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<p>samitqic ?iihmis?as /</p>	<p>Salmon Parks</p>
<p>wawaaqin ҺawiiҺuk?i muwaĉath-maĉlaath /</p>	<p>Declaration by the ҺawiiҺ of the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation</p>
<p>¶1. ?uҺ?atmitniš Һaas ?uucii?ap?at nuuҺił ҺawiiҺuk muwaĉath-maĉlaath mamumsukqin, / yaaq^wiłqinҺa ?u?umҺi q^waa?ap, / hašah?ap, ?u?aaҺuk, ҺaaĉaҺuk ҺaҺuułakqin. / ?iqҺmuutukniš, wik?uuyinҺa ҺaĉiҺ. /</p>	<p>We the chiefs of the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation have rights and responsibilities given to us by the Creator to protect, steward, and govern our territories, which we have upheld since time immemorial and never ceded.</p>
<p>¶2. ?u?aaҺukniš ҺaҺuułakqin ?uuktis ҺawiiҺpaatak ҺawiiҺ?i nuuĉaaҺuł. / histaqšišuk^win ҺawiiҺpaatu q^waĉak?iq?aał ҺawiiҺ?i, / yaaq^wiłqin ?u?uk^wił hišuk ĉawaak (everything as one), ?iisaak (respect with caring), ?u?aaҺuk (looking after), ?aҺ?aa?aҺ. hišumł (togetherness). /</p>	<p>We govern our ҺaҺuułi by the legal order of Nuuchahnulth chiefs, which is grounded in the laws that we refer to by the words hišuk ĉawaak (oneness), ?iisaak (respect with caring), ?u?aaҺuk (looking after), and hišumł (togetherness).</p>
<p>¶3. qiiq?iĉҺ?iš ĉuyaa hiiłsith ĉaatĉaakukqin yaqҺ?uuminҺqin suuҺaa, hisit, cuwit, hinkuu?as, ĉaapi. / ?uušmaqakaҺ. kaamiĉiҺaya?is ?uusaahi q^waa?ap?at?iq taaqiił, m?umuk^wašiiҺ, / q^waa?ap?atukqin wiiktis?at piiššaha?at ҺaҺuułi, q^waa?apał?iqҺa k^wiishinĉiҺaya Һaas. / nuuwaasniš mamums ?u?aaҺuk yaqҺ?uuyin saaminštup, ?in ?u?iicin?aał, tiiĉmisuk^winҺa?aał. / huhtikinҺa ?in q^waa q^waa?ał?iq tiłtiiĉ yaqҺ?uuyin saaminštup, q^waa q^waa?ałukqin ҺaҺuułi. /</p>	<p>For many countless years, our relatives the spring, sockeye, coho, chum, and pink salmon have swum in our waters. They are now in grave decline due to unsustainable logging and mining, mismanagement of our territories without our consent, and the exacerbating effects of climate change. We have a responsibility to care for our salmon relatives, as we rely on them for sustenance and cultural continuity, and we know that the health of our salmon relatives is intricately tied to the health of our entire territory.</p>

<p>¶4. waaniiš ɥawiihqin muwačath-mačlaath ʔin ʔiicaapapin, ʔuʔaahuk^win, ʔiisaakin hiišil nismá, čaʔak, hinaayil, / ʔuhʔiš hiʔapuʔasʔi hiʔiis yaaq^wilqin ʔumtʔumta čačaahʔasʔi / — Burman River, Muchalat River including the Oktwanch River, Liener-Perry and Tahsis Rivers, Kendrick Creek and Marvinus Creek, Upper Gold River and Upper Conuma River / — waayinla ʔin hišuk^wał samitqiic ʔiihmisʔas ʔuuktis q^wačakʔiq muwačath-mačlaath, ʔuuktisla ɥawiłmisukqin ɥawiihqin. /</p>	<p>We the ɥawiih of the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation declare that we hold up, protect, and revere all the lands, waters, skies and what is below the ground within the following watersheds — Burman River, Muchalat River including the Oktwanch River, Liener-Perry and Tahsis Rivers, Kendrick Creek and Marvinus Creek, Upper Gold River and Upper Conuma River — and that these are Salmon Parks under Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation law and our authority as ɥawiih.</p>
