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By Ash Kelly, Posted: Jun 28, 2017 5:55 PM PT



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'Extremely close to being gone forever': B.C. fisheries manager says feds failing Interior steelhead

A record low 290 steelhead are expected to return to the Fraser river in 2017

By Ash Kelly, CBC News - Posted: Nov 06, 2017 5:42 PM PT | Last Updated: Nov 06, 2017 10:02 PM PT

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CANADA TELLS NUU-CHAH-NULTH THREE DIFFERENT TALES

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Port Alberni — The voices of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his ministers, the voice of Canada's bureaucracy through Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and the voice of government lawyers are telling three different stories to the Nuu-chah-nulth people, said Ken Watts, vice-president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

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By Hilary Beaumont
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Government Commitments to Reconciliation

- The Federal and Provincial Governments have each made a commitment for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and have committed to adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and to building relationships based on respect, collaboration and partnership.



First Nation Principles

- The Crown must recognize First Nations' historic and uninterrupted role in fisheries pre-contact, and the role we continue to play in honoring, protecting, managing and using aquatic resources.
- Recognition of Aboriginal Title and Rights and Treaty Rights will be a fundamental part of reconciliation, including the recognition of the right to manage, protect, and harvest fish and aquatic resources and their habitats and ecosystems.
- Achieving constitutionally protected Section 35.1 Aboriginal Fisheries by prioritizing fisheries for food, social, ceremonial and economic rights-based purposes for our communities.



Reconciliation

rec·on·cil·i·a·tion

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noun

1.1.

the restoration of friendly relations.

"his **reconciliation with** your uncle"

2.2.

the action of making one view or belief compatible with another.

"he aims to bring about a **reconciliation between** art and technology"

synonyms: reuniting, reunion, bringing together
(again), conciliation, reconcilment, rapprochement,
fence-mending;



Truth and Reconciliation Commission

What We Have Learned: Principles of Truth and Reconciliation ¹

- *To the Commission, “reconciliation” is about establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples in this country. In order for that to happen, there has to be awareness of the past, acknowledgement of the harm that has been inflicted, atonement for the causes, and action to change behavior*

¹<http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/File/2015/Findings/Principles%20of%20Truth%20and%20Reconciliation.pdf>



TRC: Principles of Reconciliation

1. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is the framework for reconciliation at all levels and across all sectors of Canadian society.
2. First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, as the original peoples of this country and as self-determining peoples, have Treaty, constitutional, and human rights that must be recognized and respected.
3. Reconciliation is a process of healing of relationships that requires public truth sharing, apology, and commemoration that acknowledge and redress past harms.
4. Reconciliation requires constructive action on addressing the ongoing legacies of colonialism that have had destructive impacts on Aboriginal peoples' education, cultures and languages, health, child welfare, the administration of justice, and economic opportunities and prosperity.
5. Reconciliation must create a more equitable and inclusive society by closing the gaps in social, health, and economic outcomes that exist between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians.



TRC: Principles of Reconciliation

6. All Canadians, as Treaty peoples, share responsibility for establishing and maintaining mutually respectful relationships.
7. The perspectives and understandings of Aboriginal Elders and Traditional Knowledge Keepers of the ethics, concepts, and practices of reconciliation are vital to long-term reconciliation.
8. Supporting Aboriginal peoples' cultural revitalization and integrating Indigenous knowledge systems, oral histories, laws, protocols, and connections to the land into the reconciliation process are essential.
9. Reconciliation requires political will, joint leadership, trust building, accountability, and transparency, as well as a substantial investment of resources.
10. Reconciliation requires sustained public education and dialogue, including youth engagement, about the history and legacy of residential schools, Treaties, and Aboriginal rights, as well as the historical and contemporary contributions of Aboriginal peoples to Canadian society.



Discussion Questions

- Federal “agenda” on reconciliation:
 - What are they doing?
 - What can we expect?
- What does reconciliation mean in practical terms? What does reconciliation mean in a fisheries context?
- What are tangible ways to work with the federal or provincial governments on reconciliation measures?

