

CONSTITUTION

NAME OF SOCIETY

HA'OOM FISHERIES SOCIETY

SOCIETY'S PURPOSES

- (a) Work cooperatively to support and facilitate the participation of the Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Hesquiaht and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations (the "Five Nations") in the fishery;
- (b) Implement fisheries for the Five Nations based on their inherent and constitutionally-protected aboriginal right to harvest and sell fish as declared and affirmed by the British Columbia Superior Courts;
- (c) Increase and support participation of members of the Five Nations in the fisheries;
- (d) Enhance the capacity and role of the Five Nations in the management and sustainability of fisheries, in collaboration with the Fisheries and Oceans Canada where appropriate;
- (e) Support and incorporate traditional authority and knowledge in relation to fisheries resources in management of fisheries;
- (f) Receive, deposit, hold, invest, manage, administer and distribute funds or assets (together, "Distributing Funds") in accordance with this Constitution and the Bylaws of the Society and any agreements pursuant to which such funds or assets were obtained, on behalf of and for the benefit of the Five Nations;
- (g) Receive, hold, manage, acquire, utilize, distribute, lease, licence or sublicense licences, quota or other means of access to fishing opportunities (together, "Distributing Fishing Opportunities") on behalf of and for the benefit of the Five Nations;
- (h) Administer fisheries for the benefit of the Five Nations, including operating, managing, monitoring, identifying and enforcing conditions of participation, planning, opening, closing and coordinating as necessary with Fisheries and Oceans Canada or other government department or entity;
- (i) Coordinate and make arrangements with fish buyers, monitors or other third parties to facilitate the Five Nations' fisheries;
- (j) Support, and build the capacity of the Five Nations and their fishers to participate in the various fisheries;
- (k) Support the Five Nations' fishing culture and prosperous fishing communities within the Five Nations through support for and cultivation of other opportunities related to fishing, harvesting, fisheries habitat and resource maintenance and restoration, managing, monitoring, marketing and/or processing of fisheries resources;

INCORPORATION APPLICATION

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(l) In Distributing Fishing Opportunities, Distributing Funds and exercising other functions, the Society will have a purpose and aim to be fair and equitable among the Five Nations, taking into account factors such as, but not limited to:

(i) Wide community participation in fisheries, facilitating opportunity for different skill levels and capacities, common culture, and the benefit of sharing resources, territories and governance;

(ii) Differences in geography, interest and capacity, and fisheries resources of the individual First Nations; and,

(m) Uphold the Nuu-chah-nulth principles of hishuk ish tsa 'walk (everything is connected, everything is one) and isaak (respect) in the approach to managing opportunities and fisheries for the Five Nations.



CERTIFICATION

I, Esa Cheng, certify that I have relevant knowledge of the society, and that I am authorized to make this filing.

