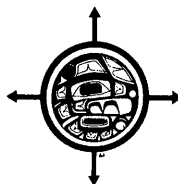


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## **Call for Immediate Support for Douglas Treaty Tribes**

(Vancouver/Coast Salish Territory – October 11, 2007) The Union of BC Indian Chiefs is urgently calling all First Nations to immediately support the Sencot'en C'A,I, Newell in their defence of their Douglas Treaty Land Rights.

The Sencot'en have petitioned the BC Supreme Court to ensure that the BC and Federal Governments cannot sign the Tsawwassen Final Agreement, without engaging in full and fair consultation and accommodation of the Sencot'en constitutionally protected rights.

The UBCIC is committed to support the Sencot'en C'A,I, and maintains that their experience is indicative that the BC Treaty process does not meet the legal standards set out by the Supreme Court of Canada in Delgamuukw, Haida or Taku River Tlingit. The UBCIC continues to advocate for fundamental legislative reform that would terminate the 1986 Federal Comprehensive Claims Policy and replace it with reciprocal Aboriginal Title and Rights Recognition legislation at the federal, provincial and international levels.

The UBCIC is greatly concerned that that the message the Provincial government and media will be that the BC Treaty process is in fact working and that reconciliation with all First Nations in BC is occurring through the New Relationship. If there is a New Relationship, the Sencot'en C'A,I, would not have been forced to seek legal remedies and seek public assistance to protect their Aboriginal Title and Rights.

In closing, the UBCIC respects the decision of the Tsawwassen First Nation to proceed with their Final Agreement. The UBCIC shares the pride of the Sto:lo Nation in the recent appointment of Stephen Point as British Columbia's first aboriginal lieutenant-governor.

Please find the attached invitation to all First Nations from the Sencot'en C'A,I, Newell.

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## INVITATION TO ALL B.C. FIRST NATIONS

From the

### Sencot'en C'A,I, Newell

We the WSÁNEC and Semiahmoo people know our history and our and Territory.

The new Tsawwassen Treaty will give away a major part of our core territory in the Gulf Islands where we hold the Aboriginal Title and Rights. Our Constitutionally protected rights under the Douglas Treaty, will be impacted by this new kind of Treaty.

The Sencot'en have gone to the BC Supreme Court to make sure that the Governments cannot sign off on this Treaty, without engaging in full and fair consultation and accommodation of our Constitutionally Protected Rights

**Come and Participate with us  
Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2007  
Meet at the Museum Plaza at 9.00 AM**

Planning meeting Sunday night at 6PM at the Tsartlip Band Hall

Contact Chief Chris Tom at (250) 889-7824 or Eric Pelkey at (250) 480-8526