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President's Message

Our government has been busy in the last few weeks moving key initiatives forward.

The elected members of the Nation, the Wilp Si'ayukhl Nisga'a (WSN), ratified an Own Source Revenue (OSR) Amendment Agreement which will considerably reduce the potential OSR attributable to Nisga'a. OSR reduces the amount of the transfer payments we receive from Canada and BC. So entering this agreement will ensure we retain more funding for our people. Without this agreement, we would have been compelled to either dispute this matter under our Treaty or even possibly litigate this issue in court. So this agreement provides us with a certain outcome, and saves us the costs of litigation. Wherever possible, our preferred approach is negotiation to ensure we obtain what we need as a people, and once again, the benefits of this approach have been borne out by this OSR Agreement. We have what is probably the best OSR agreement negotiated by any aboriginal group in Canada. We will continue to address this issue going forward.

WSN has also approved and adopted the Nisga'a Lisims Government Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2016. I'd like to commend our Chief Financial Officer, the Secretary-Treasurer and the Finance Committee for carrying out their responsibilities under our Nisga'a Financial Administration Act. Once again we have demonstrated our accountability and transparency to our people by achieving the highest possible accountability for the funds NLG administers on their behalf. Like all our annual audits, the 2015/16 audit will be available on our website.

In general, Nisga'a citizens have been pleased with the administration of property taxation on Nisga'a Lands. By far, a majority of our Nisga'a citizens have been paying their property taxes. However, some have been very late. So WSN also enacted laws respecting late payment property taxes to provide additional enforcement mechanisms. We of course prefer to avoid taking such measures, but to be fair to all, everyone liable for property tax must address this issue and must do their fair share.

Some of this delay may be due to lack of information of all the available exemptions to which Nisga'a citizens are entitled. They may be unaware that they can apply for taxes – do your people know there is a low income grant. . . Public education is key for us. There are disability grants. It's up to us to educate our communities. We need our people to explain these things to our citizens. NLG is not going to tax our people indiscriminately. We have ensured that the exemptions that should be in place given the economic realities of our people.

We have also had the media present in our legislature. We are open and accountable. Our guiding philosophy embodied by the



Ayuukhl Nisga'a are the values of dignity and respect. Ours is a unique model of democracy which provides a broad forum to our legislature so our elected members can speak frankly on behalf of their constituents. We hope that the media will be responsible and appreciate this environment and respect its unique characteristics in their reporting, but we shall see.

Respecting our health, as a reminder we will have a health survey for the Nisga'a Nation.

Our legislature has already given direction that we carry out this work to continue to improve our health care. In September the Executive is going to make a decision. This is what sets us apart from many other aboriginal peoples in Canada – we are no longer under the Indian Act.

In 2014, Nisga'a Nation received its last settlement payment under the Treaty. As it presently stands, we may receive our last identified federal transfer from Canada for capital assets under our FFA in 2035. As we've said for years now, we as a Nation must begin planning specifically on the allocation of our revenues how much our taxes will be earmarked for specific purposes.

In respect of continued future funding to our communities, we will never have enough under our fiscal funding agreement (FFA); the only way we will have enough is to provide for ourselves through the establishment of our economy. We will need to consider the needs of all our communities.

In our meetings with the Government, we've been working with Canada on our legislation respecting the environment. We hope that this will take place during the summer.

We have our right of self-government, and we will decide what is in the best interest of our people. It's your decisions that strengthen our mandate.

Our Special Assembly Summary which summarizes the question posed and answers given to our members at Special Assembly has been presented to our Executive and members of the WSN, and will be made available on our website. Some hardcopies will be available at your Village Government and Urban Local Offices.

I want to applaud the work of all the elected representatives. You have given a lot of direction, and that work is constantly being carried out.

In closing, I wish you all a happy and restful summer.

NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NISGA'A LAW

Notice of Nomination Meeting Locations In Nisga'a Villages & Nisga'a Urban Locals For The 2016 Regular Election of Nisga'a Government

August 3, 2016

Take note nomination meetings for the 2016 regular election of Nisga'a Government will be held at the following locations on the dates, times and locations as follows:

Nisga'a Village of Gitlaxt'aamiks

Gitmidiik Auditorium
4628 Morven St. Gitlaxt'aamiks BC
Wednesday, September 14, 2016
6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Nisga'a Village of Gitwinksihlkw

Gitwinksihlkw Village Government Office
3004 Ts'oohl Ts'ap Avenue
Thursday, September 15, 2016
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap

Laxgalts'ap Community Center
441 Church Street
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Nisga'a Village of Gingolx

Gingolx Memorial Recreation Centre
801 Front St.
Monday, September 12, 2016
6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Prince Rupert/Port Edward Nisga'a Urban Local Area

Prince Rupert Nisga'a Hall
860 3rd Avenue West, Prince Rupert BC
Wednesday, August 31, 2016
6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Terrace Nisga'a Urban Local Area

Terrace Nisga'a Urban Local Office
101-4441 Lakelse Avenue, Terrace BC
Monday, August 29, 2016
6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Vancouver Nisga'a Urban Local Area

Nisga'a Urban Local Office Boardroom
3983 Dumfries St., Vancouver BC
Thursday, August 25, 2016
6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

- **Nominees for** all elected offices must be Nisga'a citizens and at least 18 years of age
- **Nominees for** Chief Councillor and Councillors must reside in the Nisga'a village for which they are nominated to represent
- **Nominees for** Nisga'a Urban Local Representative must reside in the Nisga'a urban local area for which they are nominated to represent
- **Nominees for** offices of President, Chairperson, Secretary-Treasurer and Chairperson of the Council of Elders must reside in a Nisga'a village or provide proof of a plan to relocate to a Nisga'a village should they be elected.
- At the above nomination meeting, a Nisga'a citizen listed on the Nisga'a Voters List as not ordinarily residing in any voting area may nominate or second the nomination of a person for any of the elected offices of President, Chairperson, Secretary-Treasurer and Chairperson of the Council of Elders.
- **Nominators and seconders must provide to the Nisga'a Elections Officer the required nomination forms.**
- **Nominees must provide to the Nisga'a Elections Officer:**
 1. The required acceptance forms
 2. A current criminal records check
 3. A photograph
 4. Payment of the nomination deposit of \$100 cash, money order or a certified cheque payable to the Nisga'a Nation; and
 5. Written certification from the Nisga'a Lisims Government Chief Financial Officer that the name of the person nominated was not included on the register of prescribed debts as of the date of nomination.

