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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Hāwiih Council

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Huu-ay-aht Statement Following Comments and Messages from Anonymous Individuals on Social Media

As a sovereign nation, it is our responsibility to balance the many competing interests and to steward decisions that are made for the present and future needs of our Nation and the ecosystems on our lands. Our land is our culture, and it is our stewardship decisions that count. Working towards a balanced approach of culture, traditions, and economics is a true integrated resource management process.

Together, these processes provide clear Indigenous-led direction to provincially-legislated procedures on forest landscape plans, old-growth management, and on-the-ground operational planning, while ensuring long-lasting socio-economic, environmental, and cultural benefits for everyone across the area.

The RCMP recently began the enforcement of an injunction against individuals who had blockaded themselves in the Walbran on Pacheedaht territory. Subsequent to the enforcement, in which several illegal blockaders were arrested, a coordinated social media campaign was initiated by individuals who were involved in organizing the blockade.

Over the weekend, social media accounts of Huu-ay-aht First Nations were inundated with messages and comments from anonymous individuals associated with the blockades. In public and private messages, several individuals sent incendiary comments regarding Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Cawak ʔqin Forestry (Tsawak 'qin), which included threats and harassing language.

We are open to engaging in respectful dialogue, but we will not allow for disrespect, unhealthy dialogue, or the misuse of our information.

ʔuušyak šiliiʔic (Thank you),

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