

Draft Statement

Cowichan Peoples have existing inherent rights. Cowichan as the original Peoples of this territory within which the Cowichan Watershed is included continue the right and responsibility to make informed decisions to manage and organize based on our history and continued connections.

As told through time by our ancestors; the lands, waters, seas, minerals, air and all elements interconnected within the territories provided for and can provide a good sustainable life for Cowichan Peoples.

Cowichan has never given away this right and continue to govern and make decisions to support the well-being and sustainability of our Peoples and territories.

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- **QUW'UTSUN MUSTMUHW, NI' 'O' NI' TTHU SHT'ESULH KWS 'I TST 'U TUN'A TUMUHW, 'I 'O' HWUN ST'E. NILH 'O' THU-'IT SYUW'ENTST, TUN NI' 'U KWTHU HWUN'A MUSTIMUHW 'I WUTL'UTS' 'I 'U TUN'A TUMUHW TST. NI' YUXTSE'TUM TTHU QUW'UTSUN 'U TTHU-I TUMUHW, QA', KW'ATL'KWA TTHU NI' SPUPIN' 'U TTHU TUMUHW, TTHO' MUKW' STEM NI' HAKW NI' 'U TTHU STL'ULNUPTST. KWUTHU SHTUN-NI' 'IWS TST NI' YUXTSE'TUM 'U TTHO' MUKW' STEM NI' HA'KW KWS STHUTHI'S KWS HULI-S. O' NILH TTHU QUW'UTSUN MUSTUMUHW, NI LEMUXUTUNSTUM 'U TTHU NI' SNUWUNTEWUT 'U TTHU SHTUNAALHTUN, TST. UWU TUMTEM-US 'I' NI' TST TSMEM'T 'AANLH KWS KWUN-ETEWUT, HWAYUM TUN'A S'AALH STL'ULNUP. QUW'UTSUN MUSTIMUHW, HA'KWUSH TST KW' STUTUL'NA'MUT SXETSUL'S KW' SHTUHIMS TTHU STL'ULNUPTST. MUKW' STEM 'O' SLHILUKW'TUL 'I' NILH NI' SHKW'AKW'UMS TTHU SULSULI'TST.**

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- NUTSAMAT KWS YAAAY'US TST:
- WE COME TOGETHER AS A WHOLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BE STRONGER AS PARTNERS