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**BC Reappoints Commissioner Weisgerber**

VANCOUVER - Commissioner Jack Weisgerber will serve a third, two-year term as the BC government appointee to the Treaty Commission.

"We at the treaty commission very much value the knowledge and experience Commissioner Weisgerber brings to the treaty process," said Chief Commissioner Steven Point. "I look forward to working with him as we proceed to conclude treaties in British Columbia."

"I appreciate having the confidence of Premier Campbell and Minister Christensen to carry on the work of the Treaty Commission," said Commissioner Weisgerber. "This appointment allows me to continue to advocate for treaties and for interim agreements which I believe are in the best interests of all British Columbians."

Jack Weisgerber was first appointed to the Treaty Commission in March 2002 by the Government of British Columbia. He represented Peace River South in the BC Legislature for 15 years from 1986 to 2001 and became BC's first Minister of Aboriginal Affairs in 1988. His leadership was key to the formation of the BC Claims Task Force, whose report and recommendations are the foundation for the BC treaty process. Weisgerber was also Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. The Treaty Commission comprises five commissioners: two Commissioners elected by the First Nations Summit, and one each appointed by the federal and provincial governments. The Chief Commissioner is chosen by agreement of the three Principals. The Treaty Commission is the independent body which facilitates treaty negotiations among the governments of Canada and BC and First Nations in British Columbia.

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