For more information please contact:

Esther Adams

Nisga'a Elections Officer

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Notice in accordance with Nisga'a Law

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION 2016

In accordance with the Nisga'a Elections Act, the general voting day for the next regular election of the Nisga'a Government will be

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2016

The following elected offices will be filled in this regular election:

Officers of Nisga'a Lisims Government

- President
- Chairperson
- Secretary-Treasurer
- Chairperson for the Council of Elders

Nisga'a Village Government of Gitlaxt'aamiks

- Chief Councillor
- Village Councillors - Seven (7) to be elected

Nisga'a Village Government of Gitwinksihlkw

- Chief Councillor
- Village Councillors - Five (5) to be elected

Nisga'a Village Government of Laxgalts'ap

- Chief Councillor
- Village Councillors - Six (6) to be elected

Nisga'a Village Government of Gingolx

- Chief Councillor
- Village Councillors - Five (5) to be elected

Terrace Nisga'a Urban Local

- Nisga'a Urban Local Representatives- Two (2) to be elected

Prince Rupert/Port Edward Nisga'a Urban Local

- Nisga'a Urban Local Representatives- Two (2) to be elected

Vancouver Nisga'a Urban Local

- Nisga'a Urban Local Representatives- Two (2) to be elected

The regular election will take place in the following voting areas:

Nisga'a Villages of:

- Gitlaxt'aamiks
- Gitwinksihlkw
- Laxgalts'ap
- Gingolx

Nisga'a Urban Locals

- Prince Rupert/Port Edward
- Terrace
- Vancouver

The regular election will take place in the following additional voting location:

- City of Prince George

For more information contact:

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Dated: August 3, 2016

A Successful Benefit Performance by the Majagaleehl Nisga'a Concert Band



On July 31, 2016, the Majagaleehl Nisga'a Concert Band hosted a benefit performance at the George Little Park for the Terrace Riverboat Day's weekend. The Nisga'a Concert Band is on their third benefit deciding it's time to give back to the community once again. A light lunch was provided to all the supporters. Majagaleehl Nisga'a raised \$11,077.25 that will go towards programs & services to benefit the homeless within the city of Terrace.

Their Facebook page called; "Community Connections" indicates "We are a marching and concert band who would like to give back to the surrounding communities." The concert band performs for many events and this particular performance was done out of the kindness of their hearts. They put forth extra effort to benefit those most in need in the City of Terrace.

Terrace Municipal Councillor Brian Downie said; "We take pride in our relationships with the surrounding communities in the Northwest, including the Nass Valley." "We certainly appreciate the Majagaleehl Nisga'a Band who is there to share their music and culture for a good cause," he added.

The Majagaleehl Nisga'a would like to thank the individuals

and the various organizations who came forward to support the benefit with financial contributions and donations that amounted to total of \$11,077.25. T'ooyaksim' N'isim!

Nisga'a Lisims Government

Kitsum Kalum Band Council

River Boat Days Planning Committee

Safeway (food donation)

City of Terrace (provided tax receipts)

Kitsum Kalum Health Centre

Northern Savings Credit Union

Laxgalts'ap Village Government (transport bus)

Kermode Friendship Society



3rd Annual Nisga'a Youth River Rafting Expedition



On July 28, 2016, the 3rd Annual Nisga'a Youth River Rafting Expedition ventured off starting at Gitlaxt'aamiks and will be rafting the Nass River to Laxgalts'ap. The trip began with stories of the Nass River told by Sim'oogit Hleek, Dr Joseph Gosnell. As the youth sat and listened, they were presented a map that landmarked historic Nisga'a names preserved by the Elders. "Each one of these places have a story behind it" said Sim'oogit Hleek. He shared a few of those stories, what to watch out for along the way, and mystically, what to listen for. Sim'oogit Hleek saved more language, culture, and traditions for the evening of their overnight camp at Gwinaha, a Nisga'a Fisheries post. Other activities during the adventure include; a cultural night, leadership team building activities, cultural wellness, and health workshops.

Awaiting their arrival in Laxgalts'ap will be the venture group's family, friends, Elders, and NLG staff where they will have a celebration of accomplishment dinner and the youth will take the opportunity to share on their experience with the land, water, and the knowledge they gained from traveling the path our Nisga'a ancestors once travelled.

The expedition was sponsored and assisted by Nisga'a Lisims Government, Programs & Services staff, the Youth Organizing Youth Coordinator, Skeena Watershed, Nisga'a Fisheries, and most importantly, the brave Nisga'a Youth participants. Si'aamhl wilsim' (Continue to do well).

Nisga'a well-represented at the Terrace Riverboat Days Parade 2016



Photo Credit to Kirby Guno



Photo Credit to Tanya Clayton



Photo Credit to Denise Verreault



Photo Credit to Anne Moore



Photo Credit to Anne Moore



Photo Credit to Bonita Young-Mercer



Photo Credit to Stephanie Azak

On Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Terrace Riverboat Days Parade 2016 the Nisga'a Lisims Government and Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife float entry placed 1st in the Non-Commercial Category.

We would like to thank the NLG and Nisga'a Fisheries staff volunteers for their hard work and efforts to prepare and decorate the parade float. Also another thank you extended to the Nisga'a Museum Staff for distributing 'Nisga'a Swag' along the parade route!

