

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRASER RIVER  
SALMON MANAGEMENT PROCESSES AND AGREEMENTS**

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**(the “LOU”)**

**BETWEEN:**

**Each of the First Nations, First Nations organizations, or tribal organizations that have signed this LOU and are listed in Schedule “A” to this LOU, as revised from time to time (“Signatory First Nations”)**

and

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada (“DFO”)**

(collectively referred to as “the Parties”)

**PREAMBLE**

- The Parties wish to confirm their commitment to work together on a government to government basis within the framework of the Constitution of Canada, and in a cooperative and respectful manner, to develop processes and agreements for the management and conservation of Fraser River salmon; and
- The Parties agree that a relationship that supports mutual respect and understanding is beneficial for all Parties, and for all.

**SCOPE**

The interests and concerns proposed for inclusion in the Fraser River salmon management processes and agreements include, but are not limited to:

- Development of collaborative decision making processes, structures and resources;
- Linkages to related Tier One (First Nations), Tier Two (First Nations and DFO) and Tier Three (First Nations, DFO and stakeholders) processes;
- Clarifying roles and responsibilities for Fraser River salmon fisheries management, including policy, operational and program planning and science;
- First Nations’ priority allocation and access for food social and ceremonial purposes;
- First Nations’ commercial fisheries;
- Identifying, planning and implementing conservation priorities and recovery strategies, including *Species At Risk Act* and *Wild Salmon Policy* matters;
- Capacity building; and
- Prioritizing, developing and sharing science and traditional ecological knowledge, information and research, including protocols for the gathering, studying, interpretation and use of data.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Parties acknowledge that:

- Nothing in this LOU shall fetter or limit or be deemed to fetter or limit in any manner the rights, jurisdiction, authority, obligation or responsibilities of any Party or its representative(s);
- Existing Aboriginal and treaty rights are recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;
- First Nations and DFO have responsibilities and authorities in the conservation and management of Fraser River salmon;
- This LOU is made without prejudice to the positions taken by any Party with respect to Aboriginal or treaty rights;
- This LOU does not replace bilateral arrangements and processes or any other agreement; and
- This LOU is not intended to be legally binding or create legally enforceable rights between the Parties.

## PRINCIPLES

The discussions between the Parties will include, but are not limited to, the following principles:

- Respect;
- Inclusiveness;
- Efficiencies;
- Solution oriented;
- Incremental approaches;
- Transparency;
- Accountability;
- Long term conservation and sustainability of salmon and fisheries;
- First Nations' priority allocation and access for food, social and ceremonial purposes; and
- Consideration of First Nations' inter-tribal protocols and agreements.

## THE PARTIES HAVE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS LOU:

- Development of mandates by each Party to engage in discussions leading to the Fraser River salmon management processes and agreements;
- Identification of each Party's negotiating team and team lead, and the process for reporting back to the Parties;
- Establishment and implementation of process timelines/schedules throughout the negotiations of the Fraser River salmon management processes and agreements;

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- Within available sources, securing and committing human and financial resources, including multi-year funding arrangements where possible, to support the negotiation and implementation of the Fraser River salmon management processes and agreements, including the costs associated with Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 processes;
  - Development of transparent review and ratification processes acceptable to the Parties;
  - Establishment and maintenance of communications among and between the Parties, as well as with other First Nations and interested groups as appropriate; and
  - Review and encouragement of the involvement of other governments and departments, including federal departments, First Nations, and the Province as required.

### **AMENDMENT**

This LOU may be amended at any time by agreement in writing signed by the Parties.

### **TERM and COMING INTO EFFECT**

This LOU will come into effect on March 20, 2012.

At any time, a First Nation, First Nations organization or tribal organization may be added as a Party to this LOU by providing notice of its intention to sign the LOU. A First Nations organization or tribal organization must include in the notice a list identifying those member First Nations that have authorized the First Nations or tribal organization to sign the LOU on their behalf.

