KITSUMKALUM ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT





ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

This A	Agreement is dated for reference,2021
BETW	/EEN:
	Her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of British Columbia, as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
	("British Columbia")
AND:	
	Kitsumkalum First Nation, on behalf of itself and Kitsumkalum Citizens, as represented by the Chief and Council of the Kitsumkalum Indian Band
	("Kitsumkalum")
	(Each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties")

WHEREAS:

- A. Kitsumkalum, an original tribe of the Tsimshian Nation, holds Aboriginal Title and Rights within Kitsumkalum Territory;
- B. British Columbia and Kitsumkalum have signed:
 - the Kitsumkalum LNG Benefits Agreement which commits the Parties to negotiating and attempting to reach agreement on a consultation agreement; and
 - (ii) the Kitsumkalum Forest & Range Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement (FCRSA);
- C. The Parties are committed to advancing reconciliation based on the affirmation, recognition, and implementation of Section 35 rights, including Aboriginal Title and Rights, held by Kitsumkalum;
- D. Kitsumkalum intends on pursuing reconciliation initiatives and agreements with the Crown, including through its Stage 5 Treaty negotiations;

- E. The Parties respect Kitsumkalum laws, policies and cultural values, and are committed to fostering an excellent working relationship consistent with the purposes of the LNG Benefits Agreement, building on the FCRSA, and in a manner consistent with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)*, the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and the Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples; and
- F. Prior to concluding Stage 5 Treaty negotiations, and to satisfy section 9.1 of the LNG Benefits Agreement, the Parties enter into this Engagement Agreement as a tool to facilitate Kitsumkalum taking steps towards exercising its inherent right of self-governance by taking a leadership role in the review of Proposed Activities within Kitsumkalum Territory, and to advance reconciliation and pursue a relationship founded in increased collaboration, shared decision-making and partnership.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

1. DEFINITION AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 **Definitions**. In this Agreement:

"Aboriginal Title and Rights" means asserted or determined aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title, as recognized and affirmed under section 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982;

"Agreement" means this Engagement Agreement;

"Chief" means, in respect of the Kitsumkalum First Nation, "chief" within the meaning of the *Indian Act*;

"Citizen" means any person who is a "member of the band", as that phrase is defined in the *Indian Act*, of Kitsumkalum and includes all those persons who are collectively entitled to exercise Aboriginal Title and Rights of the Kitsumkalum First Nation:

"Confidential Information" means any information provided by the Parties under this Agreement which is not in the public domain that the Party denotes in writing as "Confidential";

"Consultation Working Group" or "CWG" means a working group established under the terms of this Agreement which has the responsibilities set out in Appendix B;

"Dispute" means any disagreement which arises between the Parties in relation to the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement, but does not include a disagreement regarding any Recommendations, or any decisions on Proposed Activities made by a Provincial Agency following Engagement;

"Effective Date" means the last date on which this Agreement is signed by the Parties:

"Engagement" means the process under the Engagement Framework;

"Engagement Framework" means the structure for Engagement under Appendix C, including:

- a. the processes for consultation;
- b. the levels of consultation;
- the development and provision of Recommendations to a decision maker;
 and
- d. the Issues Resolution Process;

"ESI" means the Environmental Stewardship Initiative;

"FCRSA" means the Forest Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement between the Parties dated October 24, 2018, as amended or replaced from time to time in accordance with its terms;

"Issues Resolution Process" means the process for resolving issues that arise during the implementation of the Engagement Framework as set out in section 5 of Appendix C;

"**Kitsumkalum**" means the "band", as that term is defined in the *Indian Act*, S.C. 1985, c. I-5, named the "Kitsumkalum First Nation";

"Kitsumkalum Territory" means the territory located within British Columbia as identified in Appendix A;

"LNG Benefits Agreement" means the Kitsumkalum LNG Benefits Agreement between the Parties dated March 27, 2019 as amended from time to time in accordance with its terms;

"MAPP" means the Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast;

"Other Provincial Agencies" means a provincial ministry or agency that is not defined as a Provincial Agency under this Agreement;

"Proposed Activity" means:

- a. a land and resource activity proposed in an application or suite of applications under consideration by a Provincial Agency which may have an adverse impact on Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights;
- b. a decision or activity contemplated by a Provincial Agency which may have an adverse impact on Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights; or
- an activity or decision subject to Engagement, as agreed to by the Parties, which may have an adverse impact on the Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights;

"Provincial Agency" means the:

- a. Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation;
- b. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development;
- c. Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy;
- d. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Low Carbon Innovation; and
- e. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure;

"Recommendations" mean recommendations that are developed by the Consultation Working Group and provided to a decision maker in accordance with the Engagement Framework:

"Senior Officials" means an individual employed or appointed by either Party with appropriate decision-making authority and knowledge as it pertains to this Agreement;

"Shared Engagement Record" or "SER" means the document developed by the Consultation Working Group in accordance with the Engagement Framework in respect of a Proposed Activity, including a copy of the information package, correspondence and documents added by either Party during Engagement, and applicable Recommendations;

"Strategic Topics" means a land or resource matter of interest to either Party, other than a Proposed Activity, which may be brought forward for discussion at the Consultation Working Group as outlined in Appendix B;

"Traditional Knowledge" means information held by Kitsumkalum or a Kitsumkalum Citizen and related to Kitsumkalum's traditions, customs and practices that is not in the public domain; and

"Working Group" means a working group established by the CWG Co-Chairs.

- 1.2 **Interpretation.** For purposes of this Agreement:
 - a. "including" means "including, but not limited to" and "includes" means "includes, but not limited to";
 - b. the recitals and headings are for convenience only, do not form a part of this Agreement and in no way define, limit, alter or enlarge the scope or meaning of any provision of this Agreement;
 - c. a reference to a statute includes every amendment to it, every regulation made under it, every amendment made to a regulation made under it and any law enacted in substitution for, or in replacement of, it;
 - d. words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular unless the context or any specific definition requires;
 - e. in the calculation of time under this Agreement, all references to "days" are to business days from Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays in British Columbia), except that if the time for doing an act falls or expires on a day that is not a business day, the time is extended to the next business day;
 - f. any reference to a corporate entity includes any predecessor or successor to such entity; and
 - g. there will be no presumption that doubtful expressions, terms or provisions in this Agreement are to be resolved in favour of any Party.
- 1.3 **Appendices.** The following are the Appendices to and form part of this Agreement:
 - Appendix A Map of Kitsumkalum Territory
 - Appendix B Consultation Working Group
 - Appendix C Engagement Framework
 - Appendix D Annual Funding Report Template

2. PURPOSE, INTENDED OUTCOMES AND SCOPE

- 2.1 **LNG Benefits Agreement.** The Parties acknowledge that:
 - a. as contemplated by Article 9 section 9.1 of the LNG Benefits Agreement, this Agreement will:
 - establish a consultation process for agreed-to provincial government referrals to Kitsumkalum related to natural resource development decisions within the Kitsumkalum Territory which may adversely affect Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights;
 - ii. provide agreed-to funding for processing referrals referenced in i); and
 - iii. be reviewed prior to the effective date of the Kitsumkalum Treaty to determine whether it should be amended or terminated as a result of the Kitsumkalum Treaty;
 - this Agreement is the "consultation agreement" contemplated by section9.1 of the LNG Benefits Agreement; and
 - c. for certainty, nothing in this Agreement is intended to define, limit, enlarge, or modify any obligation that either Party has under the LNG Benefits Agreement.
- 2.2 **Purpose**. The purpose of this Agreement is to increase cooperation, collaboration, and consultation effectiveness between the Parties in respect of the review of referrals for Proposed Activities in Kitsumkalum Territory by:
 - a. providing a process for strategic engagement through the Engagement Framework with the aim of securing Kitsumkalum's free, prior and informed consent;
 - b. providing a framework for British Columbia to satisfy its consultation obligations in relation to Proposed Activities;
 - c. improving relationships between the Parties through consistent, open and timely communication, working towards more collaborative engagement and co-management;
 - d. ensuring the recognition, consideration, and protection of both
 Kitsumkalum traditional knowledge and scientific information in the review
 of Proposed Activities;

- e. enhancing Kitsumkalum's management role in the identification, protection and preservation of sites, for continuation of cultural practices and transmission of Indigenous knowledge, cultural practices and beliefs to future generations of Kitsumkalum Citizens;
- f. implementing mechanisms for the cooperation and coordination between the Parties to jointly decide how a particular Proposed Activity will be reviewed and decided on by the Parties;
- g. increasing process certainty relating to land and resource management within the Kitsumkalum Territory; and
- h. establishing a strong working relationship for collaborative dialogue between the Parties on matters related to lands and resources, such as moving beyond transactional approaches to consultation, including sharing ideas and utilizing new tools for increased collaboration and cooperation.
- 2.3 **Scope.** This Agreement applies to referrals in connection with Proposed Activities that may impact Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights. The Parties agree that the Kitsumkalum Referrals Department will be the primary contact for engagement with Kitsumkalum under this Agreement, who then have the responsibility to communicate with appropriate Smo'ooygets (hereditary chiefs) and Sigimnak (matriarchs) in accordance with the Kitsumkalum governance system and Tsimshian ayaawx (law).

