

# Sliammon First Nation Agreement-in-Principle



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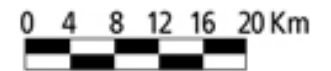
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## TREATY NEGOTIATIONS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

### STATEMENT OF INTENT BOUNDARY SLIAMMON FIRST NATION



- Statement of Intent Boundary
- Roads
- Parks



In the Coast Salish language, Sliammon means "Kla men" or "our people"



Images courtesy of the Sliammon Treaty Society

# Geography and Demographics

- **Population: 904**
- **Traditional Territory: 610,800 ha.**
- **Reserves: 6, comprising 1,907 ha.**



## Core elements

- AIP provides for negotiation of two separate agreements
  - Final Agreement (constitutionally protected)
  - Governance Agreement (not constitutionally entrenched)
- Up to 6,000 hectares of Crown land
- \$26 million capital transfer
- Full and final settlement of aboriginal rights related to land and resources

## Core elements, cont'd

- Application of federal and provincial laws
- Taxation authority over Sliammon First Nation members on treaty lands
- Co-ordination with local government – planning and other activities

## Core elements, cont'd

- Right to harvest wildlife and migratory birds
- Domestic and commercial fish allocations
- Sliammon forest tenure – 50,000 cubic metres
- Commitment to negotiate revenue-sharing

# B.C.'s Negotiating Principles

- No land expropriations
- Leases and licences respected
- Public access for hunting, fishing, recreation ensured
- Parks and protected areas maintained
- Provincial standards apply for resource management and environmental protection
- Comparable authorities in areas of similar jurisdiction to local governments
- Harmonized approach for land use planning
- Tax exemptions phased out



## Benefits of AIP

- Provides certainty regarding aboriginal rights
- Economic development opportunities for Sliammon First Nation
- Further integrates Sliammon First Nation into the regional economies
- Consistent with B.C.'s negotiating principles
- Revitalizes the treaty process

# Recommended Decisions

- Approve Agreement-in-Principle
- Approve proceeding to Final Agreement negotiations

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