



SQUAMISH NATION



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MEDIA ADVISORY

Saturday, September 1, 2012

Squamish & Tsleil-Waututh Nations to Sign Historic Declaration to Protect the Salish Sea

This Declaration marks the Nations' decision to work collaboratively to oppose Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project and increased supertanker traffic in the Port of Metro Vancouver

WHO: Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation

WHAT: Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations will celebrate their sacred connection to the waters of the Salish Sea with an historic canoe journey starting at Swáywi (Ambleside Park) and ending at Whey-Ah-Wichen (Cates Park).

This event celebrates the teachings of the canoe, our future generations, the unity of all peoples, and reaffirms the responsibility that each Nation holds to protect and maintain our sacred connection to the waters.

The journey also marks our Nations' decision to work collaboratively to oppose Kinder Morgan's Trans Mountain pipeline project and increased supertanker traffic in the Port of Metro Vancouver as well as highlight the importance of the health of the Salish Sea to Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and all peoples.

The Journey will be highlighted by the signing of a declaration.

WHEN: Saturday, September 01, 2012

- 1:00 pm** Canoes launch from Swáywi (Ambleside Park)
- 2:30 pm** Water Ceremony in front of Kinder Morgan's Westridge Terminal
- 3:00 pm** Canoes arrive at Whey-Ah-Wichen (Cates Park)
- 4:00 pm** Signing of Declaration
- 4:30 pm** Feast at Whey-Ah-Wichen (Cates Park)
- 5:30 pm** Ceremonies at Whey-Ah-Wichen (Cates Park)

WHY: Water is the essence of all life on Earth. Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh have canoed the waters of the Salish Sea since time immemorial. This journey reaffirms the responsibility that each Nation holds to protect and maintain their sacred connection to the waters. By signing this Declaration, the Nations are calling on people from all cultures to unite to protect our environment for our future generations.

HOW Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations are hosting this celebration to remind us all that there is room for many paddlers in one canoe. When we paddle together, with one heart, one mind and one spirit, great things can happen.

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Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh request the presence of First Nation leaders, elected officials, and members of the general public to witness the signing of this historic declaration and join us in opposition to Kinder Morgan's Trans mountain pipeline project.

Information for Editors:

Swáywi (Ambleside Park) Squamish Nation	Whey-Ah-Wichen (Cates Park) Tsleil-Waututh Nation
Media booth Interview session prior to the launch of the Canoes A media boat will be available (advanced RSVP required) VIP parking for media is available High resolution photos will be available following the event	Media booth Interview session prior to the arrival of the Canoes A media boat will be available (advanced RSVP required) VIP parking for media is available High resolution photos will be available following the event
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