



# Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government

## Press Release – Old Growth Deferral

### Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Statement on Proposed Old Growth Deferrals

**November 15, 2021** - This statement is to address the recent announcement made on November 2, 2021, by the British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD) on Priority Deferrals for Old Growth and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government's expectation of intention.

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government refuses to accept the old growth logging deferral within Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Traditional Territory, as proposed by the Provincial Government. With no consultation in conjunction with First Nations, this mandate was unexpected and offers an unattainable deferral time of 30 days. 30 days is not enough allowable time to properly engage in the deferral and affects the time required to sufficiently access data, maps, and review overall impacts to harvest areas, within our Traditional Territory.

The Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government is currently in the process of negotiating new tenure on crown lands, within our Traditional Territory. This announcement will impact our current licenses within Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Traditional Territory and new tenure opportunities, including future agreements with Interfor and Mamook Natural Resources. Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government - Ucluelet First Nation holds 20% ownership of Mamook Natural Resources; an old growth deferral was previously enacted for TSL 54 and 57 in 2020. This deferral directly affected Indigenous resource-based employment within in the logging industry.

The Province of British Columbia's government was elected with a clear mandate to make Indigenous reconciliation a priority. This is reflected in 'Intention Papers' published earlier this year, which outlines the steps required to ensuring Indigenous people are meaningful partners in British Columbia's Forest sectors. This includes an increase in the amount of replaceable forest tenures held by First Nations. We are confident Government-to-Government discussions between the province and the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government – Ucluelet First Nation will lead to a successful partnership and the creation of an agreement that benefits all parties.

The Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government seeks to develop diverse, sustainable, and profitable forest resource-based businesses that respect the history, culture, and traditions of its people and the living environment. It also aims to develop the capacity of its citizens to become responsible forest stewards. A Management Plan and a Timber Supply Analysis for Treaty Settlement Lands was recently completed. Documents describing management strategies for all timber and non-timber resources within the TSL and the sustainable rate of harvest that would ensure the sustainability of the resources for the foreseeable future; strategies aligned with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government's relevant Acts and Governance principles. This is an active step we would like to see proceed within Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Traditional Territory, for new tenures, moving forward.

Sincerely,

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