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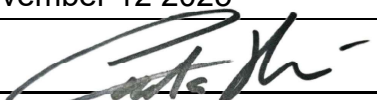


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PART 1 - INTRODUCTORY PROVISIONS

Short title

1.1 This Act may be cited as the Interpretation Act.

Executive oversight

1.2 The chief councillor is responsible for the executive oversight of this Act.

Application

- 1.3**
- (a) Every provision of this Act applies to every other Uchucklesaht enactment, whether enacted before or after this Act, unless a contrary intention appears in this Act or in the other Uchucklesaht enactment.
 - (b) The provisions of this Act apply to this Act.
 - (c) This Act does not exclude the application to a Uchucklesaht enactment of a rule of construction that is applicable to that Uchucklesaht enactment and not inconsistent with this Act.

Government bound by Uchucklesaht enactments and exception

- 1.4**
- (a) Unless otherwise provided in the Uchucklesaht enactment, all Uchucklesaht enactments are binding on the Uchucklesaht government.
 - (b) Despite subsection (a), a Uchucklesaht enactment that would bind or affect the Uchucklesaht government in the use or development of land, or in the planning, construction, alteration, servicing, maintenance or use of building and other structures does not bind or affect the Uchucklesaht government.

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PART 2 - GENERAL RULES OF INTERPRETATION

Enactment always speaking

- 2.1** (a) Every Uchucklesaht enactment must be construed as always speaking.
- (b) If a provision in a Uchucklesaht enactment is expressed in the present tense, the provision applies to the circumstances as they arise.

Enactment remedial

- 2.2** Every Uchucklesaht enactment must be construed as being remedial and must be given such fair, large and liberal construction and interpretation as best ensures the attainment of its objectives.

Title, preamble and reference aids

- 2.3** (a) The title and the preamble, if any, of a Uchucklesaht enactment are part of the Uchucklesaht enactment and are intended to assist in explaining its meaning and objectives.
- (b) In a Uchucklesaht enactment, an explanatory memorandum, table of contents, heading to a part, section or other portion, reference after a part, section or other portion, footnote or endnote is not part of the Uchucklesaht enactment and must be considered to have been added only for convenience of reference.

Subdivisions of sections

- 2.4** A section of a Uchucklesaht enactment is divided into subdivisions known in descending order as subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses.

Citation

- 2.5** A Uchucklesaht enactment may be cited by reference to
- (a) its document number in the registry of laws and official records, or
- (b) its title, with or without reference to its document number.

References within Uchucklesaht enactments

- 2.6** (a) A reference in a Uchucklesaht enactment to a series of numbers or letters by the first and last numbers or letters of the series includes the number or letter first and last mentioned.

- (b) A reference in a Uchucklesaht enactment to a part, section, schedule, appendix or form is a reference to the part, section, schedule, appendix or form of the Uchucklesaht enactment in which the reference occurs.
- (c) A reference in a Uchucklesaht enactment to a subsection, paragraph, subparagraph or clause is a reference to the subsection, paragraph, subparagraph or clause of the section, subsection, paragraph or subparagraph in which the reference occurs.
- (d) A reference in a Uchucklesaht enactment to a part number, section number or subsection number is a reference to the paragraphs under the part, section or subsection, as applicable.
- (e) The Executive may make regulations amending a Uchucklesaht enactment for the purpose of changing a reference to
 - (i) a specific executive portfolio,
 - (ii) a specific department, or
 - (iii) a specific Uchucklesaht directorto
 - (iv) the executive portfolio,
 - (v) the department, or
 - (vi) the Uchucklesaht director,as applicable, currently assigned responsibility in relation to the matter.

References to other enactments

- 2.7**
- (a) A reference in an enactment to regulations is a reference to regulations made under the enactment in which the reference occurs.
 - (b) A reference in a Uchucklesaht enactment to another Uchucklesaht enactment is a reference to that other Uchucklesaht enactment as deposited in the registry of laws and official records.
 - (c) In a Uchucklesaht enactment, a reference to another Uchucklesaht enactment, or to an enactment of Canada, British Columbia or another jurisdiction, is a reference to that other enactment as amended, whether amended before or after the commencement of the Uchucklesaht enactment in which the reference occurs.

- (d) If all or part of an enactment (“the former enactment”) is repealed and all or part of another enactment (“the new enactment”) is substituted for it, and there is a reference to the former enactment in an unrepealed Uchucklesaht enactment,
 - (i) that reference must be construed as a reference to the provision of the new enactment relating to the same subject matter, if any, or
 - (ii) if there is no provision of the new enactment relating to the same subject matter, the former enactment must be construed as being unrepealed so far as is necessary to give effect to the unrepealed Uchucklesaht enactment.

Necessary changes

- 2.8** If a Uchucklesaht enactment provides that another enactment applies, that other enactment applies with the necessary changes and so far as it is applicable.

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PART 3 - WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS DEFINED

Application of definitions and interpretation provisions

- 3.1** (a) A definition or interpretation provision in a Uchucklesaht enactment, unless a contrary intention appears in the Uchucklesaht enactment, applies to the whole Uchucklesaht enactment, including the section containing the definition or interpretation provision, and to all other Uchucklesaht enactments relating to the same subject matter.
- (b) A word or expression used in a Uchucklesaht regulation has the same meaning as in the Uchucklesaht legislation authorizing the Uchucklesaht regulation.

Incorporated definitions

- 3.2** (a) Words or expressions defined in Chapter 29 Definitions of the Maa-nulth Treaty that are also used in a Uchucklesaht enactment will, except where the context requires otherwise or is otherwise indicated, have the same meaning as those words or expressions defined in Chapter 29 Definitions of the Maa-nulth Treaty.
- (b) For certainty, capitalized words or expressions defined in Chapter 29 Definitions of the Maa-nulth Treaty that are used in a Uchucklesaht enactment need not be capitalized in the Uchucklesaht enactment in order for those words or expressions in the Uchucklesaht enactment to have the same meaning as the capitalized words or expressions in Chapter 29 Definitions in the Maa-nulth Treaty.