3. STRATEGIC STRUCTURES

- **3.1 Establishment of Structures.** The Parties will establish the following structures and processes:
 - a Consultation Working Group with the responsibilities set out under Appendix B; and
 - b. an Engagement Framework set out under Appendix C.
- 3.2 **Relationship with Proponents**. British Columbia will continue to encourage early and respectful engagement between proponents and Kitsumkalum.
- 3.3 **Linkage to Treaty**. The Parties will review and may choose to amend or terminate this Agreement upon completion of a Kitsumkalum Treaty.

4. ISSUES AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 4.1 **Issues Resolution.** The Parties recognize that the success of this Agreement will depend on their ability and willingness to recognize, explore and resolve differences which may arise between them, and that they will endeavour to resolve such differences in a manner that fosters an improved ongoing and respectful government-to-government relationship and that where an issue arises regarding the operation of the Engagement Framework the Parties will follow the Issue Resolution Process.
- 4.2 **Dispute Resolution.** If the Parties are unable to reach agreement or resolve a Dispute, either Party may utilize the process set out in Article 6 of the LNG Benefits Agreement to facilitate the resolution of the Dispute.

5. PERIODIC REVIEW OF AGREEMENT

5.1 **Periodic Review.** The Parties will review this Agreement as soon as practicable after the 6th and 12th month anniversaries of the Effective Date, and then annually thereafter to ensure that it is effective and, following such review, may agree to amend this Agreement, including any agreed upon funding, in accordance with section 16.6. For certainty, during any periodic review of this Agreement, the Parties will consider whether any amendments to this Agreement are required in response to any developments in the common law or applicable Crown policy or legislation.

6. CONSULTATION UNDER AGREEMENT

- 6.1 **Means to Satisfy Consultation Obligations**. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, this Agreement constitutes the means by which the Parties will fulfill their obligations to consult on a Proposed Activity and, if applicable, the means by which the Parties will identify potential measures or processes to accommodate any adverse impacts on Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights resulting from a Proposed Activity. For certainty, unless otherwise expressly provided for in writing by Kitsumkalum, nothing in this Agreement constitutes implied or express consent by Kitsumkalum for any Proposed Activity, and Kitsumkalum reserves the right to oppose or take any position with respect to any Proposed Activity, at any time and in any forum.
- 6.2 **Relationship to FCRSA.** The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement including the Engagement Framework contained in Appendix C of this Agreement is the means by which the Parties will fulfill their obligation to consult and, where appropriate, the means by which British Columbia will identify measures or processes to accommodate any adverse impacts on Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Interests resulting from proposed forest and range activities.

6.3 **Environmental Assessment**. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to alter the environmental assessment process under the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

7. CONSULTATION WITH OTHER PROVINCIAL AGENCIES AND OTHER AGENCIES OR ORGANIZATIONS

- 7.1 **Consultation Process.** The Parties acknowledge that Other Provincial Agencies have consultation processes that are outside of this Agreement, and this Agreement does not create, alter or diminish their consultation or accommodation obligations, however, the Parties will encourage Other Provincial Agencies as appropriate to formally participate in this Agreement.
- 7.2 Adding Other Provincial Agencies. Upon a written request from another Provincial Agency to the Consultation Working Group Co-Chairs, the Consultation Working Group Co-Chairs may agree in writing to amend this Agreement to add that Other Provincial Agency to this Agreement as a Provincial Agency.
- 7.3 **Collaboration with Other Governments**. The Parties may collaborate when engaging with other governments including Canada, other First Nations and local governments.
- 7.4 **Regional Consultation**. The Parties may agree to work with other forums, such as MAPP or ESI, to facilitate Engagement.

8. INFORMATION SHARING AND CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1 **Information Sharing**. The Parties will support Engagement by sharing relevant information and knowledge and, subject to each Party's respective laws and protocols will, at the time of disclosure:
 - a. assist the other Party in interpreting the information, determining the current and future use of the information and the terms under which it may be reproduced or shared, in whole or in part, with any other party; and
 - b. make all reasonable efforts to maintain the confidentiality of the information provided by the other Party, and prevent its disclosure to the public, in particular information identified as Confidential Information.
- 8.2 **Traditional Knowledge.** British Columbia acknowledges that Kitsumkalum is the custodian of Traditional Knowledge that may be:

- a. confidential or sensitive in nature; or
- b. owned by individuals and must be managed according to the owner's wishes.
- 8.3 **Freedom of Information**. If British Columbia receives a request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or is otherwise required by law to disclose information received from Kitsumkalum under this Agreement, British Columbia will provide Kitsumkalum with notice of the request and the opportunity to express any views regarding the disclosure.
- 8.4 **Disclosure of Traditional Knowledge.** British Columbia acknowledges that the disclosure of information, including Traditional Knowledge, that is provided by Kitsumkalum to any other party requesting such information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* could reasonably be expected to harm the relations between British Columbia and Kitsumkalum as an aboriginal government.
- 8.5 **Additional Conditions**. The Parties acknowledge that:
 - a. 8.1 does not apply to information that is already in the public domain, including the Remote Access to Archaeological Data (RAAD) database and on other public websites; and
 - b. the disclosure of Confidential Information may be required or restricted under provincial law or subject to additional conditions on disclosure.

9. FUNDING

- 9.1 **Funding**. In order to effectively implement this Agreement, British Columbia will, for the initial two (2) year period of this Agreement, supplement Kitsumkalum resources by providing Kitsumkalum with \$200,000 dollars in funding, payable as follows:
 - a. \$100,000 dollars within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date; and
 - b. \$100,000 dollars within thirty (30) days of receipt of the report under section 10.1.
- 9.2 **Funding Renewal.** Six (6) months prior to the expiry of the two-year funding period of this Agreement under section 9.1, the Parties will seek to negotiate the renewal of funding to supplement Kitsumkalum resources for implementing this Agreement.

- 9.3 Additional Funding and Other Agreements. Nothing in this Agreement precludes Kitsumkalum from:
 - a. accessing funding that may be available through Other Provincial Agencies, a non-governmental body, or another level of government;
 - b. working with British Columbia to identify additional funding, including longterm funding, to support the priorities of the Consultation Working Group and implementation of joint projects; and
 - c. negotiating reconciliation, revenue-sharing or other accommodation agreements.
- 9.4 **Not an Accommodation.** The Parties agree that, unless otherwise expressly agreed to in writing by the Parties, the provision of funding under this Agreement does not constitute an accommodation for the adverse impact of any Proposed Activity on Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights.

10. REPORTING ON FUNDING

10.1 **Reporting on Funding**. To be eligible for payments under section 9.1.b, Kitsumkalum will, on or before the anniversary of the Effective Date of each year, prepare a report containing the information set out in Appendix D.

11. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO FUNDING

- 11.1 **Conditions Precedent to Funding**. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, any payment of funds by British Columbia to Kitsumkalum under this Agreement is subject to:
 - a. there being sufficient monies available in an appropriation, as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, to enable British Columbia in any fiscal year or part thereof when such payment is required, to make such payment;
 - b. Treasury Board, as defined in the *Financial Administration Act*, not having controlled or limited expenditure under any appropriation necessary in order to make such payment;
 - c. the band council resolution provided under section 12.1 not having been varied, amended, repealed or replaced in a manner that alters or terminates its authority to comply with the terms of this Agreement; and

d. Kitsumkalum being in compliance with its material obligations under this Agreement, including providing the reports identified under section 10.1.

12. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO AGREEMENT

- 12.1 **Band Council Resolution**. Prior to the execution of this Agreement, Kitsumkalum will deliver to British Columbia a true or certified copy of the band council resolution approving this Agreement, authorizing its representative to sign this Agreement and, where Kitsumkalum is represented by a body other than Kitsumkalum, authorizing that body to act on behalf of Kitsumkalum for the purposes of this Agreement.
- 12.2 **Conditions Precedent**. British Columbia's execution of this Agreement is subject to:
 - a. British Columbia having obtained all required approvals, including Cabinet and Treasury Board approval; and
 - b. Kitsumkalum's representations and warranties under this Agreement being true and correct on the Effective Date.

13. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 13.1 **Kitsumkalum Representations**. Kitsumkalum represents and warrants to British Columbia, with the intent and understanding that they will be relied on by British Columbia in entering into this Agreement, that:
 - a. it has the legal power, capacity and authority to enter into this Agreement on its own behalf and on behalf of its Citizens;
 - it has taken all necessary actions and has obtained all necessary approvals to enter into this Agreement for and on behalf of its Citizens; and
 - c. this Agreement is valid and binding obligation upon it.
- 13.2 **Provincial Representations**. British Columbia represents and warrants to Kitsumkalum, with the intent and understanding that they will be relied on by Kitsumkalum in entering into this Agreement, that:
 - a. it has the legal power, capacity and authority to enter into this Agreement;

- b. it has taken all necessary actions and has obtained all necessary approvals to enter into this Agreement; and
- c. this Agreement is valid and binding obligation upon it.

14. TERM, TERMINATION AND WITHDRAWAL

- 14.1 **Term**. This agreement will commence on the Effective Date.
- 14.2 **Termination.** Notwithstanding 14.1, this Agreement may be terminated in writing by either Party on ninety (90) days' notice or on a date mutually agreed on by the Parties.
- 14.3 **Withdrawal**. A Provincial Agency may withdraw its participation in this Agreement by providing 45 days written notice to the Consultation Working Group Co-Chairs, and on such notice, the Parties will:
 - a. determine if any changes to the funding under section 9.1 or any amendments to this Agreement are required; and
 - b. amend this Agreement if required.
- 14.4 **Resolution of Termination or Withdrawal**. In recognition of the enduring value of a government-to-government relationship between the Parties, the Parties will:
 - a. on notice of termination under section 14.2 or withdrawal of a Provincial Agency under section 14.3, provide the other Parties with the reasons for termination or withdrawal; and
 - b. meet within 30 days to attempt to resolve the issue prior to termination or withdrawal.
- 14.7 **Status of Funding and Survival of Provisions on Termination**. Where this Agreement is terminated under 14.2:
 - a. the Parties will meet face to face within 14 days of the termination to discuss:
 - i. remittance of any unspent funding in accordance with subsection b.;
 - ii. ongoing communication; and

- iii. such other matters as the Parties may agree in order to maintain a good working relationship;
- b. Kitsumkalum will, where it has received funding from British Columbia to implement this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed to by British Columbia, remit any unspent funds to British Columbia within 30 days of the termination of this Agreement taking effect; and
- c. section 8.4 of this Agreement related to Confidentiality and Freedom of Information survives the termination of this Agreement.

15. NOTICE AND DELIVERY

15.1 **Notices**. Any notice, document, statement or report under this Agreement must be in writing, and will be deemed validly given to and received by the other Party, if served personally, on the date of personal service or, if delivered by mail, email or facsimile copier, when received as follows:

if to British Columbia:

Skeena Regional Director Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation 3rd Floor - 3726 Alfred Avenue Smithers BC V0J 2N0 Fred.Oliemans@gov.bc.ca

and if to Kitsumkalum:

Kitsumkalum Referrals Manager Kitsumkalum Indian Band PO Box 544 Terrace BC V8G 4B5 projects@kitsumkalum.com

- 15.2 **Change of Address**. Either Party may, from time to time, give written or e-mail notice to the other Party of any change of address or facsimile number of the Party giving such notice and after the giving of such notice, the address or facsimile number therein specified will, for purposes of this Agreement be conclusively deemed to be the address or facsimile number of the Party giving such notice.
- 15.3 **Electronic Notice**. The Parties agree that they will utilize electronic and other methods of communication for the purposes of Engagement whenever practicable and appropriate.

16. GENERAL

- 16.1 **Not a Treaty. T**his Agreement does not:
 - a. constitute a treaty or land claims agreement within the meaning of section 25 or 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* (Canada); or
 - b. affirm, recognize, abrogate or derogate from any of Kitsumkalum' Aboriginal Title and Rights.
- 16.2 Acknowledgement. The Parties acknowledge and enter into this Agreement on the basis that Kitsumkalum asserts Aboriginal Title and Rights within Kitsumkalum Territory but that the specific nature, scope or geographic extent of those Aboriginal Title and Rights have yet to be defined. The Parties intend that broader processes that may be engaged in to bring about reconciliation may lead to a common understanding of the nature, scope and geographic extent of Kitsumkalum Aboriginal Title and Rights or treaty interests.
- 16.3 **No Admissions.** Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as:
 - an admission of the validity of, or any fact or liability in relation to, any claims relating to alleged past or future infringements of Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights;
 - an acknowledgement of any obligation to provide any financial, economic or other compensation, including those in this Agreement, as part of British Columbia's obligation to consult and, as appropriate, accommodate; or
 - as in any way limiting the position the Parties may take in any negotiations or in any discussions or negotiations between the Parties, except as expressly contemplated in this Agreement.
- 16.4 No Fettering. Nothing in this Agreement will be interpreted in a way that would affect or unlawfully interfere with any legislative authority of British Columbia or fetter the discretion given to any decision-maker or authority, including Kitsumkalum.
- 16.5 **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and any amendment to it constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Parties.
- 16.6 **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended by the Parties in writing as follows:

- a. any amendment to this Agreement, by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, on behalf of British Columbia and the Chief of the Kitsumkalum First Nation, on behalf of Kitsumkalum; or
- b. any amendment to Appendix B, Appendix C, or the definition of Provincial Agency, by the Consultation Working Group Co-Chairs.
- 16.7 **Validity of Agreement.** If any part of this Agreement is void or unenforceable at law:
 - a. the invalidity of that part will not affect the validity of the remainder, which will continue in full force and effect and be construed as if this Agreement had been executed without the invalid part; and
 - b. the Parties will negotiate and attempt to reach agreement on a replacement for the part declared or held invalid with a view to achieving the intent of the Parties as expressed in this Agreement.
- 16.8 **Further Acts and Assurances.** Each of the Parties will, upon the reasonable request of the other, make, do, execute or cause to be made, done or executed all further and other lawful acts, deeds, things, devices, documents, instruments and assurances whatever for the better and absolute performance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 16.9 **No Implied Waiver.** Any waiver of:
 - a provision of this Agreement;
 - b. the performance by a Party of an obligation under this Agreement; or
 - c. a default by a Party of an obligation under this Agreement,

will be in writing and signed by the Party giving the waiver and will not be a waiver of any other provision, obligation or subsequent default.

- 16.10 **Assignment.** Neither Party will assign, either directly or indirectly, this Agreement or any rights under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- 16.11 **Governing Law**. This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of British Columbia

- 16.12 **Emergencies.** Nothing in this Agreement affects the ability of either Party to respond to any emergency circumstances or limits any obligation British Columbia may have under provincial law or applicable policy to notify or engage with Kitsumkalum regarding any emergency circumstances.
- 16.13 **Execution in Counterpart.** This Agreement may be entered into by each Party signing a separate copy of this Agreement (including a photocopy or facsimile copy) and delivering it to the other Party by facsimile transmission or email.

IN	WITNESS WH	IEREOF the	Parties ha	ave executed	this Agreement	as of the	29	day
of	March	, 2021.			•			

Signed on behalf of the Kitsumkalum First Nation by

Chief Councillor Don Roberts

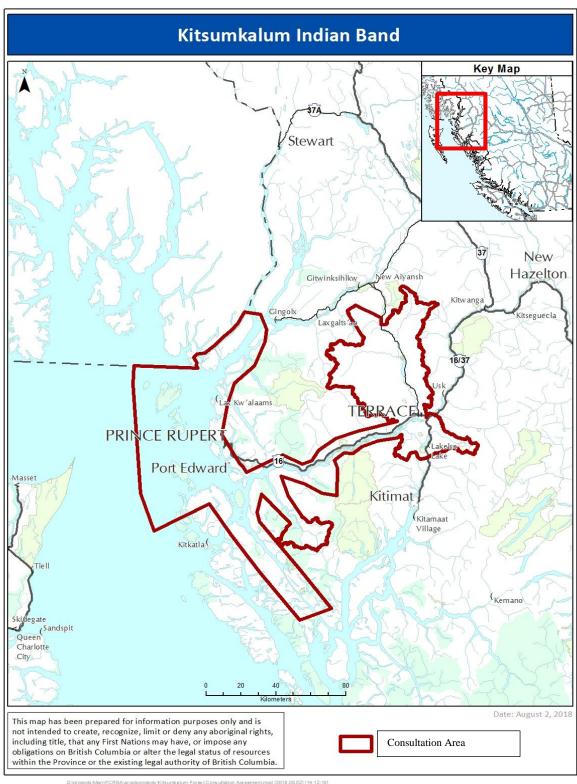
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Signed on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen In Right of the Province of British Columbia by as represented by the Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Assistant Deputy Minister Trish Balcaen Authorized signatory

