activities and provides administrative support to the Board of Directors. Preference will be given to Aboriginal applicants. Please self-identify on your cover letter or resume

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Schedules meetings and ensures that meeting facilities are appropriate including the provision of audio-visual materials, refreshments and snacks,
- Makes travel arrangements, prepares travel and expense reports in accordance with company policy, and performs any other administrative support for members of the Board and the Director as requested,
- Records minutes of meetings as directed by the Director and ensures the safekeeping of minutes
- Establish and maintain social media sites including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and any other social media format used for SXDL business purposes
- Plan, design and produce events while managing all project delivery elements within time limits
- Ensures all SXDL required forms are up to date and available online,
- Responsible for filing and maintaining reports to federal and provincial agencies
- Other related duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Certification in Office Management is an asset
- Experience in office procedures, records management and document processing Minimum 2 years of working experience in office administration.
- Proven ability to maintain confidentiality of documents, records and information.
- Experience in working with First Nations and in a corporate setting.
- Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with peers, managers, Board members, contractors, suppliers and SFN staff and members.
- High level of competency in computer software including MS Outlook, Word and Excel.
- Effective verbal, written and presentation communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and self-manage.

Salary Range: To commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Attention: Human Resources

Email: human.resources@sumasfirstnation.com

We appreciate all applicants, however, only those candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.



SUMAS FIRST NATION

is a progressive organization looking to fill the position of:

ACCOUNTING & PAYROLL ADMINISTRATOR

The role of the Accounting & Payroll Administrator is to perform Financial duties including bank reconciliations, on line bill payments, accounts receivable, month end adjustments and other accounting duties. The position also administers the payroll and benefits plans. Preference will be given to Aboriginal applicants. Please self-identify on your cover letter or resume

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Monitors bank account and performs bank statement reconciliations
- Maintains Accounts Receivable
- Does all month end journal entries and adjustments, maintains inventory and prepaids
- Processes EFT payments and records payments
- Performs general ledger coding and data entry
- Updates and reconciles applicable sub-ledger to the general ledger
- Compiles payroll information including time sheets and ensures accuracy and completeness of information
- Ensures tax remittances are made correctly and within required time frames
- Maintains payroll and benefit records
- Performs year- end payroll procedures and produces T4 slips
- Processes enrolments, terminations and changes and keeps benefits records maintained

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Diploma in Accounting or Finance
- Certified Payroll Administrator Level 1
- A minimum of 2 years prior accounting/bookkeeping experience
- Knowledge of the Canada Labour Code, CRA, EI and CPP
- Strong computer skills including MS office and working knowledge of computerized accounting software (Simply Accounting and Accpac)
- Records management and document processing skills
- Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to maintain confidentiality of payroll and HR related information
- Attention to detail and accuracy, even as priorities change and urgencies arise

Salary Range: To commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Type of Position: Permanent Full-time with competitive benefit package, subject to a 3 month probationary period

To view a complete job description, visit our website at www.sumasfirstnation.com/employment

Applications will be accepted until April 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Attention: Human Resources

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SUMAS FIRST NATION

is a progressive organization looking to fill the position of:

LANDS & RESOURCES MANAGER

The Lands and Resource Manager oversees the day to day activities of the Lands and Resource Department. The position is responsible for the implementation and administration of the Semá:th *Land Code* and Laws, and develops, administers and enforces laws and policies related to land and resource management. We are looking for candidates who are focused on outcomes, excellent problem solvers and strong communicators. Preference will be given to Aboriginal applicants. Please self-identify on your cover letter or resume.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Manages and administers the Semá:th Lands Office, including the development of annual budgets and work plans, policies and procedures, the supervision of Lands office staff and the administration of the Semá:th Lands Advisory Committee (LAC);
- Provide expert and strategic advice on all matters pertaining to SFN Lands & Resources;
- Implements, reviews and updates key planning process and documents, e.g. Land-Use Plan, Environmental Management Plan, Comprehensive Community Plan, Emergency Management Plan;
- Assists in Strategic planning, in collaboration with other SFN departments.
- Ensures compliance with Semá:th Law & Policy for all land and resource-related activities and transactions;
- Develop, negotiate and process land lease agreements, sub-leases, permits, rights of way, additions to reserve proposals, allotments, transfers and other legal documentation pertaining to Semá:th lands;
- Develop and implement information and records management systems for the Lands & Resources Office;
- Training, mentoring and capacity building for Lands Department staff.

