

# 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:

## FRASER NATIONS:

Chief Jason Leon  
Adams Lake

Harvey Sand  
Alexis Creek First Nation

Chief Tony Porter  
Bonaparte

Chief O'Brien  
Boston Bar First Nation

Chief Bradley Jack  
Bridge River Indian Band

Chief G. G. G.  
Burns Lake Band

Chief P. P. P.  
Chawathil First Nation

Chief M. M. M.  
Coldwater Band

Chief K. K. K.  
Cook's Ferry Band

Chief F. F. F.  
Esketemc

Chief S. S. S.  
Kwantlen

Chief J. J. J.  
Lake Babine Nation

Chief P. P. P.  
Lhooskuz Dehe Nation

Chief S.  
Lhtako (Red Bluff)

Chief Robert Anderson  
Mt. Currie Band/Lil'wat Nation

Chief M. M. M.  
Musqueam Indian Band

Chief N. N. N.  
N'Quatqua

Chief W. W. W.  
Nadleh Whut'en

Chief T. T. T.  
Nak'azdli

Chief M. M. M.  
Nicomen Indian Band

Chief K. K. K.  
Nooaitch Indian Band

Chief S. S. S.  
Saik'uz

Chief S. S. S.  
Shackan Indian Band

Chief S. S. S.  
Siska Indian Band

Chief S. S. S.  
Skatsin/Neskonlith

Chief S. S. S.  
Skeetchestn

Chief S.  
Soowahlie

Chief S. S. S.  
Splatine

Chief S. S. S.  
St'at'imc

Chief S. S. S.  
Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek)

Chief S. S. S.  
Sumas

Chief S. S. S.  
Takla Lake First Nation

Chief S. S. S.  
T'exelc (Williams Lake Band)

Chief S. S. S.  
T'it'q'et

Chief S. S. S.  
Tl'azt'en

Chief S. S. S.  
Tl'esqox/Toosey

Chief S. S. S.  
Tsq'escen First Nation (Canim Lake Band)

Chief S. S. S.  
Tzeachten

Chief S. S. S.  
Ulkatcho Band

Chief S. S. S.  
Upper Nicola

Chief S. S. S.  
Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs

Chief S. S. S.  
Wet'suwet'en First Nation

Chief S. S. S.  
Xat'sull (Soda Creek)

Chief S. S. S.  
Xaxli'p

Chief S. S. S.  
Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government

Chief S. S. S.  
Yakwekwioose

## SUPPORTING NATIONS:

Chief S. S. S.  
Kwakiutl

Chief S. S. S.  
Ktunaxa Nation

Chief S. S. S.  
Cape Mudge Band

Chief S. S. S.  
Campbell River

Chief S. S. S.  
Da'naxda'xw Nation

Chief S. S. S.  
Fort Nelson

Chief S. S. S.  
Lyackson

Chief S. S. S.  
Okanagan Indian Band

Chief S. S. S.  
Penticton Indian Band, Okanagan Nation

Chief S. S. S.  
Quatsino

Chief S. S. S.  
Tseshaht First Nation

Chief S. S. S.  
Athabasca Chipewyan

Chief S. S. S.  
Smith's Landing

Chief S. S. S.  
K'at'odeeche

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Chief S. S. S.  
Liidlii Kue

Chief S. S. S.  
Dene Nation

Chief S. S. S.  
Dehcho

Chief S. S. S.  
Keepers of the Athabasca

Chief S. S. S.  
Dene Tha'

Chief S. S. S.  
Beaver Lake Cree

Chief S. S. S.  
Coastal First Nations

Chief S. S. S.  
Gitxaala

Chief S. S. S.  
Haida Nation

