

Tsilhqot'in Nation

Emergency Moose Protection *Dechen Ts'ededilhtan*

PREAMBLE

- A. We, the Tsilhqot'in, or *People of the River*, are made up of six communities: ?Esdilagh, Tl'esqox, Tl'etinqox, Tsi Deldel, Xeni Gwet'in and Yunesit'in.
- B. As Tsilhqot'in, we have occupied our ancestral *nen* since time immemorial. Our identity is bound to our *nen*. We have never ceded or surrendered our rights, our title, or our sacred and legal responsibilities to our *nen*.
- C. As Tsilhqot'in, we have exercised, and continue to exercise authority and jurisdiction over our *nen*. This law is an expression of our inherent law and governance as Tsilhqot'in peoples.
- D. The health of our Tsilhqot'in families, communities and culture depends on healthy, sustainable moose populations in Tsilhqot'in Territory. Declining moose populations are a direct threat to our Tsilhqot'in way of life.
- E. Unprecedented harm and loss occurred on our *nen* due to wildfires in 2017. These wildfires further affected moose habitat and have made moose populations even more vulnerable to hunters.
- F. On July 10, 2018, the Tsilhqot'in Nation convened an emergency summit of all Tsilhqot'in Leadership at Tl'esqox ("**Emergency Leadership Summit**") to determine appropriate actions to protect moose populations and respond to the lack of urgent or effective action by the Government of British Columbia.
- G. At the Emergency Leadership Summit, the Tsilhqot'in Chiefs received direction and support to invoke the *Dechen Ts'ededilhtan* and to enact a Tsilhqot'in law prohibiting the provincially authorized Limited Entry Hunt to hunt and kill moose within the Tsilhqot'in *nen* ("**LEH Moose Hunt**");
- H. As Tsilhqot'in, we have a sacred duty to protect our culture, our lands and our resources for our future generations. Our *Dechen Ts'ededilhtan* requires us to take action.

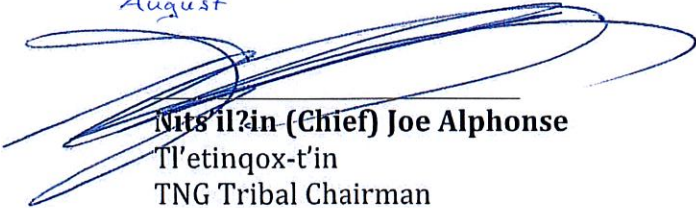
THEREFORE the Tsilhqot'in Nation duly enacts the *Tsilhqot'in Nation Emergency Moose Protection Dechen Ts'ededilhtan*. Under this law:


1. The LEH Moose Hunt is prohibited within the Tsilhqot'in *nen* as set out in the map attached as Schedule "A".

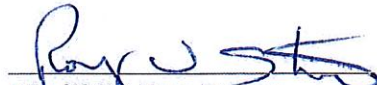
2. By duly enacted Band Council Resolution, the Band Council of each Tsilhqot'in Community may regulate or prohibit the hunting of moose by its citizens within its caretaker area ("**Community Regulation**").
3. By duly enacted Nation Resolution, the Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs may endorse a Community Regulation and thereby make the Community Regulation effective and binding on all Tsilhqot'in citizens.
4. Despite any other section of this law, hunting or killing of cow moose by any person is strictly prohibited without exception.
5. We will provide notice of this law to:
 - a. Tsilhqot'in citizens;
 - b. Resident and non-resident hunters;
 - c. The Province of British Columbia; and
 - d. The Government of Canada.
6. As directed by the Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs, the Tsilhqot'in Nation shall take such measures as deemed appropriate to inform, educate, monitor, enforce and promote compliance with this law to protect moose populations and our Tsilhqot'in way of life.
7. This law may be amended or repealed by duly enacted Nation Resolution.

THIS LAW IS HEREBY DULY ENACTED by the Tsilhqot'in Chiefs Council on the 27 day of ~~July~~, 2018,


August



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Schedule A

The Tsilhqot'in Emergency Moose Protection Law applies to the following Wildlife Management Units & LEH zones/subzones:

- **5-02 D** – West of Beaver Creek to its confluence with Quesnel River, thence west of Quesnel River to Little Canyon, thence NW of a straight line from Little Canyon to the confluence of Sovereign Creek with Swift River.
- **5-03**
- **5-04 A**
- **5-04 B**
- **5-04 C**
- **5-05** – Northeast of a line from Majestic peak to Mt Queen Bess to Homathko Peak to Pagoda Peak to Siva Mountain.
- **5-06** – Northeast of a line from Mt Cornelia to Fenris Mtn to Mt Anubis to Wilderness Mtn to the headwaters of the South Atnarko River.
- **5-10** – South of the Dean River.
- **5-11**
- **5-11 A**
- **5-12 A**
- **5-12 B**
- **5-13 A**
- **5-13 B**
- **5-13 C** - South of Euchiniko River.
- **5-14**
- **5-15 D** – Northwest of a line from the confluence of Sovereign Creek and Swift River to the Community of Wells, thence west of a line from Wells to Two Sisters Mountain.
- **7-8** – South of a line from the North end of Ahbau Lake to the confluence of Terry Creek with Naver Creek, thence to the confluence of Marvin Creek with Fraser River.