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NEW COMMISSIONER NAMED TO BC TREATY COMMISSION

VANCOUVER -- The Treaty Commission today announced that Vancouver lawyer, writer and consultant Kathleen Keating has been appointed a Commissioner by the Government of British Columbia.

Keating is appointed for a two-year term ending April 19, 2000. She replaces provincial government appointee Barbara Fisher who has joined a Vancouver law firm. Fisher had been a Commissioner with the Treaty Commission since it was created in April 1993.

Keating is a lawyer, writer, trainer and consultant in the areas of court process and plain language drafting. Her administrative law experience includes six years of chairing public inquiries and disciplinary hearings for the Vancouver Police Board, and training council members of the BC College of Teachers and other groups on their statutory duties.

She has written plain language information on legal topics including disciplinary processes, no-fault insurance, sexual abuse of patients, small claims court, justice reform and reform of family property law. She also conducted research and writing for the Litigation Management Committee of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

A member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association, Keating writes and edits their quarterly newsletter. She has also served as a member for the Vancouver Police Board, the Vancouver Public Library and is a founding member of the BC Society for Translators and Interpreters.

The Treaty Commission comprises five commissioners: two Commissioners selected by the First Nations Summit, and one each appointed by the federal and provincial governments. The Chief Commissioner is chosen by agreement of three parties.

The Treaty Commission is the independent body which facilitates treaty negotiations between Canada, B.C. and First Nations in British Columbia.

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