Upon receipt of this notice, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat will provide a copy of the LOU, including a blank signature page in the form set out in Schedule "C" to this LOU, to the First Nation, First Nations organization or tribal organization for signature. Upon receipt of the signed and completed signature page, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat must revise Schedule "A" to this LOU to include the name of the First Nation, First Nations organization or tribal organization, including a list of the member First Nations that have authorized the First Nations or tribal organization to sign the LOU on their behalf. The Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat will then distribute a copy of the revised Schedule "A" to the Parties.

DFO or any one of the Signatory First Nations may withdraw from this LOU by providing 60 days written notice. The Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat will provide a copy of such notice to all the Parties, and after the 60 days, revise Schedule "A" to this LOU to remove the First Nation, First Nations organization or tribal organization that has withdrawn from the LOU.

This LOU has a term of three (3) years, which can be renewed by agreement in writing signed by the Parties.

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## **NOTICE**

Any notice required under this LOU must be provided in writing to the Operations Manager for the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat, who will then distribute the notice to the Parties.

## **SUPPORT and ENDORSEMENT**

The Parties acknowledge that those First Nations organizations that are listed on Schedule "B" to this LOU support the Parties' efforts under the provisions of this LOU.

At any time, a First Nations organization may endorse the LOU by providing notice of its intention to endorse the LOU. Upon receipt of this notice, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat will provide a copy of the LOU, including a blank signature page in the form set out in Schedule "D" to this LOU, to the First Nations organization for signature. Upon receipt of the signed and completed signature page, the Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat must revise Schedule "B" to this LOU to include the name of the First Nations organization. The Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat will then distribute a copy of the revised Schedule "B" to the Parties.

*Note: The endorsement section is for First Nations organizations to sign on to the LOU to demonstrate support (e.g. watershed aggregate groups, First Nations Fisheries Council, Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat, etc.).*

## **COUNTERPARTS**

This LOU may be executed in counterparts using the signature pages in the form set out in Schedule "C" or Schedule "D" to this LOU, and all signed and completed signature pages shall be read together as if they formed one document.

## **EXECUTION**

**Signed on behalf of:**

**Fisheries and Oceans Canada**

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Sue Farlinger  
Regional Director General  
Pacific Region

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## Schedule "A"

### Signatory First Nations

(list name and contact details of each First Nation, First Nations organization or tribal organization that has signed the LOU)

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| Allan Claxton, Tsawout First Nation<br>7728 Tetayut Rd., Saanichton BC, V8M 2C3          | Tel: 250-652-9101<br>Fax: 250-652-9114 |
| Robert Hope, Yale First Nation<br>31300A Yate St., Yale BC V0X,1L0                       | Tel: 604-863-2443<br>Fax: 604-863-2467 |
| Murray Ned, Sumas First Nation<br>2788 Sumas Mountain Road, Abbotsford BC, V3G 2J2       | Tel: 604-852-4041<br>Fax: 604-852-4048 |
| Ralph Pierre, Tl'azt'en First Nation<br>PO Box 670, Fort St. James BC, V0J 1P0           | Tel: 250-648-3212<br>Fax: 250-648-3250 |
| George Napoleon, Tit'q'et Administration (Lillooet)<br>PO Box 615, Lillooet BC, V0K 1V0  | Tel: 250-256-4118<br>Fax: 250-256-4544 |
| Stephen Tom, Hesquiaht First Nation<br>PO Box 2000, Tofino BC, V0R 2Z0                   | Tel: 250-670-1100<br>Fax: 250-670-1102 |
| Greg Wadhams, Namgis First Nation<br>PO Box 210, Alert Bay BC, V0N 1A0                   | Tel: 250-974-5556<br>Fax: 250-974-5900 |
| Rupert Wilson, Kwakiutl First Nation<br>99 Tsakis Way, Fort Rupert BC, V0N 2P0           | Tel: 250-949-6012<br>Fax: 250-949-6066 |
| Sandy Johnson, Kwicksutaineuk-ah-kwa-mish First Nation<br>14 Gatu, Alert Bay BC, V0N 1A0 | Tel: 250-974-3004<br>Fax: 250-974-3007 |
| Tony Roberts Jr., Campbell River Band<br>1400 Weiwaikum Rd., Campbell River BC, V9W 5W8  | Tel: 250-286-6949<br>Fax: 250-287-8838 |
| John August, Halalt First Nation<br>7973 Chemainus, Westholme BC, V0R 1K5                | Tel: 250-246-4736<br>Fax: 250-246-2330 |
| Henry Johnson, Esketemc First Nation<br>PO Box 4479, Williams Lake BC, V2G 2V5           | Tel: 250-440-5611<br>Fax: 250-440-5721 |
| Raymond Wilson, Hwlitsum First Nation<br>2928 River Rd. W, Ladner BC, V4K 3N2            | Tel: 604-940-0593<br>Fax: 604-940-0798 |