Majagaleelhi Nisga'a Concert Band also placed 1st in the Band Category! Si'aamhl Wilsim'!

NLG-Terrace Office and Gitlaxdax Terrace Dancers also had an amazing float and cultural concept that was very unique. Good job!

Congratulations on a job well done!

Ksim Nisga'a Enters National 'Miss Canada Teen Globe' Pageant

For 15 years old Shaina Stephens is an incredibly poised, confident and well-spoken Ksim Nisga'a – making her an ideal candidate to represent her family, her home community of Laxgalts'ap and the Nisga'a Nation in Miss Teen Canada Globe 2016!

Shaina also likes to take initiative, taking it upon herself with the support of her family to make application to Miss Canada Globe Productions – a non-profit organization based in Toronto for what Shaina explains is to promote confidence in young women.

As part of her pageantry, Shaina will promote the awareness of cultural appropriation. What is cultural appropriation? While there are varying definitions, to Shaina it is the exploitation of a culture by dominant society. In the context of Indigenous culture in North America, Shaina views the stereotypical "Indian" costumes as false portrayal of the diversity within Indigenous society and endeavors to see such costumes removed from store shelves in Canada.

As we reported in the summer of 2015, Shaina was the lone female with 4 male counterparts that participated in the Nisga'a Museum's intense six week 'Expanding Traditions' art mentorship project where she was mentored by Museum Staff and Senior Nisga'a Carvers Calvin McNeil and Gerald Robinson. Shaina selected the "Woman with Labret" mask from the Ancestor's Collection to study and replicate. Shaina's impressive finished product remains on display at the Nisga'a Museum.

Indeed Shaina is incredibly proud of her Nisga'a culture and can also be seen sitting attentively in the feast hall, or vividly cultural dancing and singing at Hoobiye and other cultural functions. "My regalia



is not a costume and I want to raise awareness of that" proclaimed Shaina.

The August pageant will also include public participation via online voting in People's Choice awards, so since receiving confirmation that she's been accepted in to the Miss Canada Teen Globe, Shaina hit the ground running promoting her candidacy in various

events such as the annual Salmon Fest cultural dance celebration hosted by Gitmaxmak'ay in Prince Rupert on May 27 and the Seafest parade also in Prince Rupert on June 11. You'll also see her at the Aboriginal Day festivities in Gitlaxt'aamiks on June 17 and in the River Boat Days parade in Terrace in July.

In addition to promotional events, Shaina and her family have also been fundraising to meet her financial goals for her to participate in the pageant. Shaina's hosted fundraising events such as food sales and raffles to work toward her goals.

Shaina will travel to Toronto, Ontario for participation in the pageant from August 3 – 14, 2016. In addition to pageant participation, Shaina will also undergo pageant and media training, as her candidacy will also include public appearances in Toronto such as sports games and amusement parks.

Shaina is Ksim Laxgibuu from Wilps Duuk' and is from the Nisga'a Village of Laxgalts'ap. Her parents are Marsha Moore and Trinity Stephens. Her grandparents are Shirley Moore and (late) Steve Moore, Sr., and Earl and Janet Stephens.

Si'aamhl wilin and best wishes in your journey to Miss Canada Teen Globe, Shaina!



Nisga'a Lisims Government

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PUBLIC NOTICE

To: Citizens of the **NISGA'A NATION**
From: Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife Department
Date: July 6, 2016

The Nisga'a Fisheries and Wildlife Department (NFWD) has been monitoring salmon returns to the Nass River with a combination of catch monitoring in each village, and fish wheel catches in Gitwinksihlkw and Grease Harbour. To date, an estimated 30 percent of the Sockeye run has now passed by the fish wheels at Gitwinksihlkw, giving biologists the information necessary to produce in-season run size estimates.

Unfortunately, the outlook for Sockeye Salmon returning to the Nass River in 2016 looks poor when compared to historical averages. The first in-season estimate projects a **Total Return to Canada (TRTC) of 220,000 Sockeye, down from a pre-season estimate of 574,000** fish. This may be the result of poor environmental conditions affecting survival of the returning fish. The water levels in 2016 are some of the lowest on record for this time of year and water temperatures are higher than normal. In 2015, similar conditions caused widespread losses of returning salmon in many systems throughout BC and Washington State. In addition, warm ocean conditions may also be affecting the survival of migrating Sockeye. The return of Chinook Salmon to date has been near average, while it is too early to estimate run sizes for Pink, Chum, and Coho.

The NFWD program carefully tracks the runs each year to ensure adequate numbers of salmon reach their spawning grounds (escapement). Using the projected TRTC of 220,000 Sockeye, there are no surplus Sockeye available for commercial or individual sale fisheries (IS). **The NFWD regrets to announce that we must postpone any Nass River sale fisheries until further notice, in support of reaching escapement and domestic fishery goals. DFO has also announced the closure of any commercial Sockeye fisheries in Area 3.** The NFWD will provide further updates as the season progresses.

Sincerely,

Harry Nyce Sr.
Director of Fisheries and Wildlife

2016 August Nass River Stock Assessment

As of at August 1, 2016

The total harvest summary of Nass salmon and steelhead to date in all of the Nisga'a harvest fisheries is as follows:

NISGA'A TOTAL HARVEST SUMMARY	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-EVE	CHUM	STEEL
MARINE SALE FISHERY TOTAL	2,188	66	3	419	284	CLOSED
IN-RIVER SALE FISHERY TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	CLOSED
INDIVIDUAL SALE (IS) FISHERY TOTAL	2,188	66	3	419	284	CLOSED
NLG COMMUNAL SELECTIVE TREATY FISHERY - GH FISHWHEELS	0	0	0	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
NLG COMMUNAL SELECTIVE TREATY FISHERY - SEINE	0	0	0	0	CLOSED	CLOSED
DOMESTIC (FSC) GILLNET FISHERY - WK END: JULY 23	26,312	4,864	71	3,099	503	139
SUB TOTAL (NLG TREATY FISHERIES)	28,500	4,930	74	3,518	787	139
NLG SOCK DEMONSTRATION FISHERY HARVEST - DFO INVENTORY	0	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
NLG SOCK DEMONSTRATION FISHERY HARVEST - NNFC LICENCES	0	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
GRAND TOTAL	28,500	4,930	74	3,518	787	139

The table summary below shows the pre-season Nisga'a catch potential of treaty entitlement estimates for Nass salmon.