Words and expressions defined

- 3.3** In a Uchucklesaht enactment, unless otherwise expressly provided for or unless otherwise clear from the context:

“aboriginal people” includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples of Canada;

“acquire” means obtain by any method and includes accept, receive, purchase, be vested with, lease, take possession, control or occupation of, and agree to do any of those things, but does not include expropriate;

“Act” means an Act of Council, parliament, a legislature or any other similar legislative body of government, whether referred to as a statute, code, legislation or by any other name;

“Administrative Decisions Review Board” means the review board established under section 2.1 of the Administrative Decisions Review Act;

“affidavit” or “oath” includes an affirmation, a statutory declaration or a solemn declaration made under the Evidence Act (British Columbia) or under the Canada Evidence Act (Canada);

“and” is used in its joint sense, meaning (A) and (B), but not either alone;

“bank” or “chartered bank” means a bank to which the Bank Act (Canada) applies;

“barrister” or “solicitor” or “barrister and solicitor” means a lawyer or legal counsel;

“British Columbia” means, as applicable,

- (a) His Majesty the King in right of British Columbia, or
- (b) the geographic area within the jurisdiction of His Majesty the King in right of British Columbia;

“British Columbia land surveyor” means a person entitled to practice as a land surveyor under the Land Surveyors Act (British Columbia);

“calendar month” means January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November or December, beginning on the first day of the month and ending on the last day of the month;

“calendar year” means a period of 12 consecutive calendar months beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31;

“Canada” means, as applicable,

- (a) His Majesty the King in right of Canada, or
- (b) the geographic area within the jurisdiction of His Majesty the King in right of Canada;

“Canada Post office” has the meaning given to that term in the Canada Post Corporation Act (Canada);

“chairperson of Council” means the chief councillor, as provided in section 2.11 of the Constitution;

“chief administrative officer” means the office established under section 3.1 of the Government Personnel Act or the individual appointed to hold that office;

“chief councillor” means the office of the “Chief Councillor”, as referred to in the Constitution, or the individual elected to hold that office;

“citizenship and enrolment registrar” means the office established under section 3.1 of the Citizenship Act or the individual appointed to hold that office;

“commencement” means, in relation to a Uchucklesaht enactment, the date on which that Uchucklesaht enactment comes into force;

“Constitution” means the constitution of the Uchucklesaht Tribe, adopted in accordance with the Maa-nulth Treaty, and includes any amendments to the Constitution made from time to time in accordance with its terms;

“contravene” includes fail to comply with;

“corporation” means an incorporated association, company, society or other incorporated body, wherever and however incorporated, and includes a corporation sole other than Her Majesty or the Lieutenant Governor;

“correctional centre” has the meaning given to that term under the Correction Act (British Columbia);

“Council” means the legislative branch of the Uchucklesaht government, as referred to in the Constitution;

“Court of Appeal” means the British Columbia Court of Appeal;

“credit union” means a credit union authorized to carry on business under the Financial Institutions Act (British Columbia);

“debt certificate” means a certificate filed under section 10.13(b) of the Administration of Justice Act or section 4.9(a) of the Financial Administration Act;

“deliver” includes, in relation to a notice or other information delivered by hand, leaving the notice or other information in a person’s mailbox or receptacle at the person’s residence or place of business;

“department” means a division of the Uchucklesaht administration established by a Uchucklesaht enactment for the administration, application or enforcement of a particular Uchucklesaht law or administrative function as referred to in the applicable Uchucklesaht enactment and presided over by a Uchucklesaht director;

“directive” means a written command, decision, direction, instruction or ruling made under a Uchucklesaht enactment;

“director of finance” means the office established under section 2.3 of the Financial Administration Act or the individual appointed to hold that office;

“director of human services” means the office established under section 6.3 of the Government Personnel Act or the individual appointed to hold that office;

“director of lands and resources” means the office established under section 2.3 of the Land Act or the individual appointed to hold that office;

“doctor” means a medical practitioner;

“enact” includes to issue, make, establish or prescribe;

“enactment” means an Act, legislation, regulation or Order or a portion of any Act, legislation, regulation or Order;

“enforcement officer” means an individual designated under a Uchucklesaht enactment, or appointed by Executive Order, to enforce Uchucklesaht law and, for certainty, includes an external enforcement officer;

“Executive” means the executive branch of the Uchucklesaht government, as referred to in the Constitution;

“executive oversight” means, within the context of a member of the Executive, the overseeing of the administration, application or enforcement of a particular Uchucklesaht enactment by that member of the Executive in accordance with the terms of reference established by the Executive from time to time;

“executive portfolio” means a portfolio established under section 13.1 of the Council Rules of Order and Procedure Act;

“external enforcement agency” means, in relation to an external enforcement officer, the federal, provincial or other department or agency that the enforcement officer represents in his or her enforcement of Uchucklesaht law under an agreement with that department or agency;

“external enforcement officer” means an enforcement officer who is also appointed or employed by Canada, British Columbia or a local government to enforce federal or provincial laws or local government by-laws or to preserve and maintain public peace;

“federal” refers to Canada;

“first nation” means any “band” within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Indian Act (Canada) and any tribe, nation or community in Canada with aboriginal or treaty rights recognized and affirmed under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 (Canada) or a self-government agreement with Canada or one of its provinces or territories;

“fiscal agreement with Canada or British Columbia” means

- (a) a Fiscal Financing Agreement,
- (b) an agreement referred to in a Fiscal Financing Agreement in relation to programs or services,
- (c) an Own Source Revenue Agreement,
- (d) a taxation agreement, or

- (e) any agreement, other than an agreement referred to in subsections (a) to (d), between the Uchucklesaht Tribe and Canada or British Columbia, that is likely to substantially affect the finances of the Uchucklesaht Tribe;

“Fiscal Financing Agreement” means an agreement entered into between the Uchucklesaht Tribe, Canada and British Columbia in accordance with 18.1.2 of Chapter 18 Fiscal Relations of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“Foreshore Agreement” means an agreement entered into between the Uchucklesaht Tribe and British Columbia in accordance with 14.5.1 of Chapter 14 Regional Government of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“government of British Columbia” means His Majesty the King in right of British Columbia;

“government of Canada” means His Majesty the King in right of Canada;

“Hahoulthee” means the Uchucklesaht territory;

“Ha’wiih” means the hereditary chiefs of the Uchucklesaht Tribe who hold their positions in accordance with Uchucklesaht custom and “Ha’wilth” means an individual hereditary chief;

“Her Majesty”, “His Majesty”, “the Queen”, “the King”, “the Crown” or “the Sovereign” means the Sovereign of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her Other Realms and Territories and Head of the Commonwealth;

“herein” when used in a section or part of a Uchucklesaht enactment must be construed as referring to the whole Uchucklesaht enactment and not to that section or part only;

“highway” includes a public street, path, walkway, trail, lane, bridge, road, thoroughfare and any other public way;

“holiday” means

- (a) Uchucklesaht Day,
- (b) Sunday,
- (c) Good Friday, Easter Monday, Aboriginal Day, Canada Day, Victoria Day, British Columbia Day, Labour Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day,
- (d) a day set by Council for the commemoration of significant events in the life of the Uchucklesaht Tribe, for the celebration of Nuu-chah-nulth customs, for the observation of Nuu-chah-nulth cultural events or as a public holiday, and

- (e) a day set by Canada or British Columbia, or appointed by proclamation of the Governor General of Canada or the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, to be observed as a day of general prayer or mourning, a day of public rejoicing or thanksgiving, a day for celebrating the birthday of the reigning Sovereign or as a public holiday;

“includes” means includes, but is not limited to;

“including” means including, but not limited to;

“individual” means a natural person;

“insurance company” means

- (a) an insurance company, or
- (b) an extraprovincial insurance corporation,

authorized to carry on insurance business in British Columbia under the Financial Institutions Act (British Columbia);

“interest” includes, in relation to Uchucklesaht lands, estates, interests, charges, mineral claims and encumbrances;

“justice” means a justice of the peace and includes a judicial justice or a judge of the Provincial Court;

