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BCAFN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 14, 15 & 16, 2026
In person & online via Zoom

Resolution 37/2026

SUBJECT:	**COORDINATED FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO KAMLOOPS LAKE SPILL**
MOVED BY:	**KUKWPI7 ROSANNE CASIMIR, TK'EMLUPS TE SECWEPEMC**
SECONDED BY:	**CHIEF EDDY JULES, SKEETCHESTN**
DECISION:	**CARRIED**

WHEREAS:

A. First Nations in B.C. are inherent title and rights holders with jurisdiction over their territories, lands, and waters, and have a sacred responsibility to protect salmon-bearing and other aquatic ecosystems through independent and First Nations-led precautionary decision-making for present and future generations;

B. on November 1, 2025, a Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) train derailed along the southern shore of Kamloops Lake, spilling approximately more than 70,000 litres of Jet-A aviation fuel and additional toxic additives into the Kamloops Lake Watershed, which is an essential habitat for salmon and other freshwater aquatic life;

C. the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which the government of Canada has adopted without qualification, and has, alongside the government of B.C., passed legislation committing to implement, affirms:

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Article 18(1): Indigenous Peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own Indigenous decision-making institutions.
Article 26: Indigenous Peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired.
Article 29(1): Indigenous Peoples have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources. States shall establish and implement assistance programmes for indigenous peoples for such conservation and protection, without discrimination.
Article 32(1): Indigenous Peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources; (3) States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

D. ongoing environmental and cumulative impacts caused by the November 1, 2025, spill have not been contained within Kamloops Lake, as freshwater from that watershed flows into the Thompson and Fraser Rivers and, ultimately, the Pacific Ocean, impacting the many First Nations located downstream of the initial spill location, as well as all First Nations who rely on the impacted salmon populations; and

E. Provincial and federal government-to-government engagement with impacted First Nations and requests for capacity funding to enable a First Nations-led impact assessment have not been meaningfully addressed via any correspondence to date.

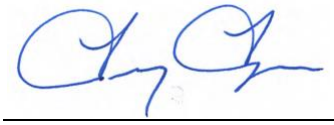
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon Environment and Climate Change Canada, Transport Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, B.C. Ministry of Environment and Parks, B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, and B.C. Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness to enact a coordinated response to address First Nations concerns pertaining to the November 1, 2025, CPKC derailment and spill;

2. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly are not satisfied that provincial and federal spill response efforts have adequately addressed outstanding and potentially long-lasting environmental concerns identified by impacted First Nations;

3. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon Environment and Climate Change Canada, Transport Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Parks, and the B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to work in full partnership with impacted First Nations to develop and implement a transparent, coordinated, and adequately

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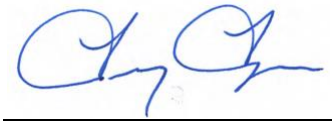


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resourced long-term monitoring and remediation plan that addresses all outstanding environmental concerns and potential long-term and cumulative impacts arising from the November 1, 2025, CPKC derailment and spill, including through timely information-sharing and regular reporting to impacted First Nations; and

4. The BCAFN Chiefs-in-Assembly call upon Environment and Climate Change Canada, Transport Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, B.C. Ministry of Environment and Parks, and B.C. Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship to collectively distribute capacity funding to impacted First Nations to support First Nations-led assessments addressing ongoing environmental and cumulative impacts caused by the November 1, 2025, CPKC derailment and spill.

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