PRE-SEASON TRTC & ENTITLEMENT FORECASTS	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-EVE	CHUM
HISTORICAL MEAN TRTC (1994-2015)	590,000	32,000	200,000	490,000	45,000
PRE-SEASON TRTC FORECAST	574,000	24,000	197,000	297,000	19,000
PRE-SEASON NISGA'A ENTITLEMENT	101,055	5,040	15,760	12,315	No surplus
CUM NISGA'A UNDERAGE (+)/OVERAGE (-): 2000-15	10,000	7,000	9,000	3,000	3,000
TOTAL PRE-SEASON NISGA'A CATCH POTENTIAL	111,000	12,000	25,000	15,000	3,000

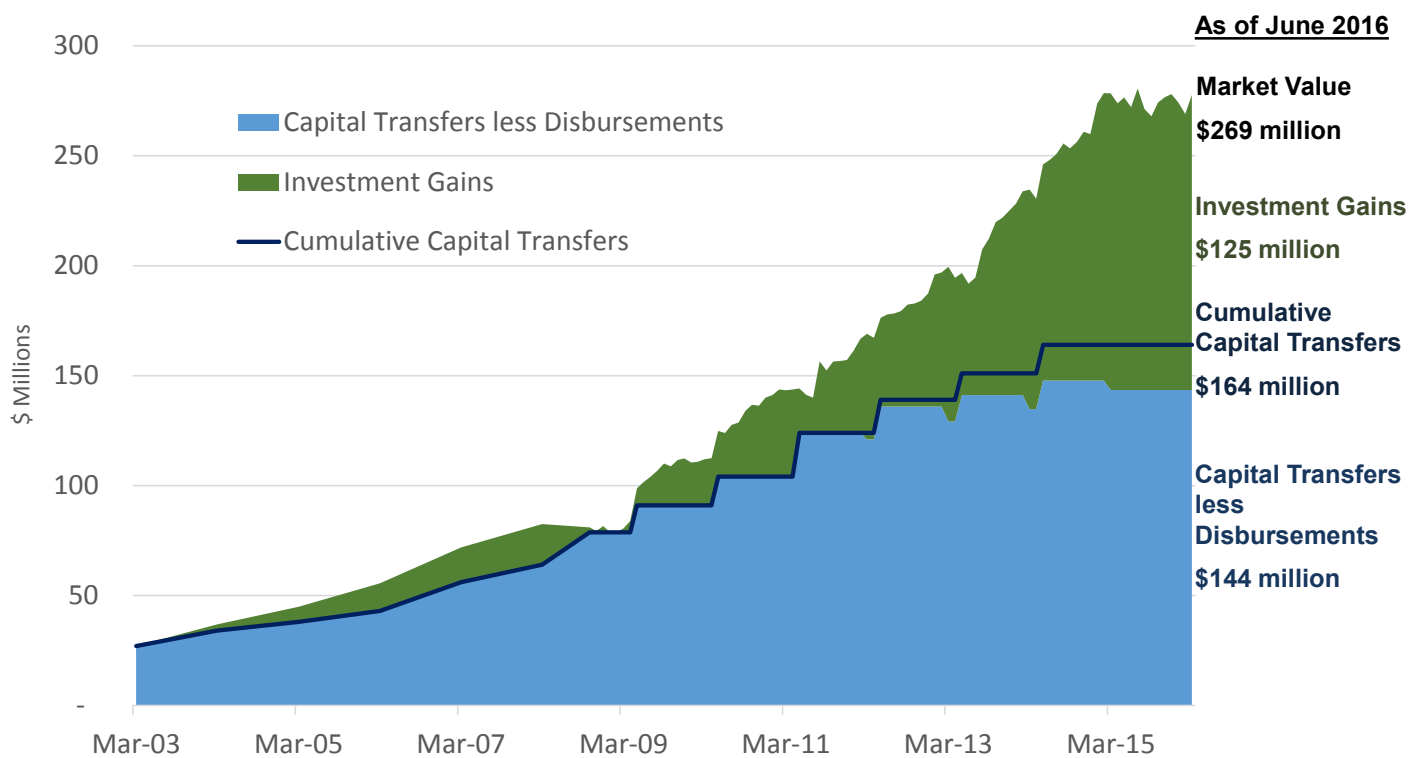
The current tracking of in-season TRTC and Nisga'a entitlement estimates for Nass salmon to JULY 31 as shown above are based on mean run timing to date (Sockeye 76%, Chinook 94%, Coho 5%, Pink 4%, Chum 8%) with standard deviation range estimates from 1994 to 2015 returns.

