

MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS SIDE AGREEMENT SUMMARY

AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS OF PACIFIC RIM CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC RIM NATIONAL PARK RESERVE

Purpose

This Agreement sets out the process by which Canada and the “Maa-nulth First Nations of the Pacific Rim” (as defined below) will cooperate in the planning and management of the parts of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve that are within the Maa-nulth Area (the “Pacific Rim Area”).

How the Agreement Works

- *Parties:* The Parties to the Agreement are Canada and the “Maa-nulth First Nations of Pacific Rim”. The “Maa-nulth First Nations of the Pacific Rim” are the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, the Toquaht Nation, the Uchucklesaht Tribe and the Ucluelet First Nation (the “Nations”).
- *Term:* The Agreement is renewable five-year agreement that begins on the Effective Date.
- *Co-operation:* The Parties will cooperate in the planning and management of the Pacific Rim Area. The Nations may provide advice on issues that affect the Nations’ Treaty rights or interests, including:
 - park management planning (the Nations will be involved in preparing a Management Plan to be submitted to the Minister);
 - zoning issues;
 - the use and management of special marine areas within the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve;
 - natural and cultural heritage and traditional ecological knowledge;
 - renewable resource harvesting activities;
 - the use of the Nuu-chah-nulth language on signs and place names in the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve;
 - interest in and strategies for employment and training in the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve;
 - the issuing of park use permits;
 - communications and publications; and
 - Cultural Heritage Sites and moveable cultural resources.

- *Representation:* In the planning and management of the Pacific Rim Area, the Nations will each appoint one representative and one alternate to act on their behalf. The Superintendent of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve will act on behalf of Canada and may appoint other representatives and alternates. Canada will not have more representatives than the Nations.
- *Consensus:* The Parties will use a consensus-seeking approach.
- *Resource Harvesting:* the Nations may carry out the renewable resource harvesting activities in the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve as provided in the Final Agreement.
- *Employment Opportunities:* Canada will tell the Nations of any upcoming contracts relating to the development and operation of the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. In giving out contracts, Canada will require the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve operators consider qualified businesses belonging to the Nations.