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STATEMENT FROM SCOTT FRASER, MLA FOR MID ISLAND-PACIFIC RIM

Hello all,

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending this historic celebration. I want to thank Huu-ay-aht for inviting me, I would have been honoured to join with everyone today, but regretfully I am unable to attend.

I want to first acknowledge that we are gathered today on the traditional territories of the Huu-ay-aht Nation. Thank you for welcoming us to your beautiful territory.

I want to congratulate both Huu-ay-aht and Western Forest Products on the closing of the TFL 44 tenure ownership interest. This initiative will allow Huu-ay-aht and Western Forest Products to work closely together to accomplish a number of important objectives such as reducing old growth logging, expanding local manufacturing and ensuring Huu-ay-aht forestry principles guide logging on their traditional territories.

This will be a game changer for the local community. Agreements such as this ensure strong economic opportunities, training programs, good local jobs and prosperous futures.

I am so pleased to have been able to provide greetings today and I look forward to my next trip to Anacla!

Yours truly,

Scott Fraser, MLA (Mid Island-Pacific Rim)