

## Statement of Intent

# Hupacasath First Nation Amended

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

Hupacasath (formerly known as Opetchesaht)

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

Organization and establishment of the body for the purposes of treaty negotiations by the aboriginal people it represents.

**Is there an attachment?**

No

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

Hupacasath First Nation members.

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

Total number of members living on reserve: 102

Number of adult members living on reserve: 65

Total number of known members living of reserve: 113

Number of known adult members living off reserve: 76

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.**

Uchucklesaht

Ucluelet

Tseshaht

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

Shown on attached map.

**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)

The governing body received its mandate from its constituents to enter into the treaty process and to conduct treaty negotiations with Canada and British Columbia through the following ways:

- a) For the year prior to the creation of the Treaty Commission, Hupacasath researched the issue of land claims. Updates were given to membership at community meeting held every second month.
- b) At a community meeting on May 13, 1993 it was moved that Hupacasath become involved in the treaty process. The motion was carried unanimously. This motion was the basis for Hupacasath's original statement of intent filed with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.
- c) The Nuu-chah-nulth Statement of Intent was accepted by the British Columbia Treaty Commission 01/05/94.
- d) Throughout the stages 2, 3 and 4, regular treaty updates were provided to the whole community in the form of Working Committee meetings, community meetings, home visits and mailed-out newsletters. For each substantive issue negotiated, mandates were established by the community.
- e) After two and a half months of specific consultation with the community regarding major concerns about the AiP negotiations, a motion was passed on 11/10/99 to conduct another information session and then hold another vote. This vote was to determine whether or not Hupacasath would negotiate their own treaty.
- f) After several community meetings a secret ballot vote was held on 01/03/00 that included the participation of both those living at and away from home. The results of the ballot determined that Hupacasath would negotiate their own treaty. The results were announced at a community meeting and were sent to all members.

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