



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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PRESS STATEMENT

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THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL IS OPTIMISTIC FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU

The NTC and its Nations look forward to follow-up and renewed relationships with the Prime Minister

(Port Alberni, B.C.) The **Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC)** and representatives from 12 of its 14 Nuuchahnulth Nations on Vancouver Island were honoured to meet and discuss their collective priorities for their nations with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in an hour roundtable meeting in Tofino on Saturday. The request to meet came from the Prime Minister's office (PMO) only a few days before, but was thanks to Gord Johns, N.D.P. Member of Parliament for Courtenay- Alberni who advocated on behalf of the nations to the PMO.

The NTC is confident that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was open to receiving feedback and recommendations from all 14 Nuuchahnulth Nations and committed himself to follow-up. In the meeting, the nations suggestions included, but not limited to the dire need for immediate action with current Treaty negotiations and implementation, the T'aaq-wiihak Fisheries court case, reconciliation and the overall quality of life improvements needed for First Nations, including increased capacity and funding. This historic meeting was the first time any Prime Minister has collectively met with the Nuuchahnulth Nations in their territory.

The NTC looks forward to meeting again with the Prime Minister in the future to progress the federal government's mandate for reconciliation with all Indigenous communities.

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About Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council

The **Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC)** provides programs and services to over 9,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent fourteen First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the North to Point-no-Point in the south. Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay-aht, Kyuquot/Cheklesah, Mowachaht /Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tseshaht, Uchucklesaht and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them. For more information, please visit www.nuuchahnulth.org.

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