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**CAMPING  
POLICY**

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**Application**

- 1 (1) This policy applies to:
  - (a) All overnight camping on HUU-ay-aht Lands, including:
  - (b) Treaty Lands;
  - (c) Private Lands; and
  - (d) Pachena Bay Campground Citizen Private Sites.
- (2) All individuals, including:
  - (a) HUU-ay-aht Citizens; and
  - (b) Non-Citizens.

**Purpose**

- 2 (1) The purpose of this policy is to provide clarity on:
  - (a) How camping is managed on HUU-ay-aht Lands in accordance with Part 7 of the Land Act (HFNA, 2021)
  - (b) The responsibilities of people camping on HUU-ay-aht Lands, including the Pachena Bay Citizen Private Sites.
- (2) The objectives of this policy are to:
  - (a) Ensure that HUU-ay-aht Citizens and visitors can access and enjoy camping throughout HUU-ay-aht Lands in welcoming and safe locations,
  - (b) Establish a clear and consistent process for issuing permits and managing activity at camping locations; and
  - (c) Ensure HUU-ay-aht First Nations campsites are managed, maintained, and used in accordance with HFN Strategic Objectives, relevant legislation, and HUU-ay-aht sacred principles of ʔiisaak, ʔuuʔaʔuk, and hišuk ma cawak.

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**Definitions**

3 In this policy:

“**Huu-ay-aht Lands**” means Huu-ay-aht Treaty Lands and privately owned lands

“**Camping**” means temporary overnight use of Huu-ay-aht Lands

“**Campsite**” means formally designated campsites on Huu-ay-aht Lands or any other place where camping is authorized

“**Director**” means the Director of Lands and Natural Resources

“**Guest**” refers to individuals accompanying an individual authorized to camp

“**Pachena Bay Citizen Private Sites**” means the area adjacent to the Pachena Bay Campground surrounding the gazebo on Emchiss Way

“**Peace Officers**” refers to people appointed to this role as per Part 2 of the Offence and Law Enforcement Act. For the purposes of this policy, these may include Huu-ay-aht Guardians, Witwaak, or Public Officers, as well as authorized federal and provincial enforcement personnel.

**Camping Authorization**

4 (1) Camping on Huu-ay-aht Lands requires prior authorization in one of the following forms:

- (a) A camping permit; or
- (b) Written authorization from the Executive Director, Director, or authorized designate.

(2) Prior Authorization is required for overnight use of the Pachena Bay Citizen Private Sites.

- (a) Camping permits for the Pachena Bay Private Sites are reserved for Huu-ay-aht Citizens, but citizens may include non-citizen guests on their permit.
- (b) The Executive Director, Director, or authorized designate may authorize other individuals to camp at the Pachena Bay Private sites without a Huu-ay-aht Citizen chaperone.

5 (1) Camping requests must be:

- (a) Submitted through the designated online form available through the Nations website; and
- (b) Processed within 10 business days of receipt.

(2) Permit fees are set by the Lands and Natural Resource department and:

- (a) Apply to all campers, except for:
  - (i) Huu-ay-aht Citizens;
  - (ii) Guests of Huu-ay-aht Citizens who are camping with Citizens;

- (iii) Other Individuals, as approved by the Executive Director, Director, or authorized designate; and
- (iv) People under the age of 16.

### **Camping Permit Terms and Conditions**

- 6 (1) Guests may accompany a permit holder under a single permit, with the following conditions:
- (a) Permit holders are responsible and accountable for the conduct of all invited guests;
  - (b) The permit holder must be present and camping with their guests for the full duration of the permit or the permit is void; and
  - (c) The number of campers on the permit does not exceed maximum of 15, unless pre-approved.
- (2) Camping is limited to a 14-day period over 30 days, to ensure fair access for all.
- (a) Exceptions may be granted in special circumstances with advanced notice.
- (3) Permit holders must be a minimum of 16 years old and must be accompanied by an adult.
- (4) Permit holders must carry either a digital or paper copy of their permit onsite at all times.

### **Camper Responsibilities**

- 7 (1) He All campers must review and follow HFN Land Act Section 50, conditions attached to their permit, on-site signage, and any other direction given by the HUU-ay-aht Government.
- (2) Permit holders are responsible for maintaining campsites for the safety and wellbeing of campers and the environment by:
- (a) Following “leave no trace” camping principles and removing all of their own waste for proper disposal off-site and making an effort to leave the site cleaner than they found it;
  - (b) Ensuring a “bare” campsite, and keeping all wildlife attractants secure;
  - (c) Using toilet facilities for human waste, when these are provided;
  - (d) Respecting quiet hours between 11pm and 8am daily (including the use of generators); and
  - (e) Complying with all HUU-ay-aht notices and rules regarding campfires.
- (3) Placement of campers, tents, or other property is not allowed prior to:
- (a) Obtaining a permit;
  - (b) Dates on the approved permit.
- (4) Dogs are permitted in campsites and on campgrounds, subject to the following conditions:
- (a) Pachena Bay Citizen Private sites are designated as an on-leash area for dogs under the HFN Animal Control and Care Regulation;

- (b) Dogs must not be left unattended and must not be allowed to run at large (as defined in the HFN Animal Control and Care Regulation;
  - (c) Excessive barking will not be tolerated;
  - (d) Pet waste must be picked up and disposed of in waste bins.
- (5) Individual sites are available on a first come first served basis, regardless of permit issuance order.
- (6) Campers are responsible for their own belongings. Huu-ay-aht First Nations is not responsible for any loss of or damages to property.

### **Ensuring ʔiisaak (Respectful Use)**

- 8** (1) Campers, campsites, and permits are subject to inspection by Peace Officers to:
- (a) Ensure compliance with applicable policy and legislation;
  - (b) Investigate concerns that are brought forward to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Government.
- (2) Camping in contravention of this policy will be investigated, and response will follow relevant HFN Legislation, which may include:
- (a) Issuance of compliance notices and/or tickets for a contravention of a Huu-ay-aht law, as described in the Compliance Notice and Ticket Regulation (HFNR2, 2022).
  - (b) Eviction from the campsite
- (3) Permits may be revoked or future permits denied if an individual has contravened:
- (a) The Camper Responsibilities or other applicable legislation (Huu-ay-aht Law) or policy;
  - (b) Federal or Provincial law.

The following Huu-ay-aht legislation is relevant to this policy:

*Land Act* (HFNA 2/2020)

*Offence and Law Enforcement Act* (HFNA/2021)

*Compliance and Ticket Notice Regulation* (HFNR/2022)