IN-SEASON TRTC & ENTITLEMENT ESTIMATES	SOCK	CHIN	COHO	PINK-EVE	CHUM
PROJECTED TRTC BASED ON MEAN RUN % & MR EST.	245,000	22,000	Pre-season	436,000	47,000
IN-SEASON COMMERCIAL TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (CCTAC) ESTIMATES	7,000	2,000	Pre-season	177,000	-
ESTIMATED %TRTC TO DATE: MEAN RUN TIMING	76%	94%	5%	4%	8%
Lower (-2 S.D.)	200,000	21,000	Pre-season	Too early	Too early
Upper (+2 S.D.)	303,000	25,000	Pre-season	Too early	Too early
IN-SEASON NISGA'A ENTITLEMENT TARGET	28,000	4,700		34,000	3,700
IN-SEASON UNDERAGE (+)/OVERAGE (-)	10,000	2,400		3,000	small return
TOTAL IN-SEASON NISGA'A TREATY CATCH POTENTIAL	38,000	7,100	25,000	37,000	3,700
MINIMUM ENTITLEMENT FORECAST	21,000	4,400	Pre-season	Too early	Too early
MAXIMUM ENTITLEMENT FORECAST	41,000	5,300	Pre-season	Too early	Too early
NLG DEMONSTRATION ALLOCATION - DFO INVENTORY LICENSES (7.5% CCTAC)	602	NA	NA	NA	NA
NLG DEMONSTRATION ALLOCATION - NNFC LICENSES (9.5% GN CCTAC)	500	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL IN-SEASON NISGA'A CATCH POTENTIAL - ALL FISHERIES	39,000	7,100	25,000	37,000	3,700

To review the full assessment please go to this link on the Nisga'a Nation website:
<http://www.nisgaanation.ca/stock-assessments>



Nisga'a Settlement Trust Growth from March 2003 to June 2016



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Swearing-in of Alvin Nelson



On July 27, 2016 at day 1 of the Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, Mr. Alvin Nelson, Sim'oogidim Xsgaak of Gingolx, BC was sworn-in as an Alternate Member of the Council of Elders.

Alvin took an Oath of Office to serve as an Alternate Member for the term ending December 2017 for the Council of Elders.

Congratulations Simo'oogim Xsgaak!

Youth Conference hosted by Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government

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Photo Credits to Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government



The Youth Conference 2016 took place from July 11-15, 2016 in Gitlaxt'aamiks, BC and was hosted by the Gitlaxt'aamiks Village Government. Hats off to a job well done!

The conference included: life guard training at Lava Lake, leadership workshops, canoe races, tubing, BBQ at Lava Lake, Right to Play Wrap Up with Brendan McCardle and a Dance Party Finale. Presentator Mike Davis addressed the Nisga'a Youth. Classic Rock CFNR was live on location to promote the Youth Conference.

All participants were eligible to enter a draw for a concert package to the Drake concert in Vancouver, congratulations to the Youth that was the lucky winner!

The Nisga'a Lisims Government recognizes the importance of engaging Nisga'a Youth in positive activities that assist in a positive life style. Si'aamhl wilsim'!

Korean Church Group 'Love Corps' makes 10th Annual visit to Nass Valley



A Korean Church Group called 'Love Corps' makes their 10th Annual visit to the Nass Valley to provide activities to the Nisga'a Youth at the Holy Trinity Church in Gitlaxt'aamiks.

The Love Corps have been actively engaged with the Youth from July 22-28, 2016 and provided activities such as: bible study, arts and crafts, song and dance, some snacks and Youth Mentoring. The Love Corps consists of Pastor Kevin, Alex, Moon, Jennifer, Chanha, Ray and Kate.

T'ooyaksim' N'isim' Love Corps! (Thank you)

We are seeking two candidates from the Nisga'a Nation
to identify Nisga'a Citizens interested in:

MINING AS A CAREER

New Miner Program – Training Selection

Process

- Form Selection committee
- Review potential candidates
- Conduct Interview and selection process
- Aptitude testing
- Final candidate selection
- Candidate to complete medical, drug testing

Pre-requisites:

- Driving skills and and/or operate heavy equipment
- Willing to learn
- Be on time for training sessions
- Enthusiasm and participation during the training course
- Able to effectively read and write

Once the trainees have been selected, they will begin with classroom and practical training. The training sessions consists of **3 Weeks in the classroom**, and **3 Weeks Practical Skills**, for a total of 6 Weeks.

Please Note: Applications are only being accepted by Nest

- Please submit most current cover letter and resume
- Copy of Nisga'a Citizenship Card – very important
- Fax number: 250.633.2247
- Email address: nest@niscgaa.net

For more information or if you have any questions

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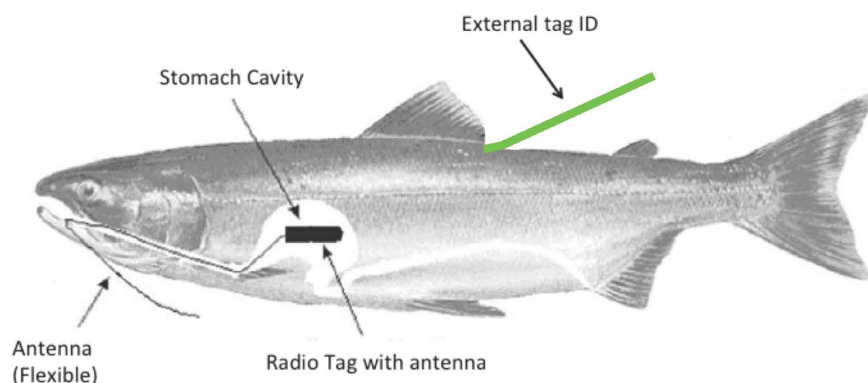




2016 UBC/Carleton Tag Recovery Program

in collaboration with Nisga'a Fisheries

If you catch a Sockeye in the Nass River, please check to see if the fish is tagged as follows:



Questions?
Please contact:

Katrina Cook
(604) 816-6511
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Andrea Reid
(514) 894-2639
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Nass Sockeye are being studied using location transmitters that are inserted into the stomach cavity. Tagged fish can be identified by an external fluorescent green floy tag located behind the dorsal fin and an antenna protruding from the mouth.

If you capture and retain a tagged fish or recover a carcass with a transmitter, please remove the tag and drop off with Nisga'a Fisheries (New Aiyansh), or contact the office at (250) 633-2617 with the following information: location, date, time, and tag ID as written on the external tag.

Be sure to leave contact information for reward receipt purposes!

