



TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION

People of the Inlet



**Chief and Council would be
honoured for you to attend the**

Signing of the Save the Fraser Declaration

**Saturday July 7th 2012
6:30pm**

Whey-Ah-Wichen / Cates Park

Parking is limited - a shuttle bus to Whey-Ah-Wichen / Cates Park will be leaving the Tsleil-Waututh Community Centre at 6:00pm

Feast following ceremony

For more information call 604-924-4186

Ceremony Information

Chief and Council would be honoured by your presence at our Whey-Ah-Wichen Canoe Festival, to bear witness to an event of historic significance to our people by celebrating and honouring our connection to the waters of Burrard Inlet and to the canoe.

Chief Justin George will be adding his signature to support the Yinka Dene Alliance and their effort to protect and save the Fraser River from the threat of oil spills posed by oil pipelines and super tankers. Join us for the signing of the Declaration on Saturday evening at 6:30pm followed by a Coast Salish feast for everyone.

Our Nation is hosting this celebration to remind us all that there is room for many paddlers in one canoe as we paddle together, with one heart, one mind and one spirit, and make great things happen.

What is the Save the Fraser Declaration?

The Save the Fraser Declaration is an exercise of Indigenous law, title, and rights, and has status under First Nations law, Canadian law, and International law. This Declaration focuses on First Nations law, title and rights to protect the Fraser River Water watershed – including the rivers flowing into the Fraser River like the Stuart, Endako and Salmon Rivers.

What signing the declaration says about Tsleil-Waututh

By signing the declaration the Tsleil-Waututh reaffirms our rights to speak for these waters, lands and those that cannot speak for themselves; the fish, animals, trees, water and land are our lifeline. We must protect our ways of life from damage and threat. It is our birthright and obligation to care for the lands and waters of our territory. We will not accept the grave environmental risks threatening our shorelines that would result from the expansion of the Kinder Morgan Pipeline.

Chief and Council strongly support the efforts of the Yinka Dene Alliance. We strongly believe in the teaching of Naut'sa mawt, working together as one. With the strength of our communities working together we can protect the waters, lands and animals within our territories.

Who has signed?

The Save the Fraser Declaration was negotiated in November 2010. Since then it has been signed by 206 representatives of First Nations from across BC, Alberta and the Northwest Territories.

Signing Ceremony

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TIME: 6:30 pm, feast to follow

WHERE: Whey-ah-Wichen / Cates Park