Witness

Appendix A: Map of Traditional Territory



Appendix B: Consultation Working Group (CWG)

- 1. Consultation Working Group.
- **1.1 Composition.** The CWG is composed of Kitsumkalum and Provincial staff responsible for implementing the Engagement Framework and is managed by the Co-chairs.
- **1.2 Responsibilities.** The CWG is responsible for:
 - a. implementing the Engagement Framework with respect to Proposed Activities;
 - b. developing the Shared Engagement Record;
 - c. recommending creation of and overseeing working groups;
 - d. sharing information related to potential Proposed Activities;
 - e. discussing relevant Strategic Topics that are of interest to the Parties;
 - f. undertaking Engagement for Proposed Activities;
 - g. coordinating the involvement of Other Provincial Agencies and parties as needed in the consultation process;
 - h. monitoring and recommending actions to the Parties with respect to the implementation of this Engagement Framework;
 - i. providing oversight of initiatives under the Engagement Framework:
 - j. other matters as agreed by the Parties consistent with the purpose of the Engagement Framework;
 - k. referring topics of mutual interest or concern to the Senior Officials; and
 - I. creation and evaluation of performance measures of the Engagement Framework.
- **1.3 Topics for Discussion.** The Consultation Working Group may discuss:
 - a. Proposed Activity consultation and engagement activities;
 - b. land use planning related issues;

- c. shared decision making processes and structures;
- d. consultation tools and systems;
- e. archaeology and cultural heritage resource management;
- f. socio-economic impacts of Proposed Activities;
- g. cumulative effects of Proposed Activities;
- h. access management guidelines;
- i. Strategic Topics;
- j. addition or withdrawal of a Provincial Agency;
- k. areas of particular concern; and
- I. specific resource management concerns.
- **1.4 Meeting Frequency**. The CWG will hold regular meetings quarterly or as reasonably needed and will meet in person when possible.
- **1.5 CWG Co-Chairs.** The Consultation Working Group Co-Chairs will consist of one representative appointed by each Party from time to time:
- **1.6 CWG Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities.** The CWG Co-chairs will work together to ensure the CWG functions by:
 - a. managing the work of the CWG;
 - b. approving the Shared Engagement Record;
 - c. managing the Issues Resolution process as set out in Appendix C:
 - d. elevating Strategic Topics to the Senior Officials;
 - e. creating and overseeing working groups;
 - f. managing the evaluation of this Agreement; and
 - g. other matters as agreed to by the Parties.

Appendix C: Engagement Framework

Background. This Appendix provides guidance to Provincial Agencies for proposing the appropriate engagement level and to Kitsumkalum and the relevant Provincial Agencies for the purpose of reviewing and considering a Proposed Activity, including assessing the potential impacts of a Proposed Activity on Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights and may also be used to identify the appropriate engagement level for assessing impacts, including activities outside of the Kitsumkalum Territory that may impact Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights.

The Parties agree that the Engagement Level applied, and consultation outcomes, for a Proposed Activity do not necessarily apply to subsequent projects, and each will be individually considered through the Engagement Framework.

Proposed Engagement Levels. Provincial staff will in good faith refer to the provisions of this Agreement and the activity table described below for guidance when proposing an initial engagement level for a Proposed Activity.

Engagement Levels. The engagement levels contemplated in the Agreement will be as follows:

- Level 0 No Engagement (No Notification): Activities with negligible potential impact or that are not associated with a provincial statutory decision. Provincial Agencies are not required to refer these Proposed Activities to Kitsumkalum, though summary information may be provided upon request. No timelines.
- Level 1 Notification Post Decision: Activities with low potential impact.
 Provincial Agencies are required to notify Kitsumkalum as soon as possible following the decision. No timelines.
- Level 2 Notification: Information regarding a Proposed Activity is shared with Kitsumkalum before British Columbia makes a land and resource decision. Kitsumkalum will respond within a 15 business day time-frame to indicate that Level 2 is acceptable and to provide readily available information on any issues of concern to Kitsumkalum, including impacts to Kitsumkalum's Aboriginal Title and Rights in the application area, after which no further engagement is required. Either Party may propose to change the Engagement Level by providing a reasonable rationale for the change. Timelines 15 business days in total.
- Level 3 Standard: Information regarding a Proposed Activity is shared with Kitsumkalum before British Columbia makes a land and resource decision. Discussions occur between the representatives via phone, e-mail or in-person within a streamlined timeframe using information available within the application. Either Party may propose to change the Engagement Level by providing a reasonable rationale for the change. Timelines – 30 business days total.

Level 4 – Complex/Deep: Information is shared with Kitsumkalum before British
Columbia makes a land and resource decision. The process includes the same
components as Level 3, but with a longer timeframe allowed for the Parties to
undertake discussions, establish a Working Group and exchange information as
reasonably necessary. Additional information relevant to the Proposed Activity
may be gathered by the Parties and/or the applicant. Either Party may propose to
change the Engagement Level by providing a reasonable rationale for the
change. Anticipated timelines – 60 business days total.

Consultation Process. Upon the request by any Party, the CWG will, acting reasonably and in accordance with the purpose of this Agreement as per section 2.2, consider any proposals to adjust any timelines identified in this Engagement Framework. Any adjustments to any timelines will be by mutual agreement of the CWG or CWG Co-chairs as the case may be.

Level 0 – No Engagement (No Notification)

No engagement is required.

Level 1 – Post Decision Notification

Upon decision/permit issuance, British Columbia will provide Kitsumkalum with a record of the decision as soon as reasonably possible.

<u>Level 2</u> – Notification & <u>Level 3</u> – Standard

1.0 Engagement

- 1.1. A Provincial Agency will initiate Engagement on Proposed Activities by providing Kitsumkalum with an information package as soon as practicable that includes the following information, as applicable:
 - a. a summary of the Proposed Activities, and relevant application(s) materials;
 - b. the identity and contact information of the applicant that has submitted an application or the tenure holder whose tenure or permit is under consideration:
 - c. a description of the location of, or area affected by, the Proposed Activities and geomark (or other agreeable format) of the area;
 - d. a proposed Engagement level as indicated by the matrix or reflective of an alternative proposed level as may be considered appropriate;

- e. a reference to the relevant provincial statute(s) and the type of authorization(s) that would flow from potential provincial decisions respecting the Proposed Activities;
- f. contact information for the provincial representative(s) for the purposes of Engagement; and
- g. other relevant and reasonably available information.

The information listed in a – g above will be part of the Shared Engagement Record to be developed by the Consultation Working Group. The Shared Engagement Record is a summary of information exchanged between the Parties in respect of a Proposed Activity and includes the Recommendations.

- 1.2. Within 15 days of receipt of an information package under section 1.1 in respect of a proposed Engagement Level 2 or Engagement Level 3 Kitsumkalum will respond by:
 - a. indicating agreement with the proposed Engagement Level;
 - b. proposing to elevate the Engagement Level with rationale;
 - c. proposing to lower the Engagement Level with rationale; or
 - d. in exceptional circumstances, bringing the matter to the attention of the CWG Co-Chairs.
- 1.3. If Kitsumkalum does not respond within 15 days to the Engagement Level proposed by a Provincial Agency, the proposed Engagement Level will be deemed to have been accepted by Kitsumkalum and the Provincial Agency will proceed with proposed Engagement Level.
- 1.4. If the Provincial Agency does not agree with the proposed modification by Kitsumkalum, the Provincial Agency will respond within 10 days, failing which the proposed modification will be deemed to have been accepted and the Provincial Agency will proceed with modified Engagement Level.
- 1.5. If an agreement on an Engagement Level is not reached by a Provincial Agency and Kitsumkalum, the assistance of the CWG Co-Chairs will be requested.
- 1.6. If the CWG Co-chairs cannot agree on an Engagement Level, an Engagement Level 2 decision will be moved to Engagement Level 3.

1.7. The CWG Co-Chairs may agree to change an Engagement Level during an Engagement as new information becomes available.