Qualifications and Experience:

- Bachelors and/or Master's Degree in Planning, Land/Resource Management, Law or a related field is preferred;
- Five to ten years' experience in First Nations Lands Governance under the Framework Agreement is strongly preferred;
- Experience working with First Nation communities, leadership and committees in matters related to Lands and resource management, environmental and cultural heritage protection is an asset;
- Experience conducting high-level communication with financial institutions, funding agencies and all levels of government is required;
- High level of competency using computer software including Microsoft Office or equivalent;
- Excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills;
- Experience working with confidential information and the ability to be professional in stressful circumstances;
- Solution oriented thinker who is capable of working independently and as part of a team;
- A valid Class 5 BC Driver's License.

To view a complete job description, visit our website at www.sumasfirstnation.com/employment
Please submit a resume and cover letter clearly indicating how you meet all of the qualifications and experience.

Applications will be accepted until April 26, 2019 at 4:00 pm:

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February 12, 2019

Rebecca Reid - Regional Director General and
Canada's Chair of the Pacific Salmon Commission
DFO Pacific Region
Suite 200 - 401 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 3S4

Dear Ms. Reid,

Re: Negotiation of Chapter 4 of the Pacific Salmon Treaty: Fraser Sockeye and Pink Salmon

I write to you on behalf of our leadership and members regarding outstanding concerns with the Pacific Salmon Commissions' Mission Hydroacoustic operations in our territory, and general concerns with the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) negotiations. I understand that the two countries are in the middle of renegotiating Chapter 4 relevant to Fraser Sockeye and Pink Salmon. Canada, the United States of America and Pacific Salmon Commission have not formally consulted our community regarding the Mission Hydroacoustic site, which we deem an infringement on our right to an unimpeded fishery and access to fish under section 35.1 of the Canadian Constitution.

Canada, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans(DFO) and Pacific Salmon Commission have imposed boundaries 500 meters above and below the Hydroacoustic site. This prohibits our members ability to conduct an effective drift net fishery and has eliminated set nets in this area. Our people have fished in our territories since time immemorial evidenced by village sites and practices along the Fraser River in this region. **Canada has not accommodated or compensated Sumas First Nation for the Hydroacoustic site infringement and Nation to Nation, Government to Government engagement must occur to resolve this matter as soon as possible. Sumas First Nation will not recognize the imposed Mission Hydroacoustic site boundaries in 2019 and beyond as it compromises our aboriginal right to the fish and fishery.**

It is imperative that Sumas First Nation maximize access to their Food, Social and Ceremonial (FSC) fisheries, including the ability to practice the fishery regularly and honoring of our salmon through traditional ceremony. Declines in all salmon stocks during the last few decades due to mismanagement, over harvesting, climate change and habitat degradation has resulted in Sumas First Nation members not meeting their FSC needs. Through the guidance and laws of the Creator, our leadership is obligated to protect and conserve salmon for future generations while providing access opportunity for our members to local and passing salmon in our territories.

Recent cycles for Sockeye limit our members FSC access three out of every four years and lately Pink Salmon returns have declined. Sockeye abundance for Economic Opportunities (Commercial) is now an

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option only one out of every four years (i.e. 2010, 2014, 2018) and our people rely on this to subsidize their income to support their families. We must now wait until 2022 for the next Economic Opportunity and maintain hope that the Sockeye return in abundance. **In the next three years we expect to incur Sockeye FSC 'deficits' and neither government, Canada or USA, or the Pacific Salmon Commission has articulated how they will address this issue through the Pacific Salmon Treaty and Chapter 4 negotiations. Our people are also concerned that Canada and DFO are not investing enough science and stock assessment resourcing into management of Pink Salmon relevant to the PST.**

In 2017, Sumas First Nation published our Declaration and invited government representatives of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, the DFO and State of Washington. We have a historical linkage to the Nooksack Tribe as our traditional territory extends south into the State of Washington and an American town also called Sumas. Our Declaration revitalizes our people's commitment and responsibility to govern and manage resources within S'ólh Téméxw, our territory. **As Chief of Sumas First Nation, I invite Canada, United States of America and the Pacific Salmon Commission to acknowledge and respect our Declaration, including partnership and support of its full implementation. It is time for Canada and DFO to fully implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and ensure Sumas' aboriginal rights and title related to Fraser River Salmon and fisheries are incorporated into International treaties like the Pacific Salmon Treaty.** This would be a major step toward Reconciliation.