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| Dominic Frederick, Lheidli T'enneh Band<br>1041 Whenun Road, Prince George BC, V2K 5X8 | Tel: 250-963-8451<br>Fax: 250-963-6954 |
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Harvey Alphonse, Cowichan Nation Alliance

*Authorized signatory on behalf of the following First Nations:*

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| Cowichan Tribes<br>5760 Allenby Rd., Duncan BC, V9L 5J1 | Tel: 250-748-3196<br>Fax: 250-748-1233 |
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| Penelakut First Nation<br>11330 Clam Bay North, Penelakut Island, BC/<br>PO Box 360, Chemainus BC, V0R 1K0 | Tel: 250-246-2321<br>Fax: 250-246-2725 |
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| Stz'uminus First Nation<br>12611 Trans Canada Hwy., Ladysmith BC, V9G 1M5 | Tel: 250-245-7155<br>Fax: 250-245-3012 |
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*(The Halalt and Hwlitsum First Nations signed individually)*

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| Fred Sampson, Nicola Tribal Association<br>PO Box 188, Merritt BC, V1K 1B8 | Tel: 250-378-4235<br>Fax: 250-378-9119 |
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*Authorized signatory on behalf of the following First Nations:*

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| Nooaitch Band<br>2954 Shackelly Rd., Merritt BC, V1K 1N9 | Tel: 250-378-6141<br>Fax: 250-378-3699 |
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| Siska Band<br>Box 519, Lytton BC, V0K 1Z0 | Tel: 250-455-2219<br>Fax: 250-455-2539 |
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| Cook's Ferry Band<br>Box 130, Spences Bridge BC, V0K 2L0 | Tel: 250-458-2224<br>Fax: 250-458-2312 |
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| Shackan Band<br>2160 Settlers Rd., Merritt BC, V1K 1B8 | Tel: 250-378-5410<br>Fax: 250-378-5219 |
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| Coldwater Band<br>Box 4600 Stn. Main, Merritt BC, V1K 1B8 | Tel: 250-378-6174<br>Fax: 250-378-5351 |
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| Upper Nicola Band<br>Box 3700, Stn. Main, Merritt BC, V1K 1B8 | Tel: 250-350-3342<br>Fax: 250-350-3311 |
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| Nicomien Band<br>Box 670, Lytton BC, V0K 1Z0 | Tel: 250-455-2514<br>Fax: 250-455-2517 |
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| Rick Deneault, Shuswap Nation Tribal Council<br>680 West Athabaska St., Kamloops BC, V2H 1C4 | Tel: 778-471-8200<br>Fax: 778-471-5804 |
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*Authorized signatory on behalf of the following First Nations:*

