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Research Protocol Guidelines

Ha'oom Fisheries Society welcomes and encourages work with researchers that enriches the collective capacity of the Ahousaht Nation and the Tla-o-qui-aht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nations (the five Nations) and incorporates the Nuu-chah-nulth traditional authority of the *Ha'wiih* (the hereditary leadership of the five Nations) to manage and govern the *ha-ha-huuti* (the Chiefly territories of the five Nations' Ha'wiih). Ha'oom welcomes projects leading to knowledge mobilization of accurate and respectful descriptions of the five Nations' practices and analysis.

These guidelines and form are designed to ensure clarity and fairness in the relationship between Ha'oom, researcher(s), academic institutions, and funding organizations.

Upon review and approval of the Research Protocol Form, Ha'oom will support the researcher(s) with permission to conduct research in the villages with community members, staff, and authorized representative(s) and will provide a support plan that budgets available human resources.

Ha'oom or one of the five Nations may wish to retain copyright of the research data and publications (including papers presented in a public or professional forum) arising from the outcome of the research project. This consideration would depend upon the nature of the proposed project, the degree of professional assistance provided by Ha'oom and/or one Nation, local concepts of ownership of certain kinds of cultural knowledge, or any combination thereof.

The matters of intellectual property, copyright, and any restrictions Ha'oom may wish to place on the mobilization of knowledge or presenting research data should be discussed and included in Part 3 Research Project Description and Part 4 Obtaining and Maintaining Consent. Likewise, any potential conflict between conditions set by Ha'oom and commitments required of the researcher by any other institution or funding source should be made known to Ha'oom and resolved prior to initiating research.

The initial assessment of the Research Protocol Form is led by the staff of Ha'oom. If the staff approves, researchers will be asked to present the research plan to the Ha'oom Research Committee for final approval.