



## **Huu-ay-aht First Nations**

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### **Huu-ay-aht First Nations Briefing Note to HFN Executive Council**

**Type of Decision:** Review

**Submitted by:** Jeff Cook

**Issue:** Membership and Acknowledgement of Interim Nominations

**Background:** Huu-ay-aht First Nations has been invited to join the Island Marine Aquatic Working Group (IMAWG).

**Discussion:** Huu-ay-aht has the opportunity to join this working group this will provide an avenue to join into the commitment and partake in other fisheries based committees around the proving engaging in all levels of government.

**Options:**

1. Join IMAWG
2. Do nothing.

**Recommendation:**

**Decision:**

Record of decision of Executive Council:

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Connie Waddell, Law Clerk



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December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Chief Jeff Cook  
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## **RE: MEMBERSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTERIM NOMINATIONS**

Dear Chief Cook;

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a member of the Island Marine Aquatic Working Group (IMAWG). IMAWG is constructed of a selection of 12 First Nations members from around the Island and mainland inlets, and our primary focus is to protect the food, social and ceremonial rights (FSC) of First Nations based on Section 35(1) of the Constitution Act. We facilitate Tier One forums for Island and marine First Nations to share information in preparation for Tier Two and Three bilateral discussions in all broad fisheries matters of concern. IMAWG has now gone into the process of incorporation to better serve communities.

Benefits of becoming a member of IMAWG:

- Gives you access to fisheries information your band needs to capitalize on the opportunities regarding challenges that you might be currently facing regarding FSC rights.
- Team of local First Nations who are experienced in fishery issues working on your behalf, protecting your interests, and lobbying at the highest level.
- Invitation to attend local and provincial meetings, to facilitate the building of working relationships with First Nations from the Island watershed and marine approach areas, to work together on key FSC rights.
- Assurance of a personal and professional relationship at all times: the IMAWG committee and staff will listen to your ideas, concerns, suggestions, and facilitate your recommendations for change that benefits your FSC rights.
- Enables you to improve First Nation relationships on the Island: successful communications are good for the well being of First Nations and enables sustainable fisheries at local levels.

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*"To support and protect First Nations fishing rights through a holistic approach, creating a unity that ensures all communities are healthy and will benefit for the next seven generations."*

- Provides an avenue to join into the committee and partake in other fisheries based committees around the Province engaging in all levels of government.
- Direct link to a cohesive working relationship with the First Nations Fisheries Council and Assembly of First Nations.

To become a member of IMAWG, all you have to do is complete the attached form, sign the Band Council Resolution by your Chief and Council, insert into the self-addressed stamped envelope and mail back to our local office. There are no fees associated with this membership, and you will be able to attend the IMAWG annual general meetings to provide direction and focus of the organization.

***IMAWG does not replace the requirement for direct consultation between a government agency and Chief and Council for each individual First Nation. Nor do we claim to represent any member nation; we are here to facilitate conversations for discussion and provide recommendations in the betterment of FSC fisheries.***

For more information regarding IMAWG, please visit our website at:  
[www.imawg.ca](http://www.imawg.ca).

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sonora Morin, IMAWG coordinator, at 250-202-0037 or at [smorin.imawg@gmail.com](mailto:smorin.imawg@gmail.com), should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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## **MEMBERSHIP LETTER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTERIM COMMITTEE**

### **Contact Information (Optional)**

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	BAND	TITLE
ADDRESS		CITY/TOWN	POSTAL CODE
WORK PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL	

### **Other Contacts with the Band for Membership (Optional)**

1.

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TITLE
WORK PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL

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FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	TITLE
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3.

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**MEMBERSHIP LETTER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTERIM COMMITTEE**

**Interim IMAWG Committee Members**

*Please review all the current interim committee members that will sit as the IMAWG working committee until March 31, 2013. Out of these 12 committee members, some will be appointed to sit on various working groups around the province. Six of the committee members will be chosen to sit on the Board of Directors, until the IMAWG annual general meeting in April 2013. New nominations and elections from the IMAWG membership for committee members and board of directors will take place April 2013 at the annual general meeting.*

There are 12 members (their alternates not listed) representing the three language groups on and around Vancouver Island (Coast Salish, Nuu-chah-nulth and Kwakwaka'wakw), plus a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary/Treasurer:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>LANGUAGE GROUP REPRESENTED</b>
Tony Robert's Jr.	Chair	
OPEN	Vice-Chair	
Kim Duncan	Secretary/Treasurer	
Dan Claxton	Committee Member	Coast Salish
Al Claxton	Committee Member	Coast Salish
John Wesley	Committee Member	Coast Salish
Jordan Maher	Committee Member	Coast Salish
Carl Edgar	Committee Member	Nuu-chah-nulth
Larry Swan	Committee Member	Nuu-chah-nulth
OPEN	Committee Member	Nuu-chah-nulth
OPEN	Committee Member	Nuu-chah-nulth
Greg Wadhams	Committee Member	Kwakwaka'wakw
Brian Wadhams	Committee Member	Kwakwaka'wakw
Rupert Wilson	Committee Member	Kwakwaka'wakw
Tom Nelson	Committee Member	Kwakwaka'wakw
Daniel Billy	Elder Participant	
Ray Silvey	Elder Participant	
Sidney Sam Sr.	Elder Participant	

**PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOXES:**

- I agree with the interim committee until formal elections in April 2013.
- I agree to become a member of IMAWG.
- I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered for Vice-Chair of IMAWG.
- I recommend \_\_\_\_\_ to be considered for the IMAWG Committee for from the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations.



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### **FIRST NATION RESOLUTION / BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

DO HEREBY RESOLVE THAT: A Quorum of **Huu-ay-aht First Nations** met on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

AND WHEREAS: The **Huu-ay-aht First Nations** Chief and Council have met at a duly convened meeting.

AND WHEREAS: The **Huu-ay-aht First Nations** have agreed to become a member of the Island Marine Aquatic Working Group (IMAWG).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council support **Carl Edgar Jr., and Larry Swan** as the interim delegates for the **Nuu-Chah-Nulth** language area as representatives in discussions regarding fisheries, in relation with the Island Marine Aquatic Working Group, in supporting and protecting First Nations fishing rights through the Tier One, Two and Three processes to benefit for the next seven generations.

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**SIGNATURE OF**

**Chief, Huu-ay-aht First Nations**

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**DATE**