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## BACKGROUND

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### **TREATY SETTLEMENT LANDS TRANSFER TO MAA-NULTH**

The Maa-nulth First Nations are comprised of five First Nations on Vancouver Island. Lands slated for early transfer from the Province to Maa-nulth First Nations include:

- Huu-ay-aht First Nations will take early transfer of a 31.5-hectare waterfront parcel on the north shore of Grappler Inlet. The parcel of provincial Crown land is adjacent to Bamfield and has significant development potential.
- Toquaht Nation will take early possession of a 19-hectare parcel of provincial Crown land at Stuart Bay near the entrance to Ucluelet Harbour. The parcel is waterfront with excellent development potential.
- Uchucklesaht Tribe will receive approximately 55 hectares of Provincial Crown land at Green Cove and Limestone Bay. The spectacular waterfront parcel sits at the entrance to Uchucklesit Inlet and is the site of a store owned and operated by Uchucklesaht Tribe.
- Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations will receive transfer of 1.8 hectares at Fair Harbour, and a 35-hectare parcel on Amos Island, near the First Nation community of Houpsitas. Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' currently leases the Fair Harbour parcel as part of its marina.
- Ucluelet First Nation will receive early transfer of Lot 468, a 34-hectare parcel of Provincial Crown land adjacent to Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. The land is important to Ucluelet First Nation's economic development plans.

The early transfer of these lands will allow the Maa-nulth First Nations to incorporate the social and economic benefits flowing from land ownership prior to implementation of the treaty.

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