<p>¶5. wawaaniš ʔahʔaa q^waaʔakqin ɥawiłpaıtu, yaqnaakqin, ʔin ʔuʔaahuk^win ʔaʔiihmis čačaahʔas hiʔiis ɥaɥuułakqin. / ʔunwiiłhın hašahʔap samitqiic ʔiihmisʔas huʔacaʔapaahın ʔayiiʔap yaqhıuuqin saaminštup hiʔiis ɥaɥuułakqin, / tiičap q^waaqin małink nismá, čaatcaakukʔi yaqck^wiiqin, / hašahʔap hiʔiisck^wiʔiq nananiqsu, q^waaʔapla q^waaqin tiič, ciqıyakukqin, q^wačakukqin. / hihišsumyin ʔahʔaa čamihtaʔaahın tiič muwačath-mačlaathqin. /</p>	<p>This Declaration is grounded in our inherent authority and jurisdiction to protect key watersheds within our ɥaɥuułi. Salmon Parks are protected to restore the abundance of our salmon relatives within our ɥaɥuułi, maintain our connection with our ancestral lands and waters, protect key heritage sites, and practise our culture, language, and laws, all of which are crucial for the thriving of the Mowachaht and Muchalaht people.</p>
<p>¶6. ɥaaʔakʔiš małink samitqiicʔi ʔiihmisʔas ʔuuk^wil q^waaqin ʔuuk^wimačuk muwačath-mačlaathqin. / hiʔiisuk^win wałyaʔas, histaqšiluk^winla nananiqsu. / hiʔiisuk saamin čaʔak samitqiic ʔiihmisʔas, hiʔiisla tiič ʔiqhmuut hitaaq^łas, / ʔuupaakinla ɥaaʔak nismá hiʔiis ɥaɥuułakqin k^wiishinčiłayałukqun* ɥaas. /</p>	<p>Salmon Parks are fundamentally connected to the core of Mowachaht-Muchalaht identity, including the sites of our creation stories. Salmon Parks are critical salmon habitat, intact old growth forest, and the most resilient landscapes in our territories in the face of climate change.</p>
<p>¶7. ʔuk^wiilšiiʔałniš samitqiicʔi ʔiihmisʔas ʔuuktis q^wačakʔiq nuučaanułʔath, takaasinla ʔuuksnaaʔał mamumsukqin, q^waasayinla ʔuuc nismáakqin quuʔassaquin lah ʔuyi. / ɥaačnaačayin ʔin čamihtaʔaqł tiičačil samitqiicʔi ʔiihmisʔas hiišaaʔatup tiičtuup, ʔuhʔiš yaqwıtasii hiinumł, ʔin nuuwaaq ʔuʔaahuk ɥawiihqin muwačath-mačlaath. /</p>	<p>We are establishing Salmon Parks under nuučaanuł law as we continue to uphold our responsibilities and exercise our inherent and Aboriginal rights and title today. We envision Salmon Parks brought back to full health for all beings and generations to come under the stewardship and guidance of the ɥawiih of the Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nation.</p>

¶8. haaŋinčiłniš hiišił kapamint ʔuhʔiš masčumʔakʔi hamipquu samitqiicʔi ʔiihmisʔas, / ʔiisaakquu ʔawil̄misuk ʔawiihukʔi muwačath-mačlaath, ʔahʔaaʔał wawaaʔiqʔał, łaahsasa taakšiłła. /	We call upon all governments and their citizens to recognize Salmon Parks and to respect the authority and decisions of Mowachaht-Muchalaht decision-makers immediately and forever.
¶9. ʔumtałaʔapniš qʔisʔap łaḥ ʔaasʔii, __ __, ʔuyiqʔičḥ caqiicʔit sučiiq caqiic suča, hiłḥ čaaxaaḥa, British Columbia. /	Passed, signed, and enacted on this __ day of __, in the year twenty twenty-five, in Tsaxana, British Columbia.
taayii ʔawil̄ m̄ukʔina	taayii ʔawil̄ Mike Maquinna
ʔawil̄...	ʔawil̄ Dan Savey Senior
ʔawil̄...	ʔawil̄ Jerome Jack
taayii ʔawil̄...	taayii ʔawil̄ Nathan George
ʔawil̄...	ʔawil̄ Patrick James