

Save the Fraser Declaration

WE THE UNDERSIGNED INDIGENOUS NATIONS OF THE FRASER RIVER WATERSHED DECLARE:

We have inhabited and governed our territories within the Fraser watershed, according to our laws and traditions, since time immemorial. Our relationship with the watershed is ancient and profound, and our inherent Title and Rights and legal authority over these lands and waters have never been relinquished through treaty or war.

Water is life, for our peoples and for all living things that depend on it. The Fraser River and its tributaries are our lifeline.

A threat to the Fraser and its headwaters is a threat to all who depend on its health. We will not allow our fish, animals, plants, people and ways of life to be placed at risk.

We have come together to defend these lands and waters from a grave threat: the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines project. This project which would link the Tar Sands to Asia through our territories and the headwaters of this great river, and the federal process to approve

it, violate our laws, traditions, values and our inherent rights as Indigenous Peoples under international law. We are united to exercise our inherent Title, Rights, and responsibility to ourselves, our ancestors, our descendants and to the people of the world, to defend these lands and waters. Our laws require that we do this.

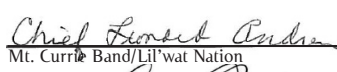
Therefore, in upholding our ancestral laws, Title, Rights and responsibilities, we declare:

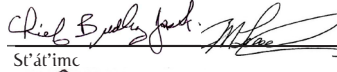
We will not allow the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines, or similar Tar Sands projects, to cross our lands, territories and watersheds, or the ocean migration routes of Fraser River salmon.

We are adamant and resolved in this declaration, made according to our Indigenous laws and authority. We call on all who would place our lands and waters at risk – we have suffered enough, we will protect our watersheds, and we will not tolerate this great threat to us all and to all future generations.

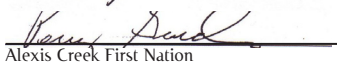
Declared at T'exelc (Williams Lake), Secwepemc Territory, and Vancouver, Coast Salish Territories, and affirmed by the following Indigenous nations:

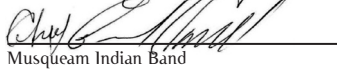

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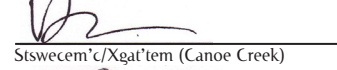

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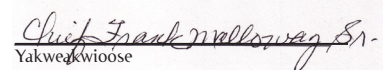

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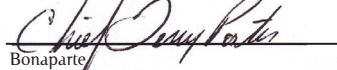

Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government


Alexis Creek First Nation

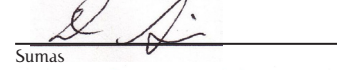

Musqueam Indian Band


Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek)

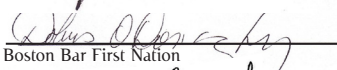

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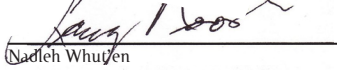

Bonaparte


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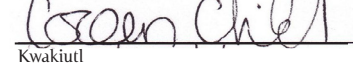

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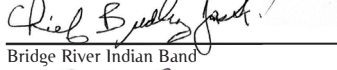
SUPPORTING NATIONS:



Boston Bar First Nation

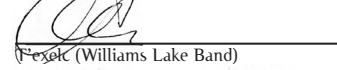

Nadleh Whut'en


Takla Lake First Nation

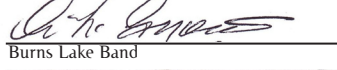

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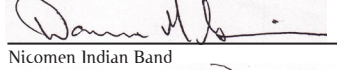

Bridge River Indian Band


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T'exelc (Williams Lake Band)

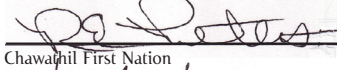

Ktunaxa Nation

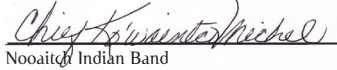

Burns Lake Band


Nicomen Indian Band

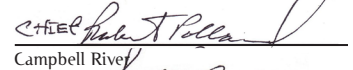

T'it'q'et


Cape Mudge Band

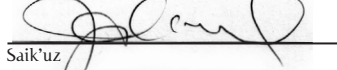

Chawathil First Nation

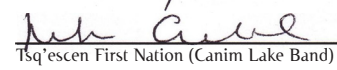

Nooaitch Indian Band

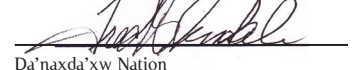

Tl'esqox/Toohey

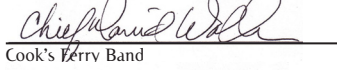

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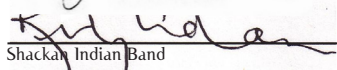

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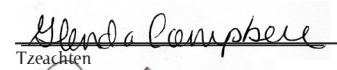

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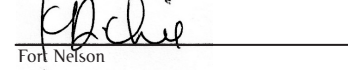

Tsq'escen First Nation (Canim Lake Band)


Da'naxda'xw Nation

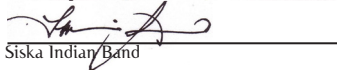

Cook's Ferry Band

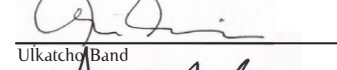

Shackan Indian Band


Tzeachten

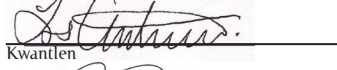

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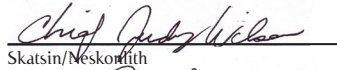

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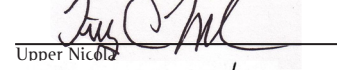

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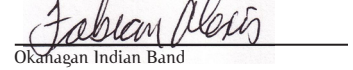

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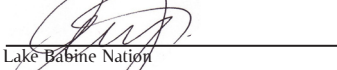

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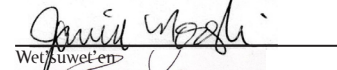

Skatsin/Neskowith


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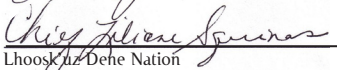

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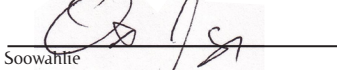

Lake Babine Nation

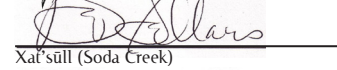

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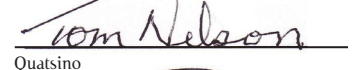

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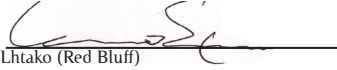

Penticton Indian Band, Okanagan Nation


Lhoosk'uz Dehe Nation


Soowahlie


Xat'sull (Soda Creek)


Quatsino


Lhtako (Red Bluff)


Spltasin


Xaxli'p


T'seshaht First Nation

