

FORM 3

SOCIETY ACT

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society is **FIRST NATIONS FISHERIES SOCIETY** ✓
2. The First Nations Fisheries Council works with and on behalf of B.C. First Nations to protect and reconcile First Nations rights and title as they relate to fisheries and the health and protection of aquatic resources. The purposes of the Society are:
 - (a) to advance and protect First Nations title and rights related to fisheries and aquatic resources, including priority access for food, cultural and economic purposes;
 - (b) to support First Nations to build and maintain capacity related to fishing, planning, policy, law, management, and decision-making at a variety of scales (local, regional, national, international); and
 - (c) to facilitate discussions related to the development of a British Columbia-wide First Nations-based collaborative management framework that recognizes and respects First Nations jurisdiction, management authority and responsibilities.
3. The purposes of the Society shall be carried out without purpose of gain for its members (workers) and any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes.
4. In the event of the dissolution of the Society, funds and assets of the Society remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to such organization or ministry with similar purposes in British Columbia, as may be determined by the members of the Society at the time of dissolution provided that such organization or ministry shall be a registered charity such under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act* of Canada from time to time in effect. In effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions then such funds shall be given or transferred to a suitable level of local government.
5. Paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of this Constitution are unalterable in accordance with the *Society Act*.