2.0 <u>Information Sharing</u>

- 2.1 Kitsumkalum will review information provided by a Provincial Agency and will within the timeframes set out in section 2.2, provide to the identified Provincial Agency an information package that includes:
 - a. a preliminary description of Kitsumkalum interests, including Aboriginal Title and Rights, which may be impacted by the Proposed Activities; and
 - b. a preliminary list of additional information required (if relevant);
 - c. a preliminary list of issues of concern or interest for further discussion;
 - d. any comments on desired approach to discussions; and
 - e. if available, preliminary proposed options to address such potential impacts.
- 2.2 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, Kitsumkalum will provide information under section 2.1 within:
 - a. 15 business days of receipt of an information package under section 1.1 for an Engagement Level 2 decision; and
 - b. 30 business days of receipt of an information package under section 1.1 for an Engagement Level 3 decision.
- 2.3 If Kitsumkalum does not provide information in accordance with section 2.2, and does not request an extension, the Provincial Agency may proceed without further Engagement efforts but will give full consideration to relevant known information respecting Kitsumkalum interests when considering Proposed Activities.
- 3.0 Development of Consensus Recommendations for Engagement Levels 2-3
- 3.1 Upon receipt of an information package in the information-sharing step, the CWG will review available and relevant information, and will engage in discussions during which they will make reasonable efforts to reach consensus on Recommendations respecting Proposed Activities.
- 3.2 In developing Recommendations, the CWG will consider and where necessary address some or all of the following:

- a. applicable laws, policies, or customs of the Parties;
- b. the purposes and intended outcomes of this Agreement;
- c. Kitsumkalum Land and Resource Stewardship Policy;
- d. compatibility with any other agreements between the Parties;
- e. potential impacts of Proposed Activities on Kitsumkalum' Aboriginal Title and Rights, socio-economic impacts to Kitsumkalum People and Community and any proposed measures to accommodate Kitsumkalum' Aboriginal Title and Rights; and
- f. other relevant information as mutually agreed by the Parties.
- 3.3 Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, the timelines for completing Recommendations are:
 - a. For Engagement Level 2 decisions, 15 business days; and
 - b. For Engagement Level 3 decisions, 30 business days.
- 3.4 Where the CWG identify issues that cannot be meaningfully addressed within the scope of decisions respecting particular Proposed Activities, such issues may be brought to the attention of the CWG co-chairs. Such issues may include:
 - a. concerns respecting substantive impacts of past activities or decisions;
 - b. policy issues or matters of a regional nature; or
 - c. other matters as agreed by the CWG.
- 3.5 With respect to issues identified in the above section, the CWG Co-chairs will:
 - a. review the issue together;
 - b. facilitate the exchange of further information as needed; and
 - c. attempt to reach agreement on a Recommendation, which may include bringing the matter to the attention of the appropriate senior staff.

- 3.6 Where the Parties agree not to trigger the Issues Resolution Process under section 5 of this Appendix, a description of consensus CWG Recommendations as well as the Provincial Agency and Kitsumkalum's respective individual recommendations where the CWG are not able to achieve consensus, will be forwarded to the decision makers.
- 3.7 It is the understanding of the Parties that after the Engagement has been completed, the decision maker will consider all reasonably available relevant information and Recommendations summarized in the Shared Engagement Record related to each Proposed Activity, as well as any respective individual recommendations as referenced in section 3.6, and will proceed to make a decision respecting the Proposed Activity.

Level 4 - Complex/Deep

- 4.1 When a Proposed Activity meets the criteria for Engagement Level 4, the British Columbia CWG Co-chair will provide written notice to the Kitsumkalum CWG Co-chair of the Proposed Activity as soon as practicable, and the notification period will commence upon receipt of an information package, unless the CWG Co-chairs agree otherwise, and provide the following information to Kitsumkalum:
 - a. a summary of the Proposed Activities, and relevant application(s) materials;
 - b. the identity and contact information of the applicant that has submitted an application or the tenure holder whose tenure or permit is under consideration:
 - c. a description of the location of, or area affected by, the Proposed Activities and geomark (or other agreeable format) of the area;
 - a reference to the relevant provincial statute(s) and the type of authorization(s) that would flow from potential provincial decisions respecting the Proposed Activities;
 - e. contact information for the provincial representative(s) for the purposes of Engagement;
 - f. the Provincial Agencies that may be involved in Provincial authorizations for the Proposed Activities;

- g. The provision of notice to the Kitsumkalum Co-Chair and information to Kitsumkalum in accordance with section 4.1 commences the Engagement Process timeline in respect of an Engagement Level 4 Proposed Activity;
- h. Kitsumkalum CWG Co-chair will, subject to any applicable confidentiality restrictions, share relevant information respecting the status and outcomes of any discussions between Kitsumkalum and an applicant respecting the Proposed Activities as soon as practicable; and
- i. other relevant and reasonably available information.
- 4.4 The CWG co-chairs will, within 30 days of the notification and provision of information under section 4.1, establish a Level 4 Working Group under its direction and convene an initial meeting of that Working Group to discuss:
 - a. initial views on the potential impacts of the Proposed Activities, including potential impacts on Kitsumkalum Aboriginal Rights;
 - b. initial views on the potential benefits of the Proposed Activities to Kitsumkalum and others;
 - c. information requirements and measures to support ongoing information sharing;
 - work planning for further Level 4 Working Group activities with respect to the development of process Recommendations for Engagement respecting the review of Proposed Activities; and
 - e. other matters as agreed by the CWG Co-Chairs.
- 4.5 The Level 4 Working Group will develop a process for Engagement respecting the Proposed Activities in consideration of the topics for discussion in 4.4, refer the matter to the CWG co-chairs, or follow the Issues Resolution process.
- 4.6 The timeline for completion of Recommendations in respect of an Engagement Level 4 decision is 30 days of the initial meeting identified in 4.4.
- 4.7 Where the Parties agree not to trigger the Issues Resolution Process under section 5 of this Appendix, a description of consensus CWG Recommendations as well as the Provincial Agency and Kitsumkalum's respective individual recommendations where the CWG are not able to achieve consensus, will be forwarded to the decision makers.

4.8 It is the understanding of the Parties that after the Engagement has been completed, the decision maker will consider all reasonably available relevant information and Recommendations summarized in the Shared Engagement Record related to each Proposed Activity, as well as any respective individual recommendations as referenced in section 4.7, and will proceed to make a decision respecting the Proposed Activity.

5. CWG Issues Resolution Process

- 5.1 The Parties agree that the Engagement Level elevation options are the primary means by which issues will be resolved, in order to minimize the need for the additional Issue Resolution steps below.
- 5.2 If an issue arises, the CWG will meet at a technical level and attempt to resolve the issue in good faith.
- 5.3 If the issue remains unresolved, the CWG Co-chairs will exchange written descriptions of the issue and arrange to meet (face to face if possible) within 10 business days to discuss and attempt to resolve the issue, and to reach agreement on Recommendations.
- 5.4 The CWG Co-Chairs will produce a final summary of the Recommendations within 10 business days.
- 5.5 The Co-Chairs may refer the issue to Senior Officials for discussion with the goal of achieving a joint solution.
- 5.6 The decision maker will review the Recommendation summary along with all other relevant information, including individual recommendations, proceed to decision, and if the decision is inconsistent with Kitsumkalum' recommendations, the decision maker will provide written rationale within 10 business days regarding how Kitsumkalum' interests have been addressed.
- 5.7 Notification under section 5.6 constitutes the completion of the Engagement.

Kitsumkalum Activity Table						
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep	
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)			
Forestry	Licence / Tree	Licence to Cut -	Licence / Tree Farm	Forest Licence:		
(FLNRORD)	Farm Licence/	Occupant Licence To	Licence/Community	 Non-replaceable 		
	Community Forest/	Cut, Forest Licence	Forest	forest licence		
	Agreement/	To Cut	Agreement/Woodlot	extension		
	Woodlot Licence	 Forestry licence to 	Licence	Woodlot Licence		
	 Administrative 	cut issuance (minor	 Operational Cutting 	Decisions		
	Cutting Permit	cutting, small scale	Permit Amendments	 Direct award of 		
	amendments (for	salvage, recreation	(for example, a	woodlot to First		
	example: a date	sites and trails)	reduction in size)	Nations through		
	change)	 Occupant licence to 	Woodlot Licence	Forest and Range		
	Forest	cut issuance	Decisions	Agreements /		
	stewardship	 Community wildfire 	Special Use Permits	Forest and Range		
	plans minor	protection (Forest	Special use permit	Opportunities		
	amendments (for	Licence To Cut)	amendments/replace	process (either new		
	example: adding	Forest Licence /	ment	or area increase)		
	another licence	Timber Licence	Forest Licence	 Boundary 		
	that is in their	Transfer /	Forest stewardship	amendment to		
	name into the	consolidation of	plan extensions	increase Crown		
	FSP)	forest licence	Incremental silviculture	land only under		
	Woodlot licence	(except woodlots) -	work led by the	Section 47.1 (First		
	plan minor	as long as it is not	Province	Nations only) –		
	amendments Misc. Forest	transferring from	Stand treatments to	New management		
	Tenure Decisions	one licensee to	meet timber objectives	plan or		
		another Old Growth	(fertilization/Juvenile	amendments Woodland Licence		
	 Free use permit issuance or First 		spacing/brushing) Special Use Permits	Decisions		
	Nations cultural	Management AreasMinor amendments	Incremental	Direct award area		
	use	BC Timber Sales	silviculture work led by	based licence		
	Authority to		the Licensee - Stand	First Nations		
	harvest timber by	 Decision to auction a TSL 	treatments to meet	through Forest and		
	Crown agents		timber objectives	•		
	Ciowii agents	Notification of TSL	umber objectives	Range Agreements		
		award		 Management Plan 		