By participating in the 2016 UBC/Carleton Tag Recovery Program we will be offering rewards to each individual returning a tag!





Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a

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As the summer is reaching into its last month, here is an update to what will be taking place at the Nisga'a Museum for the month of August 2016.

The temporary exhibitions for this year are closely coming to an end, we highly recommend you come in for a visit to the Gallery & Gift shop.

If you're a new or returning guest to the Nisga'a Museum, there is always something new to see & learn about.

Admission is: Free to Senior (65+) & Nisga'a Citizens

\$8.00-Adult

\$5.00-Child

Summer 2016 exhibitions:

Along the River Bend: Celebrating 25 Years of the Fisheries Management Program

and

Adventures with Lithics, Plumb Bombs and Trowels Abound: An Archaeological Exploration of the Nass Valley

Please keep an eye out for updates on social media & website for events, activities & recent hours.

Monday-Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Thursday-Sunday 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

For Fall/Winter we are looking at having Public Programming with Hlgu Ayee-Peter McKay as well as Megan Oleson facilitating the Nass Valley Wild Medicine Classes. Reminder *Seat is confirmed with payment & completed registration as seats are limited.

<div style="text-align: center;">  AUGUST 2016 <small>Hil Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a</small> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Plant Walk 6-8 pm	5	6 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm
7 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm	8	9 Restoration (Canoe	10 With Project)	11 Natural Oils 1-4 pm	12	13 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm
14 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm	15	16	17 Highway of Tears Showing 6pm	18 Plant Walk 6-8 pm	19	20 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm
21 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm	22	23	24	25	26	27 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm
28 Crafty Creations 1-4 pm	29	30	31			

Each of the Nisga'a Museum Family Programming are free for families to attend.

Please feel free to contact the Nisga'a Museum Coordinator @250.633.3050 ext 2011 for more information regarding public, school & family programming.

Have you heard about the NM selfie station contest???, if you visit the Nisga'a Museum throughout the summer, post your photo to our FB page or tag @nisgaamuseum, you will be entered into our draw at the end of the season.

Thank you very much I hope you all are enjoying your summer as much as we all are at the Nisga'a Museum.

Jolene Sampare, Museum Coordinator

Stephanie Halapija, Curator



Employment Opportunity

SOCIAL WORKER TEAM LEAD (CHILD PROTECTION)

About the Opportunity

Currently, Nisga'a Lisims Government has an exciting new position for a Social Worker Team Lead (Child Protection) to join the group in Gitlaxt'aamiks (also known as New Aiyansh) in beautiful British Columbia.

Reporting to the Director of Practice, your main responsibility will be to plan, develop, manage, coordinate and evaluate the delivery of services within the context of a C-6 Child Protection team. You will also ensure clinical support is effectively provided as you oversee staff training and development.

More specifically, on regular basis you will have the following responsibilities:

- Provide direction, leadership and support to staff for professional and integrated service delivery;
- Supervise staff in the assessment and investigation of allegations of abuse or neglect of children and youth;

- Assist with all aspects of risk assessment for C6 delegation;
- Supervise staff in resource and guardianship functions for C3 and C4 delegations, and assign caseloads to staff while ensuring compliance with AOPSI standards;
- Within legislative requirements, develop procedures and systems to direct the delivery of service within established budgets, and monitor and evaluate standards of practice for effectiveness, efficiency and economy;
- Liaise with external agencies and Nisga'a partners to ensure integration and coordination of overall services to clients where appropriate; and
- Conduct speaking engagements and liaise with other agencies to establish relationships with community partners, provincial, and federal and non-governmental agencies to enhance the delivery of services and promote public awareness of NCFS.

For more information about this exciting opportunity and to apply, visit the following link: <http://jobs.applyfirst.ca/jobs/79682-social-worker-team-lead-child-protection>

NLG June 2016 Executive Resolution

Resolution 2016/56/June 29, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into the Nisga'a Nation Own Source Revenue Agreement Amendment Agreement #2 with Canada and British Columbia in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Amending Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Nisga'a Finance Committee has reviewed and approved the Amending Agreement;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive endorse the Amending Agreement and recommend its ratification to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

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NLG July 2016 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2016/61/July 25, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT

the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") has reviewed a project application submitted by the Executive Director of Nisga'a Lisims Government to Coast Opportunity Funds on July 8, 2016 entitled "Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs (development) project" attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Coast Opportunity Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs project");

the total project cost of the Coast Opportunity Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs project is \$120,000, of which total project cost Nisga'a Lisims Government is applying to Coast Opportunity Funds for is \$100,000;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the Coast Opportunity Hlgu Isgwit Hot Springs project application



Resolution 2016/63/July 25, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT:

the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") by resolution 2015/31 appointed Mr. Farley Stewart as the representative of the Nisga'a Nation to the Tribal Resources Investment Corporation Board of Directors (the "TRICORP Board") for a term of three years;

the Executive has been informed that Mr. Stewart has resigned from the TRICORP Board effective June 13, 2016;

MOVED THAT the Executive appoint Mr. Art Mercer to serve as a representative from the Nisga'a Nation on the TRICORP Board for a term ending March 31, 2018.



Resolution 2016/64/July 25, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT:

under the Hospital District Act of British Columbia the North West Regional Hospital District (the "NWRHD") provides funding, on a voluntary basis, for the establishment, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, enlargement and maintenance of hospitals and hospital facilities within its region;

as a result of the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Coordination Agreement and related amendments to the Hospital District Act, the boundaries of Nisga'a Lands are now included in, and designated as a member of the NWRHD;

the NWRHD and the Nisga'a Nation have drafted a Memorandum of Understanding, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "MOU"), which sets out, among other things, the process by which the Nisga'a Nation may seek funding from the NWRHD for certain health infrastructure projects on Nisga'a Lands and reporting obligations for such funding; and

the MOU is in the interests of the Nisga'a Nation;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation:

1. approve; and
2. authorize and direct the President or Chief Executive Officer to execute,

the MOU, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" or with such modifications as may be determined to be appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Executive Director and legal counsel.



