

Statement of Intent

Tsimshian First Nations

1. **What is the First Nation Called?**

Tsimshian First Nations

2. **How is the First Nation established?**

Traditional Law
Please Describe:

Is there an attachment?

Yes

3. **Who are the aboriginal people represented by the First Nation?**

The Tsimshian First Nations is made up of (a) the following Tribes of the Tsimshian Peoples: Gitga'at, Kitasoo/Xaixais, Kitselas, Kitsumkalum and Metlakatla and (b) other groups, who have organized into collectives which reflect their understanding of Tsimshian law, custom and social organization.

4. **How many aboriginal people are represented by the First Nation?**

Approximately 4,000 people are represented by the Tsimshian Nation.

Is there any other First Nation that claims to represent the aboriginal people described in questions 3 and 4? If so, please list.

5. Please list any First Nations with whom the First Nation may have overlapping or shared territory.

Tsimshian First Nations traditional territories have common borders with neighbouring First Nations of: the Haida; the Gitksan; the Wet'suwet'en; the Gitanyow; the Haisla; the Heiltsuk; the Allied Tribes of Lax Kw'Alaams and the Gitkxaala Nation (Kitkatla).

6. **What is the First Nation's traditional territory in BC?**

Our formal boundaries have been defined by our First Nations.
Attach a map or other document, if available or describe.

Map Available?

Yes

7. **Is the First Nation mandated by its constituents to submit a Statement of Intent to negotiate a treaty with Canada and British Columbia under the treaty process?**

Yes

How did you receive your Mandate? (Please provide documentation)
Tsimshian First Nations are authorized individually to submit this collective Amended Statement of Intent by the Chiefs or representatives of the Tribes of the Tsimshian First Nations, in accordance with the custom, law and general consents of the Tsimshian First Nation peoples.

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