Kitsumkalum Activity Table							
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 – Deep		
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		•		
Forestry (FLNRORD)	(Forest Act Sec 52)	Road Use Permits • Road use permits on Forest Service Roads (new and amendments)	(fertilization/Juvenile spacing/brushing) Forest Licence / Timber Licence Transfer / consolidation of forest licence if it is transferring from one licensee to another BC Timber Sales Timber sale licence extensions Misc. Forest Tenure Decisions Permit to grow and/or harvest Christmas trees on Crown land	Government Action Regulations			

	Kitsumkalum Activity Table							
Sector	Level 0 – No Consultation	Level 1 – Post Decision Notification	Level 2 – Notification (15 Days)	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 – Deep			
Forestry (FLNRORD)			(10 Days)	allowable cut (AAC) determination*** • AAC apportionment* Tree Farm Licence: • Timber Supply Review and Management Plan /AAC approval*** Forest Licence • Replacement* • Forest Stewardship Plan approval (including amendments requiring approval, not including extension requests)* • Non-replaceable forest licence issuance* • Decisions related to Unused, Unharvested and Uncommitted Volumes in the Management Units Provincial Forest Deletion				

	Kitsumkalum Activity Table							
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 – Deep			
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-			
Forestry (FLNRORD)	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)	Decision on Provincial forest deletion Timber Licence Extension Community Forest Agreement Decisions, including: management plan amendments and approvals* Timber supply review and/or allowable annual cut determination* Identification of community forest agreement area and district manager approval* Boundary amendment Woodlot Licence Plan/Management Plan development and amendments BC Timber Sales (BCTS) Road permit issuance Timber				

Kitsumkalum Activity Table							
Sector	Level 0 – No Consultation	Level 1 – Post Decision Notification	Level 2 – Notification (15 Days)	Level 3 – Normal Sale Licence	Level 4 - Deep		
Lands (FLNRORD)	 Establishment of Section 16/17 Land Act Reserves for provincial agencies in which a higher level of engagement is required prior to development (i.e., future park, MEMLCI no staking reserve, MOTI gravel reserve for future operations). Administrative applications that are assignments from individuals to individuals. Activities that are noted in the Permission Land Use Policy. 	 Emergency Measures related for the protection of life and property. Navigation aids. Investigative Use Permits where there are low impacts (i.e., surveying and inventory work [birds, plants, water quality/quantity], non-mechanized land alteration). Commercial film (small, as per Permissions Policy). 	 Establishment of Section 16/17 Land Act Reserves for non-provincial government agencies (i.e., Federal Government, Municipality) or provincial applications related to treaty interests for neighbouring nations. Commercial recreation involving non-motorized, light-impact, (non-consumptive), extensive uses including: river rafting, backcountry hiking, and guided nature tours. Administrative applications including scheduled renewals of existing tenures, licenses or permits. Engagement will occur annually on a batched basis (i.e., Lands Replacements). 	Crown land tenure. Land Act subdivision development approval.	New resort application. Major projects not currently undergoing review under Environmental Assessment Act.		

Kitsumkalum Activity Table						
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep	
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-	
			Communication sites			
Water (FLNRORD)	Section 9 (Water Licences), Section 10 (Short Term Use Approvals) and Section 11 (Change Approvals) amendments (i.e., change of works, abandonment, apportionment, cancellation, extension of time, name change): Transfer of appurtenancy, and addition or changes in purpose where the change does not alter the downstream impacts. Issuance of a final licence (Section 21).	 Orders under the Water Sustainability Act (WSA) to regulate water use or instream activities and groundwater. All remediation Orders relating to non-compliance. Section 9's (Water Licences) for existing groundwater users/wells, where the source aquifer is not suspected of hydraulic connectivity with surface water, but is on Crown land with a current tenure, Maintenance, repairs, and Orders under the Dike Maintenance Act. Maintenance, repairs, and Orders under the Dam Safety Regulations 	 Section 9's (Water Licences) that are greater than 1% Mean Annual Discharge (MAD) or 2.0 m³/day (approximately 500 gallon/day) or otherwise deemed low to moderate risk during the technical assessment. Section 9's (Water Licences) that are not exceeding 2.0 m³/day (approximately 500 gallons/day) and/or 1% of the MAD, but involve Crown land. Section 9's (Water Licences) for existing groundwater users/wells, where the source aquifer is suspected of hydraulic connectivity with surface water, and the well is in an area of water scarcity, in which case a predecision notification will take place. 	Section 11's (Change Approvals) moderate or higher impact, using QPs and BMPs.	Water licences (i.e., associated with hydroelectricity production, or comparable large water authorizations).	

Kitsumkalum Activity Table							
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep		
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-		
Water (FLNRORD)	 Section 9's (Water Licences) that are not exceeding 2.0 m³/day (approximately 500 gallons/day) and/or 1% of the Mean Annual Discharge (MAD) and do not involve Crown land. Section 9's (Water Licences) for existing groundwater users/wells, where the source aquifer is not hydraulically connected to surface water and the well is not on Crown land. Section 10's (Short Term Use Approvals) that are non-placer mining, (i.e., existing dust 		 Section 9's (Water Licences) for existing groundwater users/wells, where the source aquifer is suspected of hydraulic connectivity with surface water and the well is not in an area of water scarcity. Section 9's (Water Licences) for existing groundwater users/wells, where the source aquifer is not suspected of hydraulic connectivity with surface water, but is on Crown land with no current tenure. Section 10's (Short Term Use Approvals) with potential impact on downstream First Nation Licence, and/or greater than 5% MAD. Section 10's (Short Term Use Approvals) with moderate risk of impact to water quality/quantity or habitat values 				

Kitsumkalum Activity Table					
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-
Water (FLNRORD)	control, no impact) Not exceeding 5% MAD. • Section 11's (Change Approvals) that have no or negligible risk of impact, or routine maintenance of infrastructure, using Qualified Professionals and Best Management Practices. • Section 11's (Change Approvals) for public safety projects where there is imminent impact. • Activities under Part 3 of the Water Sustainability Regulation.		 Section 11's (Change Approvals) with low impact, using Qualified Professionals (QP) and Best Management Practices (BMP). Permits over Crown Lands (PCL) that are non-exclusive in nature. Leave to commence for operations (i.e., final authorization to do work as per licence conditions, for water power). 		

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Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 – Deep	
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-	
Fish &	 Dead wildlife 					
Wildlife	research					
(FLNRORD)	 Dead wildlife 					
	– lost					
	document					
	 Alien species 					
	 Live wildlife 					
	 Wildlife 					
	sustenance					
	 Fishing Ponds 					
	and Schools:					
	 Trout pond 					
	Fishing					
	school					
	 Wildlife Import, 					
	Export,					
	Transport &					
	Release:					
	Import					
	wildlife					
	o Export					
	wildlife					
	o Transport					
	live wildlife					
	Release live					
	wildlife					
	Game Bird Club.					
	Wildlife					
	Rehabilitation					
	Centre.					
	Angling:					

Kitsumkalum Activity Table					
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		•
	Disabled people.				
Arch Branch (FLNRORD)		Administrative amendments to permits (i.e., extensions to timeframes for fieldwork reporting, change of permit holder within a company, change in archaeologist. Does not include a change in study area or methods).	 Heritage inspection permit (S12.2) (including multiassessment permits)—nearly all of S12.2 permits issued by Arch Branch and in advance of development; physically looking for sites via shovel tests, probing, tree boring and the like account for 50-60% of total permits issued per year. Heritage investigation permit (S12.2) permits issued; low impact and may or may not be in advance of development – broad inventory work or research permits on typically very significant sites. Typically less than 15 individual permits in a year (less than 5% of total permits) 	Site alteration permit (S12.4) — typically issued for the development phase of projects; alterations to known archaeological sites. Accounts for 40-50% of total permits issued per year; Depending on the nature of proposed impacts, an archaeologist may act as copermittee, to oversee work, or may be issued to an RPF, or a non-archaeologist if there are no concurrent archaeological assessments; The application describes the	