“land” includes any interest in land, including any right, title or estate in it of any tenure, with all buildings and other structures, unless there are words to exclude buildings and other structures, or to restrict the meaning;

“land claims agreement” means

- (a) a land claims agreement within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 (Canada), or
- (b) a treaty within the meaning of sections 25 and 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 (Canada);

“lands register” means the register maintained in the lands registry office in accordance with the Land Act containing a record of all dispositions under the Land Act and any transfers of an interest in, or licence in relation to, Uchucklesaht lands;

“lands registrar” means the office established under section 2.11 of the Land Act or the individual appointed to hold that office;

“lands registry office” means the office established under section 2.9 of the Land Act;

“land title office” means the applicable land title office established under British Columbia law;

“law” includes legislation, Acts, ordinances, regulations, orders in council, bylaws and common law, but, for certainty, does not include traditional laws of the Uchucklesaht Tribe;

“law clerk” means the office established under section 2.16 of the Government Act or the individual appointed to hold that office;

“lawyer” or “legal counsel” means a person who, under the Legal Profession Act (British Columbia), is permitted to engage in the practice of law in British Columbia;

“legislation” means any instrument whether named an Act, a Code, a Charter or otherwise, enacted as a law by Council, parliament, a legislature or any other similar legislative body of government, but does not include a regulation or Order;

“local government” has the meaning given to that term in the Local Government Act (British Columbia);

“Maa-nulth Treaty” means the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement between the Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Ka:’yu:’k’t’h’/Che:k’tles7et’h’ First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, Ucluelet First Nation, Canada and British Columbia, which took effect on April 1, 2011, and includes any amendments made to it from time to time in accordance with its provisions;

“Maa-nulth Treaty effective date” means April 1, 2011, the date on which the Maa-nulth Treaty took effect;

“mail” means, in relation to a notice or other information delivered by mail, depositing the notice or other information at a Canada Post office anywhere in Canada, postage prepaid, for transmission by post;

“may” is to be construed as permissive and empowering, but “may not” is to be construed as disempowering;

“medical practitioner” means a person entitled to practice in British Columbia under the Medical Practitioners Act (British Columbia);

“member of Council” means an individual elected or appointed to Council in accordance with the Elections Act and, for certainty, “member of Council” includes a “Councillor” as referred to in the Constitution;

“member of the Executive” means an individual elected or appointed to the Executive by Council in accordance with the Council Rules of Order and Procedure Act;

“mineral resources” includes minerals, placer minerals and geothermal resources;

“month” means a period calculated from a day in one month to a day numerically corresponding to that day in the following month, less one day;

“municipality” has the meaning given to that term in the Local Government Act (British Columbia);

“must” is to be construed as imperative;

“natural boundary” means the visible high water mark of any lake, river, stream or other body of water where the presence and action of the water are so common and usual, and so long continued in all ordinary years, as to mark on the soil of the bed of the body of water a character distinct from that of its banks, in vegetation, as well as in the nature of the soil itself,

“natural resources” includes aquatic plants, fish, forest resources, gravel, groundwater, migratory birds, mineral resources and wildlife;

“newspaper” means a publication that is intended for general circulation, published regularly at intervals of not longer than a week and contains items of news and advertising;

“now” must be construed as referring to the time of commencement of the Uchucklesaht enactment containing the word;

“oath” includes a solemn affirmation or declaration when the context applies to any individual by whom, and to any case in which, a solemn affirmation or declaration may be made instead of an oath, and in the same cases the expression “sworn” includes the expression “affirmed” or “declared”;

“obligation” includes a duty and a liability;

“opening words”, when referring to words in a section, subsection, paragraph or subparagraph of a Uchucklesaht enactment, means all of the words of that section, subsection, paragraph or subparagraph before any enumerated portions of that section, subsection, paragraph or subparagraph;

“or” is used in its inclusive sense, meaning A or B, or both A and B;

“Order” means an order enacted under the authority of legislation or by or under the authority of the Governor General of Canada or the Lieutenant Governor of a province of Canada, but does not include an order made by a judicial or quasi-judicial body;

“ordinarily resident” means, when referring to the place where a person is ordinarily resident, the place where, for at least 180 days in a calendar year, an individual usually lives and sleeps, and to which, when away, he or she intends to return, without regard to where the individual takes his or her meals or is employed, and, for certainty, an individual cannot be ordinarily resident in two places at the same time;

“Own Source Revenue Agreement” means an own source revenue agreement entered into between the Uchucklesaht Tribe, Canada and British Columbia in accordance with 18.1.4 of Chapter 18 Fiscal Relations of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“peace officer” has the meaning given to that term in the Interpretation Act (British Columbia);

“People’s Assembly” means the “Uchucklesaht People’s Assembly”, as referred to in the Constitution;

“person” includes a corporation, partnership or party and the personal or other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law;

“personal representative” includes an executor of a will and an administrator, with or without will annexed, of an estate and, if a personal representative is also a trustee of part or all of the estate, includes the personal representative and trustee;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulation;

“professional engineer”, “civil engineer” or “mining engineer” or words implying recognition of any person as a professional engineer or member of the engineering profession means a person registered or licensed under the Engineers and Geoscientists Act (British Columbia);

“property” includes any right, title, interest, estate or claim to or in property;

“Provincial Court” means the Provincial Court of British Columbia;

“Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement” means an agreement respecting real property taxation entered into between the Uchucklesaht Tribe and British Columbia in accordance with 19.2.1 of Chapter 19 Taxation of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“record” includes books, documents, maps, drawings, photographs, letters, vouchers, papers and any other thing on which information is recorded or stored by any means whether graphic, electronic, mechanical or otherwise;

“registry of laws and official records” means the registry of laws and official records established under the Government Act;

“regulation” means a law enacted by the Executive, or any other similar executive body of government, under the authority of legislation in which the word “regulation”, “regulations”, “prescribe”, “prescribes” or “prescribed” is used in the provision conferring the authority;

“repeal” includes to revoke, cancel or rescind;

“right” includes a power, authority, privilege and licence;

“savings institution” means

- (a) a bank,
- (b) a credit union,
- (c) an extraprovincial trust corporation authorized to carry on deposit business under the Financial Institutions Act (British Columbia), or
- (d) a corporation that is a subsidiary of a bank and is a loan company to which the Trust and Loan Companies Act (Canada) applies;

“shall” is to be construed as the imperative “will” or “must”;

“spouse” means

- (a) an individual who is united to another individual by marriage under traditional laws of the Uchucklesaht Tribe,
- (b) an individual who is united to another individual by marriage under the laws of Canada or British Columbia or of the jurisdiction within which they were married, if that marriage is recognized under the laws of Canada and British Columbia,
- (c) an individual who is united to another individual by a marriage that, although not a legal marriage, is valid by common law, or
- (d) an individual who has lived and cohabited with another individual in a marriage-like relationship, including a marriage-like relationship between individuals of the same gender, for a period of at least two years;

“statutory declaration” means a solemn declaration made pursuant to section 41 of the Canada Evidence Act (Canada);

“Supreme Court” means the Supreme Court of British Columbia;

