

Statement of Intent

Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw

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

Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw Nation

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

Please Describe:

The Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw First Nation is an Indian Band formally recognized under legislation of Canada (Indian Act, R.S.C. 1985 c. 1-5, as amended, and regulations made thereunder).

Is there an attachment?

No

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

The Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw First Nation represents all members of the First Nation as shown on the Official Band List maintained by the Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw First Nation.

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

547 members

Is there any other First Nation that claims to represent the aboriginal people described in questions 3 and 4? If so, please list. Through a March 14, 1997 accord with the British Columbia Treaty Commission there are other First Nations who may collectively enter into negotiations on common issues with both Canada and British Columbia which may be considered to be representative of the Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw First Nation membership. The other First Nations are as follows:

Kwakiutl First Nation

Namgis First Nation

Tanakteuk First Nation

Tlatlasikwala First Nation

Quatsino First Nation

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

1. Oweekeno First Nation
2. Tsawataineuk First Nation
3. Kwicksutaineuk First Nation
4. Kwa-wa-aineuk First Nation
5. Kwakiutl First Nation
6. Tlatlasikwala First Nation

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

Refer to the attached map showing the traditional territory of the Gwa'Sala-'Nakwaxda'xw First Nation.

The Gwa'Sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Traditional Territory Map may be updated in the future.

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)
Attached hereto as schedule "B" are copies of two isolated resolutions: first, a resolution moved, discussed and passed at a Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw Council meeting held September 30, 1996, and; second, a resolution moved, discussed and passed at a Gwa'Sala - 'Nakwaxda'xw First Nation general membership meeting held December 5, 1995. The custom election regulations permits a quorum of the general membership meeting at 50 electorate members and at these two general membership meetings there were 65 members in attendance at both occasions.

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