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Resolution no. 2011-01

RE: Allocation of Revenue Sharing from Forest Carbon Offsets between the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and the Province of British Columbia

WHEREAS the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation wish to manage their lands according to traditional values, and see the potential benefits from promoting the development of ecosystem goods and services to complement timber harvesting;

WHEREAS the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* sets out in Article 32:

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.
2. States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources.
3. States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact;

WHEREAS the development of environmentally credible forest carbon offsets associated with additional sequestration from amended forest practices and the creation of protected areas is a priority for the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation in moving their goals forward and becoming a recognized leader in sustainable forest management;

WHEREAS to enable the immediate implementation of this approach it is necessary to develop an offset sharing agreement that would allow Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and the Province to share revenues from their forest tenures. This offset sharing agreement would provide to the parties a share of the total annual

emission reductions created by amended forest practices and new conservation areas which would be recognized by emission offset purchasers such as the Pacific Carbon Trust; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council fully support the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation in promoting the development of a revenue sharing agreement that considers such matters as legal transfer of ownership rights and the relationship of transfer of offset rights which would not prejudice the position of the Nation with regards to rights and title. Also required in the agreement will be confirmation regarding issues of liability and risk surrounding permanence of the offsets, the costs associated with developing offsets for marketing to an approved standard and other matters pertaining to verification and validation of the offsets

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the UBCIC Chiefs Council direct the UBCIC Executive to communicate support directly to the Tla-o-qui-aht Nation and the Province of British Columbia.

Moved: **Terry Dorward, Tla-o-qui-aht Nation (Proxy)**
Seconded: **Chief Rick Deneault, Skeetchestn Indian Band**
Disposition: **Carried**
Date: **March 10, 2011**