“surface resources” means natural resources other than mineral resources;

“swear” includes solemnly declare or affirm;

“taxation agreement” means

- (a) a Tax Treatment Agreement;
- (b) a Real Property Tax Co-ordination Agreement, or
- (c) any agreement respecting taxation entered into between the Uchucklesaht Tribe, Canada and British Columbia in accordance with Chapter 19 Taxation of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“Tax Treatment Agreement” means an agreement entered into between the Maa-nulth First Nations, Canada and British Columbia in accordance with 19.6.1 of Chapter 19 Taxation of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“treaty first nation” means a first nation that has entered into a land claims agreement;

“trust company” means

- (a) a trust company authorized under the Financial Institutions Act (British Columbia) to carry on trust business, or
- (b) an extraprovincial trust corporation authorized under the Financial Institutions Act (British Columbia) to carry on trust business or deposit business;

“Tyee Ha’wiih” means the most senior or first ranked Ha’wiih;

“Uchucklesaht administration” means the public service of the Uchucklesaht Tribe, comprised of

- (a) all departments or similar divisions of the Uchucklesaht administration,
- (b) all Uchucklesaht public institutions,
- (c) all Uchucklesaht public corporations, and
- (d) all Uchucklesaht public employees;

“Uchucklesaht administrative office” means the principal administrative office of the Uchucklesaht Tribe;

“Uchucklesaht citizen” means an individual who is on the Uchucklesaht citizenship register;

“Uchucklesaht citizenship register” means the register maintained by the citizenship and enrolment registrar in accordance with the Citizenship Act containing the names of all individuals who are Uchucklesaht citizens;

“Uchucklesaht corporation” means a corporation incorporated under federal or provincial law, all the shares or interests of which are owned legally and beneficially by the Uchucklesaht Tribe, a Uchucklesaht settlement trust, another Uchucklesaht corporation or any combination of those entities;

“Uchucklesaht Day” means April 1 of every year;

“Uchucklesaht director” means a director of a department or similar division of the Uchucklesaht administration and, for certainty, includes the chief administrative officer,

the director of finance, the director of lands and resources and the director of human services, but does not include

- (a) a director of a Uchucklesaht public institution, or
- (b) a director of a Uchucklesaht corporation;

“Uchucklesaht enactment” means Uchucklesaht legislation, a Uchucklesaht regulation or a Uchucklesaht order;

“Uchucklesaht enrollee” means an individual who is on the Uchucklesaht enrolment register;

“Uchucklesaht enrolment register” means

- (a) during the initial enrolment period, the register maintained by the enrolment committee in accordance with Chapter 26 Eligibility and Enrolment of the Maa-nulth Treaty, and
- (b) after the initial enrolment period, the register maintained by the citizenship and enrolment registrar in accordance with the Citizenship Act

containing the names of all individuals who are Uchucklesaht enrollees;

“Uchucklesaht foreshore” means the “Foreshore Area” within the meaning of the Foreshore Agreement;

“Uchucklesaht government” means the government of the Uchucklesaht Tribe, as referred to in section 13.1.2 of Chapter 13 Governance of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“Uchucklesaht government employee” means a person employed by the Uchucklesaht government, regardless of the method of employment, and, for certainty, does not include

- (a) an independent contractor of the Uchucklesaht government,
- (b) a person employed by a Uchucklesaht public institution, or
- (c) a person employed by a Uchucklesaht corporation;

“Uchucklesaht government representative” means

- (a) a member of Council, or
- (b) a member of the Executive;

“Uchucklesaht institution” means:

- (a) the Uchucklesaht government,

(b) a Uchucklesaht public institution, or

(c) a Uchucklesaht public corporation;

“Uchucklesaht land enactment” means a Uchucklesaht enactment, the primary purpose of which pertains to Uchucklesaht lands;

“Uchucklesaht lands” means

(a) the lands described in Appendix B-4 of the Maa-nulth Treaty, and

(b) any other lands that become “Maa-nulth First Nation Lands” of the Uchucklesaht Tribe in accordance with the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“Uchucklesaht law” includes the Constitution;

“Uchucklesaht legislation” means legislation enacted by Council;

“Uchucklesaht official” means

(a) a Uchucklesaht government representative, or

(b) a Uchucklesaht public employee;

“Uchucklesaht order” means an Order enacted under the authority of Uchucklesaht legislation and, for certainty, does not include an order made by the Administrative Decisions Review Board;

“Uchucklesaht public corporation” means a Uchucklesaht corporation whose principal function is to provide public programs or services reasonably similar to those provided by federal, provincial or municipal governments, rather than to engage in commercial activities;

“Uchucklesaht public employee” means

(a) a Uchucklesaht director,

(b) a Uchucklesaht government employee,

(c) a member, commissioner, director, trustee or employee of a Uchucklesaht public institution, or

(d) a director, officer or employee of a Uchucklesaht public corporation;

“Uchucklesaht public institution” means a body, board, commission or any other similar entity established under a Uchucklesaht law made under 13.11.1a. of Chapter 13 Governance of the Maa-nulth Treaty, including a school board or a health board;

“Uchucklesaht regulation” means a regulation enacted under the authority of Uchucklesaht legislation;

“Uchucklesaht territory” means that area described as the “Maa-nulth First Nation Area of Uchucklesaht Tribe” in Appendix A-4 of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“Wildfire Suppression Agreement” means an agreement entered into between the Uchucklesaht Tribe, Canada and British Columbia in accordance with 9.6.2 of Chapter 9 Forest Resources of the Maa-nulth Treaty;

“will”, when referring to a testamentary instrument, has the meaning given to that term in the Wills Act (British Columbia);

“will”, when referring to an obligation imposed by a Uchucklesaht enactment, unless the Uchucklesaht enactment provides to the contrary, is to be construed as imperative and must be carried out as soon as practicable after the applicable provision of the Uchucklesaht enactment comes into force or the event that gives rise to the obligation;

“words” includes figures, punctuation marks and typographical, monetary and mathematical symbols;

“writing”, “written” or a term of similar import, includes words printed, typewritten, painted, engraved, lithographed, photographed or represented or reproduced by any mode of representing or reproducing words in visible form;

“year” means any period of 12 consecutive months, but a reference to a “calendar year” means a period of 12 consecutive months beginning on January 1, and a reference by number to a dominical year means a period of 12 consecutive months beginning on January 1 of that dominical year.

Common names

- 3.4** In a Uchucklesaht enactment, a name commonly applied to a country, place, body, corporation, society, officer, functionary, person, party or thing means the country, place, body, corporation, society, officer, functionary, person, party or thing to which the name is commonly applied, regardless of whether a more formal or extended name could also be applied to the country, place, body, corporation, society, officer, functionary, person, party or thing.

Included and corresponding meanings

- 3.5** In a Uchucklesaht enactment,

- (a) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular,
- (b) gender-specific terms include both genders and include corporations, and

- (c) if a word or expression is defined, other parts of speech and grammatical forms of the same word or expression have corresponding meanings.

