

TSILHQOT'IN PEOPLE OF XENI



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Sustainable Tourism Protocol Agreement

BETWEEN

Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Government
(Formerly the Nemiah Valley Indian Band, as represented by its Band Council)
General Delivery
Nemiah Valley, British Columbia
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("the Xeni Gwet'in")

AND

Chilko Resorts & Community Association
Chilko Lake - North
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WHEREAS:

- A. The Tsilhqot'in and the Xeni Gwet'in assert aboriginal title and rights in the Brittany Triangle and the Xeni Gwet'in trapline. These areas are within the Tsilhqot'in traditional territory of Xeni Gwet'in First Nation and are delineated in *William v. B.C. et al* B.C.S.C. - Victoria Registry, Action No. 90 0914;
- B. The Xeni Gwet'in on August 23, 1989, passed the "Nemiah Aboriginal Wilderness Preserve Declaration" ("the Declaration") to protect certain lands within Tsilhqot'in traditional territory;
- C. The Declaration sets out principles of conservation, management and the right of use for the Xeni Gwet'in;

- D. The Chilko Resorts and Community Association desires to preserve and protect the natural environment in the areas set out in the Declaration; and
- E. The Xeni Gwet'in and the Chilko Resort and Community Association recognize the mutual benefit to both parties regarding the protection of the environment and promotion of sustainable tourism in the areas set out in the Declaration.

This Protocol Agreement records the mutual understandings of the Parties, on the day and year recorded below:

1. The objectives of this Sustainable Tourism Protocol are to enhance working relationships between the Xeni Gwet'in and the Chilko Resort and Community Association and to develop or enhance initiatives aimed at environmental protection and generating sustainable tourism opportunities.
2. This Protocol is a statement of political intent by the Xeni Gwet'in and the Chilko Resort and Community Association and is not legally binding. Nothing in this Agreement shall abrogate or derogate from any aboriginal title or aboriginal rights of the Tsilhqot'in, the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation or any Tsilhqot'in or Xeni Gwet'in members.
3. Nothing in this Protocol shall be taken to mean that the Tsilhqot'in, the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation or any Tsilhqot'in or Xeni Gwet'in members have in any way abandoned, given up, diminished, suspended or modified any rights.
4. This Protocol shall remain in place so long as the Parties each abide by it, and conform to its contents. Either Party may terminate this Protocol at any time but will give written notice and clarification to the other Party before terminating the Protocol.
5. The Xeni Gwet'in and the Chilko Resort and Community Association agree to respect the principles set out in the Declaration.
6. The Xeni Gwet'in and the Chilko Resort and Community Association agree to work together to:
 - a) Raise awareness with respect to environmental and sustainable tourism issues;
 - b) Seek funding from appropriate sources to carry out tasks relating to this Protocol;
 - c) Explore opportunities to study tourism trends, impacts and opportunities;
 - d) Increase Xeni Gwet'in and Chilko Resort and Community Association members participation in training, employment and economic development opportunities relating to sustainable tourism; and
 - e) Pursue joint initiatives for environmental protection and the development or enhancement of sustainable tourism.

7. The Xenigwet'in and the Chilko Resort and Community Association agree to support each other whenever possible to jointly advocate environmental protection and sustainable tourism interests to local, provincial, and federal government agencies that make decisions regarding lands, resources and tourism.

The Parties have signed below to witness entering into this Protocol Agreement, this 17th day of January 2003.



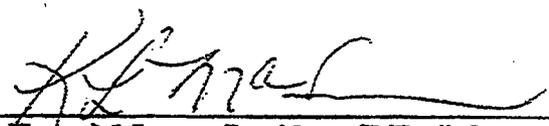
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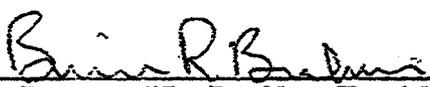
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