

MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS SIDE AGREEMENT SUMMARY

MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS: MANAGEMENT OF PROVINCIAL PROTECTED AREAS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Purpose

The Management of Provincial Protected Areas Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) sets out the responsibility of the Maa-nulth First Nations and British Columbia to collaboratively manage and protect the natural ecological systems and cultural and heritage values of the Provincial Protected Areas within the Maa-nulth First Nation Areas, and to maintain and make use of these areas in a way that recognizes and affirms the Maa-nulth First Nations’ Section 35 Rights, culture, traditions and history, while protecting the areas for the benefit, education and enjoyment of all peoples.

How the Agreement Works

- The parties to the MOU are the Maa-nulth First Nations and British Columbia, represented by the Minister of Environment.
- The MOU is effective as of the date upon which the Final Agreement takes effect (“Effective Date”) and the MOU will remain in force until it is terminated by the Maa-nulth First Nations or British Columbia on 60 days notice to the other Parties in writing.
- Each Party is responsible for their costs in participating in this MOU and the Parties will work together to address funding issues as they arise.
- British Columbia and the Maa-nulth First Nations will establish a committee that will provide joint recommendations to British Columbia and the Maa-nulth First Nation on the planning and management of the applicable Provincial Protected Area.
- On the Effective Date, British Columbia will establish Power River Watershed Protected Area and Thunderbird’s Nest (T’iitsk’in Paawats) Protected Area and amend the MOU to include these Protected Areas in the MOU.
- The Parties may amend the MOU to add a new Protected Area that is established within a Maa-nulth First Nation Area.