Use of forms

3.6 If a form is prescribed by or under a Uchucklesaht enactment, deviations from the prescribed form do not invalidate the form used, unless they

- (a) affect the substance of the form, or
- (b) are calculated to mislead.

Calculation of time or age

- 3.7**
- (a) This section applies to a Uchucklesaht enactment and to a deed, conveyance or other legal instrument unless specifically provided otherwise in the deed, conveyance or other legal instrument.
 - (b) If the time stated for doing something falls or expires on a holiday, the time is extended to the next day that is not a holiday.
 - (c) If the time stated for doing something in a business office falls or expires on a day when the office is not open during regular business hours, the time is extended to the next day that the office is open.
 - (d) Subject to subsection (e), if a period of time is expressed
 - (i) as a specified number of days after or before a particular day or the occurrence of a particular event, the period
 - (A) is determined by excluding that particular day or the day on which that particular event occurs, and then counting forward or backward, as the case may be, the specified number of days, and
 - (B) includes and ends on the last day counted under subparagraph (A);
 - (ii) as a specified number of weeks after or before a particular day or the occurrence of a particular event, the period
 - (A) is determined by excluding that particular day or the day on which that particular event occurs, and then counting forward or backward, as the case may be, the number of days calculated by multiplying the specified number of weeks by seven, and
 - (B) includes and ends on the last day counted under subparagraph (A),

- (iii) as a specified number of months after or before a particular day or the occurrence of a particular event, the period
 - (A) is determined by excluding the calendar month in which that particular day or that particular event occurs, and then counting forward or backward, as the case may be, the specified number of months in calendar months, and
 - (B) in the last calendar month counted under subparagraph (A), includes and ends on
 - (I) the day that has the same calendar number as the particular day or the day on which the particular event occurs, or
 - (II) the last day of the month, if that last counted month has no day with the same calendar number as the particular day or the day on which the particular event occurs, and
- (iv) as a specified number of years after or before a particular day or the occurrence of a particular event, the period
 - (A) is determined by excluding the calendar year in which the particular day or the particular event occurs, and then counting forward or backward, as the case may be, the specified number of years in calendar years, and
 - (B) in the last calendar year counted under subparagraph (A), includes and ends on
 - (I) the day that has the same calendar date as the particular day or the day on which the particular event occurs, or
 - (II) February 28, if the particular day or the day on which the particular event occurs is February 29 and that last counted calendar year is not a leap year.
- (e) If a period of time is expressed as a specified number of clear days, weeks, months or years, or as “at least” or “not less than” a specified number of days, weeks, months or years, after or before a particular day or the occurrence of a particular event, the period
 - (i) is determined in the manner set out in the applicable paragraph of subsection (d), but
 - (ii) rather than ending on the day determined under that paragraph, includes and ends on the next consecutive day in the direction being counted.

- (f) If a period of time is expressed as from one specific date to another specific date, the period includes both the first and last date specified.
- (g) When calculating time, a day begins and ends at 12:00 midnight.
- (h) Subject to subsection (i), an individual reaches a particular age expressed in years at the beginning of the day on the relevant anniversary of his or her birth.
- (i) If an individual was born on February 29, that individual reaches a particular age expressed in years at the beginning of
 - (i) February 29, if the relevant anniversary of his or her birth falls in a leap year, or
 - (ii) February 28, if the relevant anniversary of his or her birth occurs in any other year.
- (j) A specified time of day is a reference to
 - (i) Pacific Standard time, or eight hours behind Greenwich Mean Time, unless Daylight Saving time is being used or observed in British Columbia on the day on which the specified time is applicable, or
 - (ii) Daylight Saving time, or seven hours behind Greenwich Mean Time, if Daylight Saving time is being used or observed in British Columbia on the day on which the specified time is applicable.
- (k) If a provision of a Uchucklesaht enactment sets out a date or event by which, or a period by the end of which, Council is to perform an act, that provision is satisfied if Council performs that act before the end of the first sitting of Council to commence following that date or event, or the end of that period, as the case may be.

Metric expressions

- 3.8** In a Uchucklesaht enactment, metric expressions and symbols have the meanings given to them in the Weights and Measures Act (Canada) and if not mentioned in that Act, have the meanings given to them in the International System of Units established by the General Conference of Weights and Measures.

Notices to Uchucklesaht officials

- 3.9** (a) To satisfy a requirement in a Uchucklesaht enactment that a notice or other information be delivered to a Uchucklesaht official, that notice or other information must be delivered by hand, mail or facsimile to that Uchucklesaht official at the Uchucklesaht administrative office.

- (b) A notice or other information delivered under subsection (a) is not effective until it is received by the Uchucklesaht official.

Notices delivered in accordance with Uchucklesaht law

- 3.10** (a) To satisfy a requirement in a Uchucklesaht enactment to “deliver in accordance with Uchucklesaht law” a notice or other information or that a notice or other information be “delivered in accordance with Uchucklesaht law” to a person, that notice or other information must be in writing and delivered
- (i) by hand to that person,
 - (ii) by mail to the last known address of that person or, in the case of a corporation, to the registered office of the corporation shown in the records of the applicable government, or
 - (iii) by facsimile to the last known facsimile number of that person.
- (b) A notice or other information delivered under subsection (a) is deemed to have been received
- (i) on the date on which it was delivered, if delivered by hand,
 - (ii) seven days after the date on which it was deposited at a Canada Post office, if delivered by mail, or
 - (iii) on the date on which the sender obtained written confirmation that the facsimile has been transmitted, if delivered by facsimile.
- (c) If the Uchucklesaht official responsible for delivering the notice or other information has reason to believe that a notice or other information delivered under subsection (a) has not been received by the person to whom it was addressed, the Uchucklesaht official must make reasonable attempts to deliver the notice or other information to that person through one or more of the following alternative means:
- (i) leaving the notice or other information with an adult at that person’s residence or place of business or any other place thought to be frequented by that person;
 - (ii) publishing the notice in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the area where the person was last known or is thought to be; or
 - (iii) any other means the Uchucklesaht official considers appropriate.
- (d) A notice or other information delivered under subsection (c) is deemed to have been received on the date the notice or other information was first delivered and,

for certainty, if the notice or other information was first delivered by mail or facsimile, the notice or other information is deemed to have been received on the date contemplated in subsection (b).

Notices posted in accordance with Uchucklesaht law

- 3.11** To satisfy a requirement in a Uchucklesaht enactment to “post in accordance with Uchucklesaht law” a notice or other information or that a notice or other information be “posted in accordance with Uchucklesaht law”, that notice or other information must be
- (a) headed “NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UCHUCKLESAHT LAW”, and
 - (b) posted in a conspicuous place accessible to the public at the Uchucklesaht administrative office.

Notices published in accordance with Uchucklesaht law

- 3.12** To satisfy a requirement in a Uchucklesaht enactment to “publish in accordance with Uchucklesaht law” a notice or other information or that a notice or other information be “published in accordance with Uchucklesaht law”, that notice or other information must be
- (a) headed “NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UCHUCKLESAHT LAW”, and
 - (b) published
 - (i) in at least one newspaper of general circulation on Uchucklesaht lands, or
 - (ii) if there is no newspaper of general circulation on Uchucklesaht lands at the time the notice or other information is required to be published, in at least one newspaper of general circulation on land adjacent to Uchucklesaht lands.