In 1924, the Province of British Columbia and local jurisdiction drained Sumas Lake to increase the agricultural land base for European settlers. The Lake was approximately 35,000 acres in size and spanned the Fraser Valley between Vedder and Sumas Mountains. Our people relied heavily on Sumas Lake for sustenance because it was home to all species of salmon, sturgeon, water fowl, wild game and was a travel route to the Fraser River. The Lake was central and enabled our people to share and trade resources with the Sto:lo, Nooksack and other Tribes. Draining of the lake was an historic catastrophic event that destroyed critical habitat and resources, and the livelihood of Sumas people.

The remnant of Sumas Lake is now Sumas River which remains a tributary of the Fraser River. Chilliwack Sockeye, Chum, Chinook, Pink, Coho, Steelhead and Sturgeon are still present but nothing near historic abundance. Today Sumas First Nation requires access to Chilliwack Sockeye in the Sumas River in years of abundance but DFOs implementation of Sockeye aggregate management of the four stock groupings relevant to the PST Annex 4 Chapter 4 has not supported this opportunity, but instead inhibits our access. **Through the Sumas Declaration we plan to implement fisheries on Chilliwack Sockeye, and other salmon species, and Canada and DFO will have to adjust their domestic management regime and Chapter 4 treaty obligations with the USA accordingly.** Our leadership welcomes further engagement and discussion to explore resource management, capacity building, stock assessment and restoration to habitat and spawning areas in the Fraser .

The Pacific Salmon Treaty is not a document that I reference frequently nor is it a process that remains familiar to leadership when engagement and consultation only occurs every ten years during PST re-negotiations. **Canada and DFO must resource consultation engagements with our leadership and people annually to ensure we are apprised of challenges or opportunities with the Pacific Salmon**

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Treaty. These sessions would build the capacity of First Nation leadership and lead to more productive contributions to the ten-year PST negotiations.

In terms of Canada's composition at the Pacific Salmon Commission, Fraser Panel and Technical Committees, I recommend Canada increase First Nation participation levels to at least 50% and over time that the formal appointments be transitioned to the full authority of BC and Yukon First Nation leadership. Furthermore, the decision-making procedures of the Canadian Panel Caucus must recognize and implement the authority of First Nations for the management of these resources. This would be consistent with the articles and principles of UNDRIP and Canada's commitment to Indigenous people.

At your earliest convenience, I am prepared to meet with representatives of Canada, DFO and the Pacific Salmon Commission to begin the discussions on reconciling the Mission Hydroacoustic site issue and recommendations to Chapter 4 and the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

Sincerely,



Chief Dalton Silver - Lemxyaltexw

Cc Sumas First Nation membership
Lower Fraser First Nations
First Nation Caucus Members, PSC
PSC Commissioners
Jordan Point – First Nation Fisheries Council
Angela Bate – Fraser River Interior Management, DFO
Fraser Panel members
FN Leadership Council
AFN – National Chief Perry Belegarde
AFN National Fisheries Committee



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February 28, 2019

Rebecca Reid - Regional Director General and
Canada's Chair of the Pacific Salmon Commission
DFO Pacific Region
Suite 200 - 401 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 3S4

Via E mail

Dear Ms. Reid,

Re: 2019 Fraser River Chinook Conservation Measures

I write to you with major concerns with your Departments inability to sufficiently and effectively meet the test of consultation. A letter was sent by Jeff Grout on February 5, 2019 describing some of the Chinook technical considerations and management actions proposed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) with a dead line of March 1, 2019.

