

Declaration of the Nlaka'Pamux Nation

Since time immemorial, we the Nlaka'pamux have held aboriginal title to the traditional lands of our Nation.

For countless generations, we have exercised sovereignty over the land, the waters, the salmon, the animals and all other resources through the government of our Nations. This sovereignty has never been extinguished through treaty, superceded by law, nor lost through conquest to the Crown or any other foreign power.

Over this time, we have continuously and without interruption used and occupied this territory. Those parts now controlled by others than Nlaka'pamux people were taken without our consent and without compensation.

In defense of Nlaka'pamux aboriginal title and rights, a comprehensive claim was filed with the federal government in 1984 asserting out title to the land of the Nlaka'pamux Nation and to the resources, upon, above and below these lands and asserting our full aboriginal rights and including the authority to operate and define our system of government within Canada and our right to complete freed from any and all taxation by any other government.

These rights have been asserted many times by our leaders who came before us. It is in their remembrance and in hope for those to come, that this declaration is made on behalf of all Nlaka'pamux so that we may negotiate a fair and just settlement of the Nlaka'pamux land question.

Recognition is given to the following leaders who are the signatories in support of the Nlaka'pamux Comprehensive Claim submitted to the federal government in 1984.

**Nlaka'pamux First Nations Government
Signatories to our Comprehensive Claim
Chief and Councilors**

Ashcroft

Chief Leslie Edmonds
Geroge Kirkpatrick
David Dick

Boston Bar

Chief Herman Phillips
Elsie Campbell
Harold Thomas

Cook's Ferry

Chief Reginald Draney
Jim Billy
Ross Albert

Lower Nicola

Chief Arthur Dick
John Jackson
Douglas Shuter
Austin Sterling
Francis Shuter

Nicomen

Chief Cyril Spence
Willard Angus
Fred Drynock

Oregon Jack Creek

Chief Robert Pasco
Rachal Froste
Allan Froste

Shackan

Chief Percy Joe
Johnny Joe
Bert Seymour

Spuzzum

Chief James Johnson
Ralph Bobb
Jennifer Bobb

Boothroyd

Chief Wilfred Campbell
Reynold Smith
Wesley Andres

Coldwater

Chief Gordon Antoine
Delores/Mildred Oppenheim
Patrick Collins
Willie August

Kanaka Bar

Chief James Frank
Evelyn Michael
Alvin Frank

Lytton

Chief Ruby Dunstan
Sheila Adams
Reynold Blachford
Edward Charlie
Edward Sam
Frederick Henry
Raymond James
Terry Alec
Jim Brown
Wesley Brown
Wesley Williams
Judy Hanna
Elder Hilda Austin
Elder Louis Phillips

Nooaitch

Chief Michael Shackelly
Glen Shackelly
Martina Shackelly

Skuppah

Chief John McIntyre

Siska

Chief *Doreen* Sampson
Horace Michel
Myrtle Dixon
Elder Susana Swartz

Upper Nicola

Chief Dan Manuel
Walter Archachan
Ivan Lindley
Dean Tom
Harvey McLeod