		Kitsum	kalum Activity Table		
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		
Arch Branch (FLNRORD)			Amendments to S12.2 and S12.4 permits to add areas and/or sites, change methods or change repository of artifacts.	site(s) to be altered, previous assessments, the nature of proposed impacts, and methods if concurrent archaeological assessment is required; In the event artifacts are collected, a repository must be identified; Regardless of whether an archaeologist is involved in the permit, there will be deliverables to record what happened.	
Mines (MEMLCI)	Non- Mechanized emergency measures required for the protection of life and property.	Non-Mechanized mineral work including: Geophysical surveys, Underground exploration with nil	Notice of Work under Mines Act in existing disturbance/previously disturbed areas, where the NoW proposes a total disturbance area of	 Major Mines Act permit no EA. New Mining lease (mineral, placer, or coal) (no EA). Notice of Work under Mines Act in existing 	 Mines Act permit with EA. Mining lease with EA. Aggregate development sand and gravel quarry and

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Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 - Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 – Deep
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		·
Mines (MEMLCI)	Date extension of Notice of Work and leases – Coal, mineral, placer.	or negligible surface disturbance.	less than 0.5 ha, including: Drilling, trenching, or test pitting with or without the use of explosives; Re-opening of existing roads or trails within previously-disturbed areas; Underground development for mineral exploration with <5ha surface disturbance; Existing placer mining operations.	disturbance/previou sly disturbed areas, where the NoW proposes total disturbance area 0.5ha. or more; Notice of Work under Mines Act for mechanized mineral exploration or placer in undisturbed areas, including: Helicoptersupported drill programs; Drilling, trenching, or test pitting with or without the use of explosives; New access development where previous access has only been by water or air; Underground development for mineral exploration with	industrial quarry between 200,00- 500,000 tonnes.

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Sector	Level 0 – No Consultation	Level 1 – Post Decision Notification	Level 2 – Notification (15 Days)	Level 3 – Normal	Level 4 – Deep
Mines (MEMLCI)				new surface disturbance; New placer mining operations. Aggregate development sand and gravel quarry and industrial quarry less than 200,000 tonnes. Bulk samples.	
Waste Manage- ment (ENV)	Name change or transfer of waste discharge permits, administrative amendments or temporary amendments, including temporary bypass approvals.	 Hazardous waste storage registration. Section 87 of Environmental Management Act Orders used to address public safety or immediate environmental impacts. Minor amendments to solid waste, liquid waste, liquid effluent discharge and air discharge permit (=less than 10% increase in quantity and decrease in quality over original permit amount). 	Significant amendments to solid waste, liquid waste, liquid waste, liquid effluent discharge, and air discharge permit (=more than 10% increase over original permit amount).	 New solid waste, liquid waste, liquid waste, liquid effluent discharge and air discharge permits. Amendments to approved Liquid Waste Management Plans (LWMP) or Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMP), or development of new LWMPs and SWMPs. Hazardous waste registrations, or permits for hazardous waste treatment or disposal. 	

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Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 – Deep
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		
BC Parks (ENV) *See note below on modifying levels for BC Parks authorizations and Park Use Permit relationship with Collaborative Management Agreements. BC Parks (ENV) *See note below on modifying levels for BC Parks	Operations: Hazard tree removal; Facility maintenance, repair & replacement; Low impact facility development (i.e., signage, etc.); Park Use Permit (PUP): Transfer (Administrative name/company change. PUP – Filming (minor – no blocking of access)². Letter of Authorization – Filming (promotional for tourism purposes). Research PUP or Letter of Authorization:	Operations: Minor new facility development (i.e., low impact trails). Park Use Permit: Minor Amendment (low impact, new activities added, additional area added); Communication sites and navigation aids – low impact & no new access. PUP – Filming (major) ^{2,3} (PUP to include permit condition to contact Kitsumkalum prior to filming) Research PUP (i.e., mode of access used not normally authorized, seasonal activity).	Operations: Invasive Plant Species Management¹. Park Use Permit: Commercial Recreation – non-motorized, light-impact, extensive uses including: river rafting, backcountry hiking, and guided nature tours; Renewals; Renewals; Boundary Adjustment (administrative or addition of private lands).	Operations: Major new facility development (i.e., new Visitor's Center); Extensive hazard tree removal requiring a prescription; Prescribed burning & fuel hazard reduction by prescription. Park Use Permit: New; Fixed roof accommodation	Operations: Establishment of new Park or Protected Area PUP - Fixed roof accommodation — new lodges PUP — major projects (i.e., major roads, utility corridors) Park boundary adjustment (major deletion — moderate to high impacts on PPAs.

		Kitsum	nkalum Activity Table		
Sector	Level 0 – No Consultation	Level 1 – Post Decision Notification	Level 2 – Notification (15 Days)	Level 3 – Normal	Level 4 – Deep
authorizations and Park Use Permit relationship with Collaborative Management Agreements.	Observational based; Low impact sampling (i.e., tree coring or surface rock collection).			 Extraction based (i.e., fish/egg collection, live wildlife capture). Boundary Adjustment (Addition of new Crown lands, change in designation, minor deletion). Management planning for Parks and Protected Areas (PPAs) not identified in the Kitsumkalum-Province of BC Collaborative Management Agreement. 	
MOTI – Operations *See below for Level 4 process instructions unique to MOTI	Aggregates: • Gravel Removal or Processing in Developed Area (No Stripping Required)	Emergency Works: • Emergency Response	Aggregates: • Geotechnical Test Pitting Bridges Rehabilitation / Replacements: • Bridge Rehabilitation – Rip Rap Restoration, No Impacts to Water	Aggregates: • Pit Development and Expansion, including Logging, Clearing and Grubbing Bridges Rehabilitation / Replacements:	*See below for Level 4 process instructions unique to MOTI Bridges Rehabilitation / Replacements:

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Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-
	 Section 16/17 		Major Deck	Bridge	 Bridge
	Map Reserve		Resurfacing	Rehabilitation - New	Replacements
	Application		Culvert Repair and	Rip Rap	CVSE Scale Sites:
	Bridges		Replacement:	Bridge	 New Scale
	Rehabilitation /		 Where Section 11's 	Rehabilitation – Rip	Location
	Replacements:		(Change Approvals)	Rap Restoration,	Intersection
	 Bridge 		with low impact, using	Impacts to Water	Improvements:
	Rehabilitation –		Qualified	Culvert Repair and	 Large
	Structural		Professionals (QP)	Replacement:	Intersection
	 Minor Deck 		and Best Management	Where Section 11's	Improvement
	Resurfacing		Practices (BMP) are	(Change Approvals)	Requiring
	Culvert Repair and		required.	moderate or higher	Additional Lands
	Replacement:		Intersection	impact, using QPs	Outside Right-Of-
	 No Water 		Improvements:	and BMPs are	Way
	Sustainability Act		Small Intersection	required.	Road
	Permit Required		Improvements (e.g.	CVSE Scale Sites:	Improvements /
	 Where Water 		meridians)	Scale Expansions	Repairs / Upgrades:
	Sustainability		Road Improvements /	(new disturbance)	4 Laning
	Regulation		Repairs / Upgrades:	Intersection	Grade
	Section 39		Pavement Resurfacing	Improvements:	Separation
	Authorized		Road Improvements	Large Intersection	 Lowering Roads
	Changes –		(wider shoulders, pull-	Improvement Within	 Passing Lanes
	Changes in and		outs)	Existing Right- Of-	
MOTI –	about a stream			Way	
Operations	apply				*See below for Level
*See below	CVSE Scale Sites:				4 process
for Level 4	• Scale				instructions unique to
process	• Scale Improvements				MOTI
instructions	(on existing				
unique to	footprint / no new				
MOTI	disturbance)				
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	Kitsumkalum Activity Table					
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 – Notification	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 - Deep	
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-	
	Intersection					
	Improvements:					
	 Electrical 					
	Improvements or					
	New Electrical					
	Installations					
	Routine and					
	Quantified Road					
	and Bridge					
	Maintenance as					
	defined by the					
	Highway Maintenance					
	Agreement					
	Schedule 1:					
	Surface					
	Maintenance:					
	 Asphalt 					
	Pavement					
	Maintenance					
	 Dust control 					
	and Base					
	Stabilization					
	Fence					
MOTI –	Maintenance					
Operations	 Highway and 					
*See below for Level 4	Shoulder					
process	Grading					
instructions	 Pavement 					
unique to	Patching and					
MOTI	Crack					
101011	sealing					