There has been limited to no engagement with Sumas First Nation and Lower Fraser First Nations with exception to a forty-five-minute presentation by Lower Fraser Area staff at the Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance (LFFA) Forum on February 21, 2019. I was unavailable due to other commitments, but I understand Lower Fraser Area DFO staff could not respond to many of the questions that leadership and technicians asked at that time, and more importantly before the March 1st deadline. On the same day, your Department scheduled a province wide WebEx to discuss Chinook conservation concerns, proposed management objectives and potential fishery scenarios but due to the schedule conflict there was no ability for Sumas and Lower Fraser First Nations to participate.

I understand there was a request for Jeff Grout to host a WebEx for the Lower Fraser in advance of March 1, 2019 but there has been no commitment from DFO and that has not occurred. The Departments attempt at "joint consultation" has failed from my perspective as you did not provide the necessary information and technical assistance to Sumas First Nation. As a result, our community does not have all the relevant Chinook information or data to respond to your letter effectively. DFO must commit to hosting these vitally important Chinook information sessions in the Lower Fraser and with Sumas First Nation leadership, ideally in person. You must take the time to provide technical assistance and information to the extent that our leadership has a full understanding of the Departments perspective and position on conservation concerns, proposed management objectives and fishery scenarios.

In 2012, you authored a letter that implemented a 45% reduction in Chinook exploitation. The Southern BC Chinook Strategic Partnership Initiative has been active for approximately seven or eight years

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without any formal management actions that protect Chinook. The Chinook Five Year Plan was supposed to be concluded within a year to be responsive to Early timed Chinook exploitation and major decline in abundance. It appears that that process will live up to its title and take five or more years to conclude. In 2018, you attempted to implement a further 25-35% reduction in Chinook exploitation. These measures have not been reviewed to assess the effectiveness of these management actions.

We acknowledge DFOs attempt at compiling vital information and data but through all these initiatives DFO still has not defined, scientifically or technically, how your management actions have protected Chinook for conservation purposes and what reductions and exploitation rates are applicable to First Nations, and the Recreational and Commercial sectors. As a result, DFO can not articulate how our Section 35.1 and access to these fish and the practice of the fishery is being protected, including our priority access after conservation.

DFOs precautionary management approach for Early timed Chinook would suggest that the Department should have closed all Recreational and Commercial access to these fish in the marine waters decades ago. Instead many marine Chinook fisheries remain open until closed. Through implementation of your management actions and Integrated Fisheries Management Plans you have compromised our priority access and right to food, social and ceremonial fish and fisheries for decades, and it is our position that our community has already sacrificed and committed to conservation during this period while Stakeholder fisheries were maintained by DFO and the Minister of Fisheries. DFO is considering possible adjustments to early season Recreational fisheries beginning in April 2019 but these adjustments should have been considered in January 2019 as the Early Timed Chinook will have been present and intercepted in the Marine waters.

For several years now, Sumas First Nation has supported LFFAs IFMP recommendations to implement further management actions in the Marine Waters to conserve Chinook Summer 4-1s understanding that this stock has become an important 'substitute' for our Chinook 4-2 and 5-2 FSC deficits. DFO and the Minister appear to have ignored LFFAs IFMP recommendations and is now asking Sumas and other First Nations to forego further FSC and priority for the Chinook Summer 4-1 stock. I participate annually at LFFA Forums to prepare IFMP recommendations and ensure Sumas First Nation's interests are included. I am disappointed that DFO and the Minister does not respect the good work of LFFA, the Lower Fraser First Nations who participate, their recommendations and the amount of resources and time invested in that process.

Based on Scenario A and B DFO is asking our members to share Chinook 4-2s, 5-2s and Summer 4-1s with the Recreational and Commercial sectors and that is both unacceptable and disgraceful when our needs are not being met. Our members cannot forego any further decrease in Chinook fisheries. At a minimum DFO and the Minister must maintain the Chinook fisheries our people have endured the last few years. This has included two small bite fisheries in both April and May and similar fisheries in June and July subject to Early Stuart and Early Summer sockeye migration and abundance. Our recent Chinook fisheries are measured in hours (18 hour set net, 6-hour drift net) as opposed to Recreational

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fisheries in the marine waters that are proposed to be open January 1, 2019 onward. It is unjust that DFO and the Minister is even contemplating a Stakeholder fishery that affords months of opportunity and maximum participation while Sumas First Nation opportunities will be for unplanned events (deaths only) or measured in hours for FSC purposes. Scenario A or B are not reasonable options and you must eliminate all Stakeholder interception of Fraser Chinook in the Marine fisheries that have any impacts on our ability to meet our Chinook FSC needs. If the Minister chooses to allow targeted Chinook marine fisheries this should include mandatory reporting of every Chinook retained or released. Compliance, enforcement and penalties must be increased to deter non-compliance in these fisheries.