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| Bonaparte Band<br>2610 Perry Rd., Cache Creek BC, V0K 1H0 | Tel: 250-457-9624<br>Fax: 250-457-9550 |
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| Neskonlith Band<br>PO Box 318, Chase BC, V0E 1M0 | Tel: 250-679-3295<br>Fax: 250-679-4422 |
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| T'kumlups te Secwepemc<br>200-355 Yellowhead Hwy., Kamloops BC, V2H 1H1 | Tel: 250-828-9700<br>Fax: 250-372-8833 |
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| Skeetchestn Band<br>275 Deadman-Vidette Rd., Savona BC, V0K 2J0 | Tel: 250-373-2493<br>Fax: 250-373-2494 |
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| Adams Lake Band<br>PO Box 588, Chase BC, V0E 1M0 | Tel: 250-679-8841<br>Fax: 250-679-8813 |
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| Splatsin Band<br>104-240 Vernon St., PO Box 460, Enderby BC, V0E 1V0 | Tel: 250-838-6496<br>Fax: 250-838-2131 |
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| Simpcw First Nation<br>PO Box 220, Barriere BC, V0E 1E0 | Tel: 250-672-9995<br>Fax: 250-672-5858 |
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| Shuswap Band<br>PO Box 790, Invermere BC, V0A 1K0 | Tel: 250-342-6361<br>Fax: 250-342-2948 |
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| Whispering Pines Band<br>615 Whispering Pines Dr., Kamloops BC, V2B 8S4 | Tel: 250-579-5772<br>Fax: 250-579-8367 |
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| Hank Adam, Northern Shuswap Tribal Council<br>17 First Ave. S, Williams Lake BC, V2G 1H4 | Tel: 250-392-7361<br>Fax: 250-392-6158 |
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*Authorized signatory on behalf of the following First Nations:*

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| Stswecemc/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek Band)<br>General Delivery, Dog Creek BC, V0L 1J0 | Tel: 250-440-5645<br>Fax: 250-440-5679 |
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| Williams Lake Band<br>2672 Indian Dr., Williams Lake BC, V2G 5K9 | Tel: 250-296-3507<br>Fax: 250-296-4750 |
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| Xatsull (Soda Creek Band)<br>3405 Mountain House Rd., Williams Lake BC, V2G 5L5 | Tel: 250-989-2323<br>Fax: 250-989-2300 |
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| Tsqescen (Canim Lake Band)<br>PO Box 1030, 100 Mile House BC, V0K 2E0                                    | Tel: 250-397-2227<br>Fax: 250-397-2769 |
| Wesley Sam, Carrier Sekani Tribal Council<br>1460 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Prince George BC, V2L 3N2        | Tel: 250-562-6279<br>Fax: 250-562-8206 |
| <i>Authorized signatory on behalf of the following First Nations:</i>                                    |  |
| Burns Lake Band<br>653 West Hwy. 16, Burns Lake BC, V0J 1E0  | Tel: 250-692-7717<br>Fax: 250-692-4214 |
| Wet'suwet'en Band<br>PO Box 760, Burns Lake BC, V0J 1E0  | Tel: 250-698-7307<br>Fax: 250-698-7480 |
| Clifford Atleo, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council<br>5001 Mission Rd., PO Box 1383, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 7M2 | Tel: 250-724-5757<br>Fax: 250-723-0463 |
| <i>Authorized signatory on behalf of the following First Nations:</i>                                    |  |
| Tle-o-quiaht First Nation<br>320 Opitsaht Reserve, PO Box 18, Tofino BC, V0R 2Z0                         | Tel: 250-725-3233<br>Fax: 250-735-4233 |
| Nuchatlaht First Nation<br>PO Box 40, Zeballos BC, V0P 2A0   | Tel: 250-332-5908<br>Fax: 250-332-5907 |
| Ditidaht First Nation<br>PO Box 340, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 7M8  | Tel: 250-745-3333<br>Fax: 250-745-3332 |
| Hupacasath First Nation<br>PO Box 211, Port Alberni BC, V9Y 7M7  | Tel: 250-724-4041<br>Fax: 250-724-1232 |
| Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation<br>PO Box 459, Gold River BC, V0P 1G0                                   | Tel: 250-238-2015<br>Fax: 250-283-2335 |
| Tseshah First Nation<br>5091 Mission Rd. (Tsuma-as Dr.), Port Alberni BC, V9Y 8X9                        | Tel: 250-724-1225<br>Fax: 250-724-4385 |
| Uchucklesaht First Nation<br>5323 River Rd., Port Alberni BC, V9Y 6Z3                                    | Tel: 250-724-1832<br>Fax: 250-724-1806 |
| Ehattesah First Nation<br>PO Box 59, Zeballos BC, V0P 2A0  | Tel: 250-761-4155<br>Fax: 250-761-4156 |
| William Rabang, Sto:lo Nation<br>7201 Vedder Rd., Chilliwack BC, V2R 4G5                                 | Tel: 604-858-3366<br>Fax: 604-824-5129 |