NLG July 2016 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2016/65/July 25, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx has requested the issuance of licence of occupation issued under section 17(1)(b) of the Nisga'a Land Act to extract gravel resources under Gingolx Village Lands for the development of a commercial quarry;

MOVED THAT under section 6(2)(d) of the Nisga'a Land Act, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive grant to the Nisga'a Village of Gingolx, as represented by the Gingolx Village Government, a licence of occupation in the form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

1. the Director of Lands and Resources, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to the chief administrative officer of the Gingolx Village Government, for execution and return, a licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A"; and
2. upon the execution by an authorized representative of the Gingolx Village Government and return to the Director of the licence of occupation delivered under paragraph (1), the Director be authorized to date and execute the licence of occupation on behalf of the Executive.

Resolution 2016/66/July 25, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Ltd., by its general partner, Prince Rupert Gas Transmission Limited Partnership, ("PRGT") has requested the issuance of licence of occupation issued under section 17 of the Nisga'a Land Act to conduct geotechnical assessments on Nisga'a Lands attached at the locations identified in the legal description schedule of the attached licence of occupation;

MOVED THAT under section 6(2) of the Nisga'a Land Act, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive grant PRGT, a licence of occupation in the form substantially the same as the one attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

1. the Director of Lands and Resources, on behalf of the Executive, be authorized to deliver to PRGT, for execution and return, a licence of occupation substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A"; and
2. upon the execution by an authorized representative PRGT and return to the Director of the licence of occupation delivered under paragraph (1) along with the security and the other fees requested under the terms of the licence of occupation, the Director be authorized to date and execute the licence of occupation on behalf of the Executive

NLG July 2016 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2016/67/July 25, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT:

BC Hydro has made an application to Nisga'a Lisims Government requesting permission to apply two pesticides, Cobra Rod and CU-BOR Remedial Wood Preservative, to BC Hydro wood poles located on Nisga'a Lands for the purpose of treating the poles to prevent decay from wood rot or structural damage from insects; on June 21, 2005, by Executive Resolution 2005/32, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive (the "Executive") adopted a Pesticide Use Policy (the "Policy") respecting the use of pesticides on Nisga'a Lands which was based largely on provincial legislation governing pesticide use;

the Policy includes a general prohibition on the use of pesticides on Nisga'a Lands, except in accordance with the Policy and does not permit application of pesticides except under rare or extreme circumstances and for the protection of human health; the Policy also includes a list of pesticides exempt from the Policy;

the two pesticides that BC Hydro is proposing to use on Nisga'a Lands meet the criteria for exempt pesticides under the Policy;

MOVED THAT the Executive direct the Director of Lands and Resources to send a letter to BC Hydro approving BC Hydro's application for the use of the pesticide Cobra Rod and CU-BOR Remedial Wood Preservative on Nisga'a Lands.

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Resolution 2016/68/July 25, 2016

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive

1. adopt the draft Nisga'a Lisims Government 2015/2016 Audited Financial Statements as at March 31, 2016, attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Draft Audit"), and
2. recommend to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a that it adopt the Draft Audit.

Resolution 2016/69/July 26, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT The Toronto-Dominion Bank (the "Bank") has agreed, subject to certain terms and conditions, to provide a credit facility or facilities (the "Credit Facilities") in accordance with the terms of the Credit Facilities Letter dated April 25, 2016 attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Credit Facilities Letter") to the Nisga'a Nation (the "Borrower") for the purposes of the Borrower's business;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT in connection therewith, the Bank requires that the Borrower execute and deliver to the Bank a General Security Agreement attached to this motion as Appendix "B" (the "Security Document");

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive:

1. approve the Credit Facilities Letter, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A", and direct the Chief Financial Officer to sign the Credit Facilities Letter on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation;
2. approve the borrowing as set out in the Credit Facilities Letter;
3. approve the granting of security as set out in the Security Document in substantially the form attached to this motion as Appendix "B" with such changes, if any, as may be recommended by the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with legal counsel; and
4. authorize and direct the Secretary Treasurer and the Chief Financial Officer
 - (a) to sign the Security Document on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation, and deliver the Security Document to the Bank; and
 - (b) to sign and deliver to the Bank any other necessary documents, instruments and certificates required by the Bank in connection with the Credit Facilities or the Security Document for the Nisga'a Nation to fulfil its obligations thereunder.



NLG July 2016 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2016/70/July 26, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission Act (the "Act") provides that the Nisga'a Capital Finance Commission (the "Commission") is responsible for the protection, investment, management and control of the capital finance commission fund (the "Fund") in accordance with the Act;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT section 46 of the Act provides that the Commission may retain the services of one or more investment counsel, brokers or similar investment advisors, approved by the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government, to advise the Commission on the investment of all or any part of the Fund;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT in a combined meeting of the Nisga'a Finance Committee and the Commission proposals by two potential investment advisors were reviewed, and it was recommended that the Commission retain the services of Phillips, Hagar & North Investment Management, now part of RBC Global Asset Management Inc., to advise the Commission on the investment of all or any part of the Fund;

MOVED THAT the Executive approve the retention of RBC Global Asset Management Inc. by the Commission to advise the Commission on the investment of all or any part of the Fund.

