

## **Addendum to the July 29, 2019 Letter of Agreement Bringing the Salmon Home: The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative**

This Addendum represents a commitment by the Syilx Okanagan Nation, the Ktunaxa Nation, the Secwépemc Nation, Canada and British Columbia ('the five Parties') to renew and extend The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative (CRSRI), now known as **Bringing the Salmon Home: The Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative**, effective July 29, 2022 to March 31, 2025.

The Parties acknowledge the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and British Columbia's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) through which CRSRI presents a significant opportunity for all Parties to respect and uphold Indigenous Nations, their strong leadership, self governance and Indigenous knowledge, to address the complex challenges of this Indigenous-centred and led initiative by:

- Formalizing, in the first year (2022-2023), the commitment by the five Parties to renew and extend the July 29, 2019 Letter of Agreement until March 31, 2025;
- Making best efforts to meet or exceed the funding requirements identified in the *Case for Continued Support for the Renewal and Extension of CRSRI* (January 2022);
- Participating in a formal in-person signing ceremony of the renewal and extension of the July 29, 2019 Letter of Agreement to take place within the first year of the signed CRSRI renewal and extension;
- Completing the initial priority technical studies and continuing with the necessary research required to assess the feasibility of salmon reintroduction and the options, risks and benefits of different actions to support the reintroduction, sustainability and safe passage of salmon; and,
- Developing an approach and initiating implementation of a plan as soon as possible and within the term of this renewal to establish an enduring and sustainably funded Indigenous-led initiative to continue this vital work.

Since its inception, this Initiative has grown substantially. The technical, Indigenous knowledge and western science research, communications and engagement, and structural needs are consistent with the goals to bring salmon back to the upper Columbia River system. As such, the Initiative now requires a broader and stronger long-term commitment by the Parties. CRSRI will continue to develop and support the Indigenous-led governance, management and administrative structure necessary so that all parties can respond dynamically and adaptively to address the many political, legal, social, environmental and cultural complexities of bringing salmon back to the upper Columbia River region.



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**Tspelq'entém re Sqlélten**

## Signatures



Date: July 15, 2022

*kaʔlʔupaɨn* Chief Keith Crow, Lower Similkameen Indian Band  
Syilx Okanagan Nation *as represented by* the Okanagan Nation Alliance

AND Kathryn Teneese Date: Jul 19, 2022

Ktunaxa Nation Chair Kathryn Teneese  
Ktunaxa Nation *as represented by* the Ktunaxa Nation Council Society

AND Mark Thomas Date: 7/18/2022

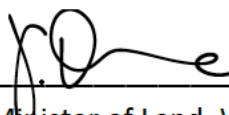
Councillor Mark Thomas, Shuswap Indian Band  
Secwépemc Nation *as represented by* the Shuswap Nation Tribal Council Society

AND  Date: June 24, 2022

HER Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada *as represented by* the Minister of Fisheries,  
Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Honourable Joyce Murray

AND Katrine Conroy Date: July 14, 2022

HER Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia *as represented by*  
the Minister of Forests, the Honourable Katrine Conroy

AND  Date: 2022-07-20  
The Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship



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