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CHIEFS COUNCIL
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VANCOUVER, B.C.

Resolution no. 2011-54

RE: Support for the Save the Fraser Declaration, the Coastal First Nations Tanker Ban, and the Indigenous laws Banning Crude Oil Pipeline and Tanker Shipments through British Columbia

WHEREAS the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline and tankers project, and the Kinder-Morgan Trans-Mountain oil pipeline and tanker expansion will expose Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities from the Pacific Coast across to Alberta to the risk of pipeline and supertanker oil spills;

WHEREAS both of these pipeline and tanker projects pose an unacceptable risk to the health, safety and livelihoods of First Nations throughout British Columbia, and will contribute to the negative environmental and health impacts experienced by Indigenous peoples downstream of the tar sands, and of all peoples throughout the world as a result of accelerating global climate change;

WHEREAS First Nations continue to exercise our laws and jurisdiction to protect our lands, our waters, our coasts and our rivers, as we have done for thousands of years and both the Save the Fraser Declaration and the Coastal First Nations Tanker Ban are grounded in our laws;

WHEREAS the UBCIC Chiefs Council passed Resolution 2010-11 to oppose the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council endorse the Coastal First Nations Tanker Ban and Save the Fraser Declaration that prohibit the transportation of tar sands crude oil by pipeline and tanker on the north coast, the south coast, and through the Fraser River watershed;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the UBCIC Chiefs Council urge the governments of Canada and British Columbia to respect the laws and authority of First Nations, and to protect the environment, fisheries, and the health and safety of all BC communities, by opposing and rejecting the proposed Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipelines and the Kinder-Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline and tanker expansion.

Moved: **Bev Ketlo, Nadleh Whut'en (Proxy)**
Seconded: **Chief John Jones, Old Massett First Nation**
Disposition: **Carried**
Date: **November 23rd, 2011**