Reports to Council

- 3.13** Where a Uchucklesaht enactment requires a report or other document to be laid before Council and, in compliance with the Uchucklesaht enactment, a particular report or document has been laid before Council at a particular session, nothing in the Uchucklesaht enactment will be construed as requiring the same report or document to be laid before Council at any subsequent session.

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PART 4 - RESERVED AND INCLUDED POWERS

Power of repeal and amendment

- 4.1** Each Uchucklesaht enactment must be construed so as to reserve to the body enacting the Uchucklesaht enactment the power
- (a) to amend, repeal or replace the Uchucklesaht enactment, and
 - (b) to revoke, restrict or modify a power, privilege or advantage that the Uchucklesaht enactment vests in or grants to any person.

Amending or repealing Act in same session

- 4.2** A Uchucklesaht Act may be amended or repealed by an Act passed in the same session of Council.

Power to make regulations

- 4.3**
- (a) In Uchucklesaht legislation, a power to make regulations includes, for the purpose of carrying out the Uchucklesaht legislation according to its intent, the authority
 - (i) to make regulations that are ancillary to the Uchucklesaht legislation and not inconsistent with it,
 - (ii) to provide for administrative and procedural matters for which no express, or only partial, provision has been made,
 - (iii) to limit the application of the regulation in time or place or both,
 - (iv) to prescribe the amount of a fee authorized by the Uchucklesaht legislation,
 - (v) to provide that the contravention of the regulation is an offence, and
 - (vi) to provide that a person who commits an offence under the regulation is liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty within the limits set out in 13.31.0 of Chapter 13 Governance of the Maa-nulth Treaty.
 - (b) A Uchucklesaht regulation has the force of law.

Power to appoint or delegate

- 4.4**
- (a) An authority under a Uchucklesaht enactment to appoint a person is authority to appoint at pleasure.
 - (b) An authority under a Uchucklesaht enactment to appoint a person includes the authority

- (i) to set the duration of the person's term of appointment,
 - (ii) to terminate the appointment or remove or suspend the person from office,
 - (iii) to reappoint or reinstate the person to office,
 - (iv) to set the person's remuneration and vary or terminate it,
 - (v) to appoint another person to replace the person or to act in the place of the person, and
 - (vi) to appoint another person as the deputy of the person.
- (c) A power under a Uchucklesaht enactment to delegate a duty or power includes the power
 - (i) to establish, change or revoke conditions, standards or requirements for the performance of that duty or the exercise of that power by the person to whom the duty or power is delegated, and
 - (ii) to revoke a delegation of the duty or power.
- (d) If a person is appointed to an office by or under a Uchucklesaht enactment effective on a specified day, the appointment is effective at the beginning of that day.
- (e) If a person's appointment to an office by or under a Uchucklesaht enactment expires on a specified day, the appointment expires at the end of that day.
- (f) If a person is appointed to an office by or under a Uchucklesaht enactment for a specified term, that term expires at the end of the last day of the term.

Power to act for others

- 4.5**
- (a) Words in a Uchucklesaht enactment that direct or empower a Uchucklesaht official to do something, or that otherwise apply to that Uchucklesaht official by name of office, include a person authorized under Uchucklesaht law to act in that office.
 - (b) Where a power is conferred or a duty is imposed on a Uchucklesaht public employee, the power may be exercised and the duty must be performed by the individual appointed to that office.
 - (c) Words directing or empowering a Uchucklesaht public employee to do any act or thing, or otherwise applying to a Uchucklesaht public employee by name of office, apply to any successors in the office.

- (d) This section applies whether or not the office of a Uchucklesaht official is vacant.
- (e) Subsection (d) does not authorize a person authorized under Uchucklesaht law to act in the office of a member of the Executive, other than the member of the Executive, to exercise an authority conferred on the Executive to enact a regulation.

Ancillary power

- 4.6** (a) If in a Uchucklesaht enactment
- (i) the power to do or enforce the doing of an act or thing is conferred on a person, that power includes any power necessary to enable that person to do or enforce the doing of that act or thing,
 - (ii) the power to inspect or to require the production of records is conferred on a person, that power includes the power to make copies or extracts of those records, or
 - (iii) a power is conferred or a duty is imposed on a person, that power may be exercised and that duty must be performed from time to time as occasion requires.
- (b) Power given to a person in a Uchucklesaht enactment to enter into an agreement includes the power to enter into the agreement and to carry out its terms, subject to any conditions that apply to that person in the exercise of the power.
- (c) If in a Uchucklesaht enactment the doing of an act or thing is dependent on the doing of another act or thing by a Uchucklesaht institution or a Uchucklesaht official, that Uchucklesaht institution or Uchucklesaht official, as the case may be, has the power to do that other act or thing.

Majority and quorum

- 4.7** (a) If in a Uchucklesaht enactment an act or thing is required or authorized to be done by more than two persons, a majority then may do it.
- (b) If a Uchucklesaht enactment establishes a Uchucklesaht public institution consisting of three or more members, the following rules apply unless the Uchucklesaht enactment provides otherwise:
- (i) if the number of members of the Uchucklesaht public institution provided for by the Uchucklesaht enactment is a fixed number, at least one-half of that number of members constitutes a quorum at a meeting of the Uchucklesaht public institution;

- (ii) if the number of members of the Uchucklesaht public institution provided for by the Uchucklesaht enactment is not a fixed number, at least one-half of the number of members in office constitutes a quorum at a meeting of the Uchucklesaht public institution, as long as the number of members is within the maximum or minimum number, if any, authorized by the Uchucklesaht enactment;
- (iii) an act or thing done by a majority of the members of the Uchucklesaht public institution present at a meeting, if the members present constitute a quorum, is deemed to have been done by the Uchucklesaht public institution; and
- (iv) a vacancy in the membership of the Uchucklesaht public institution does not invalidate the constitution of the Uchucklesaht public institution or impair the right of the members in office to act, if the number of members in office is not less than a quorum.

PART 5 - COMMENCEMENT, AMENDMENT AND REPEAL OF ENACTMENTS

Effect only if deposited

- 5.1**
- (a) A Uchucklesaht enactment has no effect unless it, or a copy of it, is deposited with the law clerk.
 - (b) The law clerk must not accept a Uchucklesaht enactment for deposit until the law clerk is satisfied that
 - (i) it has been duly enacted by Council, the Executive, the chief councillor or a Uchucklesaht director, as the case may be, and
 - (ii) has been signed by the chief councillor or Uchucklesaht director, as the case may be.
 - (c) The law clerk must maintain an index of all enactments deposited under subsection (a).
 - (d) If, in the reasonable opinion of the chief councillor, it is in the interest of the Uchucklesaht Tribe to do so, the chief councillor may, by Order, direct that a Uchucklesaht enactment is deemed to have been deposited or filed on a specified date on or after its enactment but before its actual date of deposit with the law clerk and if the chief councillor so orders, the Uchucklesaht enactment is deemed to have been deposited or filed on the specified date.
 - (e) A certificate that purports to be signed by the law clerk to the effect that a Uchucklesaht enactment was deposited with the law clerk on a specified date is evidence that it was deposited on the date specified.

