



March 22, 2006

Hartley Bay Village Council
445 Haymilsaxaa Way
Hartley Bay, BC V0V 1A0
Via Post and Facsimile: (250) 841-2541

Dear Council and Community Members,

The First Nations Leadership Council commends the timely and immediate response of your community to the sinking of the BC Ferry *Queen of the North* in the early hours of March 22, 2006. Without hesitation, courageous members of your community bravely responded to the crash scene using fishing vessels and speedboats to rescue victims. Your community also generously opened itself up to the passengers, and provided them with much-needed safety and comfort in the hours after the sinking.

The ability of the Hartley Bay community to pull together in response to this disaster, save lives and comfort victims truly demonstrates your strength, courage, and humanitarianism. On behalf of all First Nations in BC, we applaud you for your remarkable efforts.

Yours truly,
FIRST NATIONS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

On behalf of the FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT:


Grand Chief Edward John


Grand Chief Doug Kelly


Dave Porter

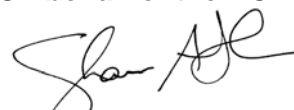
On behalf of the UNION OF BC INDIAN CHIEFS


Chief Stewart Phillip


Chief Robert Shintah


Chief Mike Retasket

On behalf of the BC ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS:


A-in-ehut (Regional Chief Shawn Atleo)