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Dear: Al Gorley, Gary Merkel, Steve Kachonoski

Re: Old Growth Strategic Review

Nanwakolas member First Nations—which include the K'omoks, Wei Wai Kum, Tlowitsis, Mamalilikulla, and Da'naxda'xw / Awaetlala Nations—received a notification on November 8, 2019 about the initiation of an Old Growth Strategic Review (reference: 252103). Please accept the following as the Nanwakolas First member Nations issues to be addressed in this review:

1. Future regulatory or policy changes must be addressed through government-to-government engagement as outlined in the shared decision-making process of the Nanwakolas Reconciliation Protocol Agreement;
2. Objectives and targets for old growth conservation and recruitment should use planning units based on watersheds or landscape units—spatial scales that more closely align with Nanwakolas member First Nation governance and management systems;
3. Old growth planning should apply to very large areas of private land within the Nanwakolas member First Nations' territories that are governed under the Private Managed Forest Land Act;
4. Nanwakolas member First Nations can choose to apply, across their entire territories, approaches to old growth management developed for portions of their territories in the Great Bear Rainforest;
5. Old growth policies should align with Nanwakolas member First Nations' protocols for cultural forest resources such as Large Cultural Cedar;

6. Impacts to socio-economic opportunities, such as forestry, and human well-being that result from new old growth policies should be addressed through new forestry tenures, conservation financing, and carbon credits for Nanwakolas member First Nations;

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please direct them to the Nanwakolas Forestry Advisor, Jordan Benner at jordanbenner@nanwakolas.com.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M Child". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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