*Authorized signatory on behalf of the following First Nations:*

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| Aichelitz First Nation<br>8161 Aitken Rd., Chilliwack BC, V2R 4H4           | Tel: 604-791-1004<br>Fax: --           |
| Leq'a:mel First Nation<br>43101 Leq'a:mel Way, Desroche BC, V0M 1G0         | Tel: 604-826-7976<br>Fax: 604-826-0362 |
| Popkum First Nation<br>1-17201 Vedder Rd., Chilliwack BC, V2R 4G5           | Tel: 604-824-5325<br>Fax: 604-824-5326 |
| Skawahlook First Nation<br>58611-A Lougheed Hwy., Agassiz BC, V0M 1A2       | Tel: 604-796-9129<br>Fax: 604-796-9289 |
| Skowkale First Nation<br>PO Box 2159, Chilliwack BC, V2R 1A7                | Tel: 604-792-0730<br>Fax: 604-792-1153 |
| Shxwha:y Village First Nation<br>44680 Schweyey Rd., Chilliwack BC, V2R 5M5 | Tel: 604-792-9316<br>Fax: 604-792-9317 |
| Squiala First Nation<br>45005 Squiala Rd., Chilliwack BC, V2P 7Z9           | Tel: 604-792-8300<br>Fax: 604-792-4522 |
| Tzeachten First Nation<br>45855 Promontory Rd., Chilliwack BC, V2R 0H3      | Tel: 604-858-3888<br>Fax: 604-858-3382 |
| Yakweakwioose First Nation<br>RR#2 Chilliwack BC, V2R 1B1                   | Tel: 604-824-0826<br>Fax: 604-858-1175 |

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**Schedule “B”****Endorsements**

(list name and contact details of each First Nations organization who has signed as an endorser of the LOU)

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| Ken Malloway and John Henderson<br>First Nations Fisheries Council<br>202-100 Park Royal South, West Vancouver BC, V7T 1A2 | Tel: 778-279-2900<br>Fax: 778-279-7729 |
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| Ken Malloway, Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance<br>2788 Sumas Mountain Rd., Abbotsford BC, V3G 2J2 | Tel: 604-309-7824<br>Fax: 604-852-4048 |
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| Ken Malloway Fraser River Aboriginal Fisheries Secretariat<br>PO Box 188, Merritt BC, V1K 1B8 | Tel: 250-378-4235<br>Fax: 250-378-9119 |
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| Tony Roberts Jr., Island Marine Aquatic Working Group<br>1441 A Old Island Hwy., Campbell River BC, V9W 2E4 | Tel: 250-287-8868<br>Fax: 250-287-8414 |
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| Thomas Alexis, Upper Fraser Fisheries Conservation Alliance<br>1041 Whenun Road, Prince George BC, V2K 5X8 | Tel:<br>Fax: |
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**Schedule “C”**

**Signature Page**

**(for an individual First Nation)**

This Letter of Understanding for the Development of Fraser River Salmon Management Processes and Agreements is signed on behalf of:

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Print name of First Nation

By:

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Print name of authorized signatory

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Print title / position of authorized signatory

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Signature of authorized signatory

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Date

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**Signature Page**

**(for a First Nations or tribal organization on behalf of member First Nations)**

This Letter of Understanding for the Development of Fraser River Salmon Management Processes and Agreements is signed on behalf of:

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Print name of First Nations or tribal organization

as representative of the following member First Nations:

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Print name of authorized signatory

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Print title / position of authorized signatory

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Signature of authorized signatory

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**Schedule “D”**

**Endorsement Page**

**(First Nations organizations)**

The Letter of Understanding for the Development of Fraser River Salmon Management Processes and Agreements is endorsed on behalf of:

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Print name of First Nations organization

By:

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Print name of authorized signatory

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Print title / position of authorized signatory

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Signature of authorized signatory

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Date