Resolution 2016/71/July 26, 2016

MOVED THAT:

the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive adopt the financial statements for the periods ending

- a) April 30, 2016;
- b) May 31, 2016; and
- c) June 30, 2016;

each as presented by the Chief Financial Officer and attached to this motion

Resolution 2016/73/July 26 2016

CONSIDERING THAT

under section 8 of the Nisga'a Personnel Administration Act the Chief Executive Officer of Nisga'a Lisims Government must prepare and present to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a, as soon as practicable after the end of a fiscal year, a report respecting employment within the Nisga'a Nation and Nisga'a Lisims Institutions during that fiscal year;

the Director of Human Resources has prepared on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer a report on employment for 2015-2016 fiscal year (the "CEO Annual Report on Employment 2015-2016") attached to this motion as Appendix "A";

MOVED THAT the CEO Annual Report on Employment 2015-2016 be tabled at the July 2016 sitting of Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a.

Resolution 2016/74/July 26 2016

CONSIDERING THAT

the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive has reviewed a project application submitted by the Fisheries Manager on behalf of the Executive Director of Nisga'a Lisims Government to Coast Opportunity Funds dated July 15, 2016 entitled "Nass River Eulachon Spawning Stock Biomass Assessment" (the "Project Application") with a total project cost of \$141,000;

the Project Application, including the workplan for the Project, is attached as Appendix "A" to this motion.

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive approve the Project Application with such changes as may be recommended by the Director of Fish and Wildlife in consultation with legal counsel.



NLG July 2016 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2016/75/July 26 2016

CONSIDERING THAT a vacancy has occurred in the office of one alternate member of the Council of Elders for the term ending December 2017;

MOVED THAT under section 44(6)(b) of the Nisga'a Government Act, the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive:

1. appoint Alvin Nelson, Sim'oogit Sim'oogidim Xsgaak, to fill the current vacancy that exists in the office of the alternate member of the Council of Elders for the remainder of that term of office, to commence when Mr. Nelson takes the oath of office following his appointment and to expire when any member of the Council appointed under section 44(4) of the Nisga'a Government Act takes the oath of office following his or her appointment in November of 2017; and
2. designate Mr. Nelson as the alternate member for regular Council member Harry Moore Sr., Sim'oogit Luudisdoos.

Resolution 2016/77/July 26 2016

CONSIDERING THAT:

Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a enacted the Nisga'a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2012, NLGSR 2012/13 (the "Act"), on October 31, 2012;

the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive now wishes to bring section 12(1) of the Act into force;

MOVED THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive enact, under the Act, the Nisga'a Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2012 In Force Regulation attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Regulation");
2. the Regulation come into force on the date that it is signed in accordance with this motion;
3. the Chairperson of Nisga'a Lisims Government be authorized to sign the Regulation to evidence its enactment.

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Resolution 2016/78/July 26 2016

CONSIDERING THAT that the enactment of legislation respecting the enforcement of taxes levied under the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Act is desirable;

MOVED THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive recommend to Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a the enactment of legislation substantially in the form of the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Enforcement Act attached to this motion as Appendix "A".

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Resolution 2016/76/July 26 2016

MOVED THAT the Executive of Nisga'a Lisims Government:

adopt the recommendation for amendments to the Social Development Policy with respect to room and board as outlined in the memorandum of the Policy Analyst for the Programs and Services Directorate entitled "Social Development Policy Amendment Draft Room & Board Policy" attached to this motion as Appendix "A"; and

direct the Director of Programs and Services to revise the Nisga'a Social Development Policy, 2015 accordingly.

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NLG July 2016 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2016/79/July 26, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT it has been proposed that the Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of British Columbia ("British Columbia") and the Nisga'a Nation, dated for reference July 31, 2014, as amended (the "RPTCA"), be further amended by an agreement substantially in the form of the agreement attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "RPTCA Amending Agreement (No. 2)");

AND CONSIDERING THAT it is in the interest of the Nisga'a Nation that the RPTCA be further amended as set out in the RPTCA Amending Agreement (No. 2);

MOVED THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into the RPTCA Amending Agreement (No.2) with British Columbia; and
2. the Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation as represented by the Executive, be authorized to execute the RPTCA Amending Agreement (No.2).

Resolution 2016/80/July 26, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT it has been proposed that the Personal Income Tax Revenue Sharing Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in right of the Province of British Columbia ("British Columbia") and the Nisga'a Nation, dated December 21, 2012 (the "PITRSA"), be amended by an agreement substantially in the form of the agreement attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "PITRSA Amending Agreement");

AND CONSIDERING THAT it is in the interest of the Nisga'a Nation that the PITRSA be amended as set out in the PITRSA Amending Agreement;

MOVED THAT:

1. the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into the PITRSA Amending Agreement with British Columbia; and
2. the Secretary-Treasurer, on behalf of the Nisga'a Nation as represented by the Executive, be authorized to execute the PITRSA Amending Agreement.

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NLG July 2016 Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a Resolutions

Resolution 2016/11

CONSIDERING THAT a proposal has been made for the Nisga'a Nation to enter into the Nisga'a Nation Own Source Revenue Agreement Amendment Agreement #2 with Canada and British Columbia in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" ("the Amending Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a request and consider a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on the Amending Agreement.



Resolution 2016/12

CONSIDERING THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a has requested and considered a report from the Nisga'a Finance Committee on a proposed Nisga'a Nation Own Source Revenue Agreement Amendment Agreement #2 with Canada and British Columbia in the form attached to this motion as Appendix "A" (the "Amending Agreement");

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a ratify the Amending Agreement and recommend that the Nisga'a Nation, as represented by the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive, enter into an agreement with British Columbia substantially in the form of the Amending Agreement.



Resolution 2016/13

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga'a Lisims Government Executive has adopted the draft Nisga'a Lisims Government Audited Financial Statements as at March 31, 2016 (the "Draft Audit"), and has recommended by Executive Resolution 2016 I 68, dated July 26, 2016, that Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a adopt the Draft Audit;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a hereby adopts and approves the Draft Audit attached as Appendix "A" to this motion.



Resolution 2016/14

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable for Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a to enact the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Enforcement Act;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS MOVED THAT Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a enact the Nisga'a Real Property Tax Enforcement Act attached to this motion as Appendix "A".



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