



Ministry of
Indigenous Relations
and Reconciliation

Crown Reconciliation in Fisheries

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Overview of presentation

- Ministry mandate
- Provincial reconciliation initiatives
- Framework for reconciliation: Bill 41 – *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*
- Questions

Ministry mandate

- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) guides and calibrates BC's efforts to achieve true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous peoples through the implementation of:
 - *United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UN Declaration)
 - Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada: Calls to Action
 - Tsilhqot'in Supreme Court Decision
 - *Draft Principles that Guide the Province of British Columbia's Relationship with Indigenous Peoples*

Reconciliation Initiatives



Framework for Reconciliation



Context

- Minister Mandate Letters (2017)
- Commitment Document – Concrete Actions (2018)
- Speech from the Throne and Budget Speech (2019)
- Recent bills and legislation

Process

- Concrete Actions – Goal 1, Action 1
 - Jointly develop and introduce UN Declaration legislation by Fall 2019
 - Mandates from Chiefs: resolutions at BCAFN, FN Summit & UBCIC assemblies
- Collaborative process
 - Technical working group: FNLC members/technical reps; BC leadership/technical reps
 - Joint development of legislative concepts and drafts

Purpose of Bill 41

- Advance and support implementation of the UN Declaration in British Columbia
- Provide a principled human rights foundation for reconciliation and for strong government-to-government relationships between BC and Indigenous peoples
- Support Indigenous self-determination and recognition of Indigenous governing bodies

Features of Bill 41

- Alignment of B.C.'s laws with the UN Declaration
- Development of an Action Plan providing transparency and accountability
- Consistent public reporting to monitor progress
- Broader range of Indigenous governments
- Framework for decision-making between Indigenous governments and the Province

Clarity

- Framework to ensure B.C.'s laws uphold the rights of Indigenous peoples
- Tool for rules, transparency and accountability
- Commitment to working with Indigenous peoples and all British Columbians for a just and prosperous future
- Long-term commitment




Questions

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Thank you!
Hoy chexw!