Notice of deposit and inspection

- 5.2**
- (a) The law clerk must post in accordance with Uchucklesaht law a notice when a Uchucklesaht enactment is deposited with the law clerk and that notice must set out the enactment deposited, a brief description of the enactment and when the enactment will come into force.
 - (b) A person must not be convicted of an offence against a Uchucklesaht enactment for which notice has not been given in accordance with subsection (a) unless it is shown that reasonable steps had been taken by the time of the offence to bring the substance of the enactment to the notice of the public or the persons likely to be affected by it.
 - (c) Uchucklesaht enactments deposited with the law clerk must be made available for inspection at the Uchucklesaht administrative office during regular business hours.

Numbering Uchucklesaht enactments

- 5.3** (a) The law clerk must assign a number to each enactment that is accepted for deposit under section 5.1(b) and must mark on the enactment that number, the word "Deposited" and the day, month and year of deposit.
- (b) Uchucklesaht legislation that is deposited under section 5.1(a) may be cited as "UTS" followed by the number assigned to it and the year in which it was enacted, for example UTS 1/2011.
- (c) A regulation that is deposited under section 5.1(a) may be cited as "UTR" followed by the number assigned to it and the year in which it was enacted, for example UTR 1/2011.
- (d) An Order that is deposited under section 5.1(a) may be cited as "UTO" followed by the number assigned to it and the year in which it was enacted, for example UTO 1/2011.

Coming into force of Uchucklesaht legislation

- 5.4** (a) Subject to subsections (b) to (e), Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which it is enacted.
- (b) If the resolution enacting Uchucklesaht legislation provides
- (i) that that Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on a specified date other than the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted, the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on that specified date,
 - (ii) that a portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on a specified date other than the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted,
 - (A) that portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on that specified date, and
 - (B) the remainder of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted,
 - (iii) for the Uchucklesaht legislation to be brought into force by Uchucklesaht regulation, the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the relevant Uchucklesaht regulation is enacted, or on any later date specified in that regulation, or
 - (iv) for a portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation to be brought into force by Uchucklesaht regulation,

- (A) that portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the relevant Uchucklesaht regulation is enacted, or on any later date specified in that regulation, and
 - (B) the remainder of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted.
- (c) If a provision of Uchucklesaht legislation provides that that Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on a specified date other than the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted, that provision and the title of the Uchucklesaht legislation are deemed to have come into force on the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted.
- (d) If a provision of Uchucklesaht legislation provides
 - (i) that that Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on a specified date other than the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted,
 - (A) that provision of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted, and
 - (B) the remainder of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on that specified date,
 - (ii) that a portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on a date other than the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted,
 - (A) that portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on that specified date, and
 - (B) the remainder of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted,
 - (iii) for the Uchucklesaht legislation to be brought into force by Uchucklesaht regulation,
 - (A) that provision of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the date on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted, and
 - (B) the remainder of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the relevant Uchucklesaht regulation is enacted, or on any later date specified in that regulation, or
 - (iv) for a portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation to be brought into force by Uchucklesaht regulation,

- (A) that portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the day on which the relevant Uchucklesaht regulation is enacted, or on any later date specified in that regulation, and
 - (B) the remainder of the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force on the date on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted.
- (e) If Uchucklesaht legislation contains a provision to the effect that the Uchucklesaht legislation, or a portion of it, comes into force on a date that is earlier than the date on which the Uchucklesaht legislation is enacted, the Uchucklesaht legislation or portion referred to in the provision
 - (i) comes into force in accordance with the terms of the provision, and
 - (ii) on coming into force, is deemed to have come into force on the earlier date referred to in the provision and is retroactive to the extent necessary to give it force and effect on and after that earlier date.

Coming into force of Uchucklesaht regulations

- 5.5** (a) Subject to subsections (b) to (e), a Uchucklesaht regulation comes into force on the day on which it is enacted.
- (b) If the resolution enacting a Uchucklesaht regulation provides that
- (i) that regulation comes into force
 - (A) on a specified date later than the day on which the regulation is enacted, or
 - (B) on a specified date earlier than the day on which the regulation is enacted and the Uchucklesaht legislation under which the regulation is made authorizes the regulation to come into force on an earlier date,the regulation comes into force on that specified date, or
 - (ii) a portion of that regulation comes into force
 - (A) on a specified date later than the day on which the regulation is enacted, or
 - (B) on a specified date earlier than the day on which the regulation is enacted and the Uchucklesaht legislation under which the regulation is made authorizes the regulation to come into force on an earlier date,

that portion of the regulation comes into force on that specified date and the remainder of the regulation comes into force on the date on which the regulation is enacted.

- (c) If a provision of a Uchucklesaht regulation provides that the Uchucklesaht regulation or a portion of it is to come into force on a day other than the day on which the Uchucklesaht regulation is enacted, that provision and the title of the Uchucklesaht regulation are deemed to have come into force on the day on which the Uchucklesaht regulation is enacted.

- (d) If a provision of a Uchucklesaht regulation provides that

- (i) that regulation comes into force

- (A) on a specified date later than the day on which the regulation is enacted, or

- (B) on a specified date earlier than the day on which the regulation is enacted and the Uchucklesaht legislation under which the regulation is made authorizes the regulation to come into force on an earlier date,

that provision of the regulation comes into force on the date the regulation is enacted and the remainder of the regulation comes into force on that specified date, or

- (ii) a portion of that regulation comes into force

- (A) on a later date than the day on which the regulation is enacted or

- (B) on an earlier date than the day on which the regulation is enacted and the Uchucklesaht legislation under which the regulation is made authorizes the regulation to come into force on an earlier date,

that portion of the regulation comes into force on that specified date and the remainder of the regulation comes into force on the date on which the regulation is enacted.

- (e) If a Uchucklesaht regulation contains a provision to the effect that the Uchucklesaht regulation, or a portion of it, comes into force on a date that is earlier than the date on which the Uchucklesaht regulation is enacted, the Uchucklesaht regulation or portion referred to in the provision

- (i) comes into force in accordance with the terms of the provision, and

- (ii) on coming into force, is deemed to have come into force on the earlier date referred to in the provision and is retroactive to the extent necessary to give it force and effect on and after that earlier date.

Commencement of effect of Uchucklesaht enactments

- 5.6**
- (a) A Uchucklesaht enactment, or a portion of a Uchucklesaht enactment, commences to have effect at the beginning of the day on which it comes into force.
 - (b) A Uchucklesaht enactment, or a portion of a Uchucklesaht enactment, that is repealed and replaced ceases to have effect at the time the replacing Uchucklesaht enactment commences to have effect.
 - (c) A Uchucklesaht enactment, or a portion of a Uchucklesaht enactment, that is repealed but not replaced ceases to have effect at the end of the day on which it ceases to be in force.
 - (d) A Uchucklesaht enactment, or a portion of a Uchucklesaht enactment, that provides that it ceases to be in force on a specified day, or on the occurrence of a specified circumstance, ceases to have effect
 - (i) at the beginning of that specified day, or
 - (ii) at the end of the day on which that specified circumstance occurs.
 - (e) A Uchucklesaht enactment, or a portion of a Uchucklesaht enactment, that has been replaced is repealed and a Uchucklesaht enactment that has expired, lapsed or has otherwise ceased to be in force or have effect is deemed to have been repealed.