Early timed Chinook have been targeted for our First Salmon Ceremonies and Chinook are the preferred salmon for our food. Nothing compares to these fish as a valuable source of protein and healthy dietary product. Our ceremonies are no longer considered "First Salmon" but rather Salmon Ceremonies as we are now targeting Chinook stocks that migrate later than the fish we historically targeted in March.

For the purpose of your proposed 2019 management actions, DFO must clearly articulate how Chinook conservation will be accommodated. Sumas First Nation then requires that you quantify Chinook exploitation rates, technically and scientifically, in a way that prioritizes Sumas First Nation members' right to the Chinook before any of these fish are caught by the Recreational or Commercial sectors, in retention or non-retention fisheries, in the Marine waters and Fraser River. DFO currently defines and imposes three Chinook salmon for our First Salmon Ceremonies or a death in our community so one Chinook interception or mortality by the sectors will compromise our members priority access. Further, we require DFO to apply the same accounting measures to any US fisheries that intercept Fraser bound Chinook through Canada's Pacific Salmon Treaty. It is anticipated that Canada's commitments to the US compromise our fish, fisheries and rights to Chinook. Sumas First Nation requires a timely DFO response to enable our leadership to respond effectively to your proposed 2019 Chinook management actions.

It is not necessary to recite case law at this time. You and the Honorable Minister Wilkinson are well versed in cases related to fisheries and it is time for you to respect and implement Canadian laws that reflect Chinook conservation and Aboriginal priority. Our elders and people have recognized this as a crisis for decades now and maintaining connection to Chinook is vital to our identity as People of the River. We have taken the time to engage with Nations in the BC Interior to understand and respect their concerns. We have witnessed the sadness, anger and disappointment of their leaders and technicians regarding the management/mismanagement of the Chinook. Our respective views relative to Chinook conservation and harvest may differ slightly but we always arrive at the same conclusion and that is the Stakeholders in the Province of BC have enjoyed priority access through DFOs implementation of IFMP and management actions in recent decades, and that First Nations and our people have borne the brunt of Chinook conservation.

Sumas First Nation advised all levels of government of our inherent laws through our Declaration in September 2017. The Minister of Fisheries and DFO were invited to participate in traditional ceremony conducted in our longhouse but you chose not to participate or had other commitments. Through our

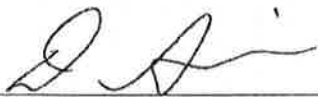
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laws we are planning for 2019 Chinook fisheries that have been described above. I have provided the necessary options for you to accommodate Chinook conservation and our planned fisheries and trust that you and Minister Wilkinson will incorporate this during your Chinook review processes.

Through the Sema:th Declaration and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People it is incumbent upon you to engage our leadership and members on resource management considerations. Sumas First Nation must be part of the process leading to decisions WITH Government and not subject to imposed decisions by DFO after the fact. This crisis necessitates Government to Government engagement. I am prepared to meet with you directly and asap to discuss Fraser Chinook before you or the Minister contemplate any final decisions on Chinook conservation and management measures. Please advise of your availability.

Sincerely,



Lemxvaltew - Chief Dalton Silver

Cc Sumas First Nation membership
Lower Fraser First Nations
Fraser River and Marine First Nations
Jordan Point – First Nation Fisheries Council
Honourably Minister Wilkinson – Fisheries Minister, DFO
Terri Bonnet – Fraser River Interior Management, DFO
Jeff Grout - Regional Resource Manager, Salmon, DFO
Andy Thomson – Regional Director, Fisheries Management, DFO
FN Leadership Council
AFN – National Fisheries Committee
AFN – National Chief Perry Belegarde
AFN National Fisheries Committee

Att: Sema:th Declaration
Sema:th Lands and Governance Policy

Wills and Estates Workshop

Sumas First Nations Members 19+ Years

**If you are interested in writing a will, please
contact Josie Kelly at the office**

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Date to be announced