	Kitsumkalum Activity Table					
Sector	Level 0 - No	Level 1 – Post	Level 2 - Notification	Level 3 – Normal	Level 4 - Deep	
	Consultation	Decision Notification	(15 Days)		-	
	 Road Base 					
	Maintenance					
	Snow					
	Removal /					
	Surface					
	Cleaning					
	Structure					
	Maintenance					
I	 Bridge 					
	Maintenance,					
	including					
	washing					
	Drainage					
	Maintenance					
	Ditch Maintananaa					
	Maintenance					
	DrainageAppliance					
	Maintenance					
	Shore, Bank					
	and					
	Watercourse					
	Maintenance					
	(annual					
MOTI –	report					
Operations	available)					
*See below	Roadside					
for Level 4	Maintenance					
process	 Brush, Tree 					
instructions unique to	and Danger					
MOTI	Tree					
IVIOII	Removal					

	Kitsumkalum Activity Table				
Sector	Level 0 – No Consultation	Level 1 – Post Decision Notification	Level 2 – Notification (15 Days)	Level 3 - Normal	Level 4 – Deep
	Curb / Gutter / Island Maintenance Fence Maintenance Litter Removal / Debris Removal Rest Area Maintenance Vegetation Control Traffic Maintenance Sign Maintenance Temporary Pavement Marking		(10 Days)		
MOTI – Develop- ment Services *See below for Level 4	Permits		Permits • Works Within Right- Of-Way (Construction on a Road Dedication) Permits within 500 metres of an Indian	Permits	*See below for Level 4 process instructions unique to MOTI
process instructions	Cattleguard/ GatesFencing		Reserve or Archaeological site • Access (Residential)	Road Closures All Road Closures (removing road right of	

Kitsumkalum Activity Table					
Sector	Level 0 – No Consultation	Level 1 – Post Decision Notification	Level 2 - Notification (15 Days)	Level 3 – Normal	Level 4 – Deep
unique to MOTI - Develop- ment Ser vices *See below for Level 4 process instructions	 Fiber Optics Mailboxes Overhead cable, Telephone and Power Sidewalk and Landscaping Signs Special Events Street Lights Structure Encroachment or Setback Traffic Signs Trees on Highway Right of Way (removal) Trenching, Boring or Jacking Underground cable, Telephone and Power Wireless Communication 		 Bus Stops, Shelters, Benches Cattleguard/ Gates Fencing Sidewalk and Landscaping Trenching, Boring or Jacking Underground cable, Telephone and Power Wireless Communication Subdivision Approvals Crown Land Created Through Subdivision (Road Dedication) Municipal/ Regional District Referrals (within 800 metres of a Controlled Access Highway): Approval of Municipal Development Permits Referral Rezoning Applications 	way from MOTI jurisdiction)	

Kitsumkalum Activity Table					
Sector	Level 0 – No Consultation	Level 1 – Post Decision Notification	Level 2 – Notification (15 Days)	Level 3 – Normal	Level 4 – Deep
unique to MOTI					

Modifier Criteria

Each Party may propose to modify a consultation level up or down by following the Engagement Framework process, which requires a rationale and agreement by both Parties.

Note: It is expected that up-modifiers will not be used for BC Parks for the following reasons:

- BC Parks is responsible for the management and conservation of a system of parks and protected areas (PPAs) located throughout the province. Included in its mandate is the legislated requirement for BC Parks to protect values within these areas from environmental and social impacts that are not necessary to preserve or maintain the unique set of values each Protected Area offers. In addition to these legislated mandates, BC Parks policy outlines the need to balance conservation and recreation objectives. Of primary concern is the long-term protection and management of natural, cultural heritage, and recreation values.
- To ensure that the stewardship of BC's parks and ecological reserves is included in all activities and practices that are conducted within these areas, impact assessments are required as per the BC Parks Impact Assessment Policy (2018). The Policy applies to all reviewable actions proposed within PPAs, including those proposed by BC Parks.
- Management plans are required to be developed for all PPAs. A management plan is developed with input from First Nations, local governments, the public and other interest groups. It outlines the management direction, including a list of allowable uses and activities, and desired future condition for a protected area and how to achieve it. The management plan is built based on the objectives of the higher level land use plan. There is an existing commitment that no new activities will be authorized within a conservancy until such time that a management plan is in place.

*BC Parks - Park Use Permits

The Parties acknowledge that at the time of execution of this Agreement, Kitsumkalum and BC Parks were engaged in
discussions around the Collaborative Management Agreement with a view to amending the terms, and unless otherwise agreed
to in writing, the Parties agree that the engagement process for Park Use Permit authorizations will be in accordance with this
Engagement Framework.

*Forestry – Process Clarifications

* Modified Timelines

• Timeline is 30-40 days for all decisions marked with a * in level 3 of forestry section of the activity table

** Cutting Permit Issuance

• Pilot project beginning January 2021: Batching information-sharing and consultation processes for cutting, road and ancillary permits. Review and update in a year

*** TSR Process

Consultation will be initiated by FLNRORD during the review and comment phase of the "Information Package" (Tree Farm Licences) / "Data Package" (Timber Supply Areas) and "Draft Management Plan" (Tree Farm Licences) / "Discussion Paper" (Timber Supply Areas). Kitsumkalum will make best efforts to respond within the first 40 business days of consultation being initiated. This timeframe will allow for any appropriate adjustments to be made before the next step in the Timber Supply Review. While these timelines allow for the most efficient and thorough consideration of Kitsumkalum's interests, all comments received in advance of the Allowable Annual Cut determination (and approval of the Management Plan in the case of Tree Farm Licences) will be considered by FLNRORD. At Kitsumkalum's request, a meeting may be scheduled with the Chief Forester in advance of the decision.

*MOTI - Level 4 Consultation Process

- Following 4.1 of Appendix C Engagement Framework, MOTI Project Manager will provide written notice to Kitsumkalum of a proposed activity as soon as practicable (cc'ing the CWG co-chairs). This will include information listed in 4.1 (a) (c) and will be accompanied by an initial version of the SER (v.1.0) for the proposed project.
- Once this information is received, the CWG will establish a Level 4 working group as detailed in Appendix C 4.4
- As per Appendix C 4.5, the CWG will develop a process for engagement respecting the proposed activity using the following as guidance:

MOTI has noted that Level 4 projects are typically comprised for 3 key decision points:

- 1. Pre-Design Phase
 - \circ Following receipt of initial SER and all other relevant information, Kitsumkalum will provide information as set out in Appendix C 4.4 (a) (c) via SER to the MOTI Project Manager.
 - o MOTI Project Manager will respond to Kitsumkalum via SER initiating an iterative engagement process.
- 2. Design & Assessment Phases
 - As relevant project documents and updates arise, they will be distributed by the MOTI Project Manager via SER.
 - Following the receipt of any new information, Kitsumkalum will provide responses and an engagement process continues through consultation timeline (~1-2 years).
- 3. Decision/Tender Phase
 - o Following engagement on proposed project, the parties will seek final consensus and enter into SER.
 - 30 business days prior to going to tender, Project Manager sends out a final (pre-decision) SER to Kitsumkalum summarizing communications, comments received and how they were addressed.
 - o Kitsumkalum provides final comments on project within 20 business days of receiving the final (pre-decision) letter.

- MOTI Project Manager will respond back to Kitsumkalum via SER in an iterative engagement process that will end within 30 business days from the date final (pre-decision) SER is provided to Kitsumkalum.
- Negotiations on an accommodation agreement may occur depending on the scope and impact to aboriginal rights including title of a particular level 4 project. These negotiations will occur separately between MOTI and Kitsumkalum.
- As outlined in Section 9.2 (b) of this Agreement, additional funding may be available to support the CWG on Level 4 projects. This will be discussed on a project by project basis depending on the scope and complexity of the Level 4 project.

¹ Activities are conducted in accordance with the 5 Year Invasive Plant Pest Management Plan for Provincial Public (Crown) Lands in Central and Northern British Columbia (FLNRORD), which is publicly available.

² Filming Park Use Permits are provincially required to be processed in 5 days.

³ Film monitors may be required to be on site during all stages of filming to ensure conditions of the Park Use Permit are adhered to. Monitors have Stop Work Order Authority under the Permit.

Appendix D: Reporting Requirements

Activities	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures