



## **BC TREATY COMMISSION**

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### **MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS FINAL AGREEMENT PASSED IN RECORD TIME**

**VANCOUVER** – The Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement made its way through the House of Commons, the Senate, the Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples and received royal assent by the Governor General in just four days.

Bill C-41 received 1<sup>st</sup> reading in the House of Commons on Monday, June 15. The following day it received 2<sup>nd</sup> reading in the House, was considered in the committee of the whole, received 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and was passed and then was sent to the Senate where it received 1<sup>st</sup> reading. On Wednesday it received second reading in the Senate, was debated and referred to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples where witnesses gave testimony. The committee forwarded Bill C-41 to the Senate without amendment. On Thursday Bill C-41 received 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the Senate, was passed and was given royal assent by the Governor General.

The five Maa-nulth First Nations are Huu-ay-aht, Kyoquot/Checklesah, Toquaht, Uchucklesah and Ucluelet.

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#### **About the BC Treaty Commission**

The Treaty Commission is the independent body responsible for overseeing treaty negotiations among the governments of Canada, BC and First Nations in BC. It has three roles: facilitation, funding, and public information and education.

Established in 1992, the Treaty Commission and six-stage treaty process are designed to advance treaty negotiations. The Treaty Commission comprises a provincial appointee, a federal appointee, two First Nations Summit appointees and a chief commissioner chosen by agreement of all three parties. For more information about the BC Treaty Commission, please visit [bctreaty.net](http://bctreaty.net).