Preliminary proceedings and staggered commencement

- 5.7**
- (a) If Uchucklesaht legislation that is not in force confers a power to make regulations, or do any other thing, to make that Uchucklesaht legislation operative when it comes into force, that power may be exercised before the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force, but the regulation made or the thing done has no force until the Uchucklesaht legislation comes into force, except in so far as is necessary to make the Uchucklesaht legislation operative when it comes into force.
 - (b) If Uchucklesaht legislation provides for that Uchucklesaht legislation, or a portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation, to come into force or be repealed by Uchucklesaht regulation, such a Uchucklesaht regulation may
 - (i) apply to the coming into force or repeal of any provision of the Uchucklesaht legislation or portion of the Uchucklesaht legislation, and

- (ii) be made at different times for different provisions of the Uchucklesaht legislation.

Amending enactment part of enactment amended

- 5.8** An amending Uchucklesaht enactment must be construed as part of the Uchucklesaht enactment that it amends.

Territorial operation

- 5.9** (a) Every Uchucklesaht enactment applies to the whole of Uchucklesaht lands, unless a contrary intention is expressed in the Uchucklesaht enactment.
- (b) Where a Uchucklesaht enactment that does not apply to the whole of Uchucklesaht lands is amended, no provision in the amending Uchucklesaht enactment applies to any part of Uchucklesaht lands to which the amended Uchucklesaht enactment does not apply, unless it is provided in the amending Uchucklesaht enactment that it applies to that part of Uchucklesaht lands or to the whole of Uchucklesaht lands.

Repeal

- 5.10** (a) If all or a portion of a Uchucklesaht enactment is repealed, the repeal
- (i) does not revive a Uchucklesaht enactment or thing not in effect or not existing immediately before the time when the repeal takes effect,
 - (ii) does not affect the previous operation of the Uchucklesaht enactment so repealed or anything done or suffered under it,
 - (iii) does not affect a right or obligation acquired, accrued, accruing or incurred under the Uchucklesaht enactment so repealed,
 - (iv) subject to section 5.11, does not affect an offence committed against, or a contravention of, the repealed Uchucklesaht enactment, or a penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred under it, or
 - (v) does not affect an investigation, proceeding or remedy for
 - (A) a right or obligation referred to in paragraph (iii), or
 - (B) a penalty, forfeiture or punishment referred to in paragraph (iv).
- (b) Subject to section 5.11, an investigation, proceeding or remedy described in subsection (a)(v) may be instituted, continued or enforced and the penalty, forfeiture or punishment imposed as if the Uchucklesaht enactment or the part of the Uchucklesaht enactment had not been repealed.

Repeal and replacement

- 5.11** If a Uchucklesaht enactment (the “former enactment”) is repealed and another Uchucklesaht enactment (the “new enactment”) is substituted for it,
- (a) every person acting under the former enactment must continue to act as if appointed or elected under the new enactment until another person is appointed or elected in their place,
 - (b) every bond and security given by a person appointed under the former enactment remains in force, and all books, papers, forms and things made or used under the former enactment shall continue to be used as before the repeal in so far as they are consistent with the new enactment,
 - (c) every proceeding commenced under the former enactment must be continued under and in conformity with the new enactment in so far as it may be done consistently with the new enactment,
 - (d) the procedure established by the new enactment must be followed as far as it can be adapted
 - (i) in the recovery or enforcement of penalties and forfeitures incurred under the former enactment,
 - (ii) in the enforcement of rights existing or accruing under the former enactment, and
 - (iii) in a proceeding relating to matters that happened before the repeal,
 - (e) except to the extent that the provisions of the new enactment are not in substance the same as those of the former enactment, the new enactment shall not be held to operate as new law, but shall be construed and have effect as a consolidation and as declaratory of the law as contained in the former enactment,
 - (f) when a penalty, forfeiture or punishment is reduced or mitigated by the new enactment, the penalty, forfeiture or punishment, if imposed or adjusted after the repeal, must be reduced or mitigated accordingly, and
 - (g) all Uchucklesaht regulations made under the former enactment remain in force and are deemed to have been made under the new enactment, in so far as they are consistent with the new enactment, until they are repealed or others are made in their place.

No implications from repeal or amendment

- 5.12** (a) The repeal of all or part of a Uchucklesaht enactment, or the repeal of a Uchucklesaht enactment and the substitution for it of another Uchucklesaht enactment, must not be construed to be or to involve either
- (i) a declaration that the repealed Uchucklesaht enactment was or was considered by the body that enacted it to have been previously in force, or
 - (ii) a declaration about the previous state of the law.
- (b) The amendment of a Uchucklesaht enactment must not be construed to be or to involve either
- (i) a declaration that the law under the Uchucklesaht enactment prior to the amendment was or was considered by the body that enacted it to have been different from the law under the Uchucklesaht enactment as amended, or
 - (ii) a declaration about the previous state of the law.
- (c) An amendment, consolidation, re-enactment or revision of a Uchucklesaht enactment must not be construed to be or to involve an adoption of the construction that has by judicial decision or otherwise been placed on the language used in the Uchucklesaht enactment or on similar language.

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PART 6 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Commencement

6.1 This Act comes into force on the Maa-nulth Treaty effective date.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Interpretation Act UTS 17, 2011 enacted April 1, 2011

Amendments

Section	Amendment	In Force
2.5(a)	UTS 31/2014, s.2.1(a)	February 28, 2014
2.7(b)	UTS 31/2014, s.2.1(b)	February 28, 2014
3.3	UTS 31/2014, s.2.1(c)	February 28, 2014
3.3	UTS 37/2014, s.2.1	March 21, 2014
3.3	UTS 40/2014, s.4.8(a)	June 19, 2014
5.1(d)	UTS 40/2014, s.4.8(b)	June 19, 2014
5.3(d)	UTS 40/2014, s.4.8(c)	June 19, 2014
3.3	UTS 75/2025, s.13.5(a)(i)(A)	March 27, 2025
3.3	UTS 75/2025, s.13.5(a)(i)(B)	March 27, 2025
3.3	UTS 75/2025, s.13.5(a)(i)(C)	March 27, 2025
3.3	UTS 75/2025, s.13.5(a)(ii)	March 27, 2025

Amending Acts:

UTS 31/2014 Miscellaneous Amendments Act enacted February 28, 2014

UTS 37/2014 Enforcement Framework Amendment Act No. 1 enacted March 21, 2014

UTS 40/2014 Enforcement Framework Amendment Act No. 2 enacted June 19, 2014

UTS 75/2025 Administration of Justice Act enacted March 27, 2025

Regulations: