

Coastal First Nations Declaration for Clean Energy & Climate Adaptation

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Indigenous nations have a deep and profound relationship with the living environment around them. This relationship guides us and our responsibilities as stewards of our territory. We are dependent on a healthy environment to sustain all life and our way of living.

The climate is changing globally at a rapid pace due to negative human behavior, primarily anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions.

In our climate changing world, Indigenous peoples across the world are often the first to suffer.

Action must be taken immediately to ensure this injustice does not continue. Our communities must become climate resilient, adaptable, secure, and non-emitting to prepare for climate and industry related risks threatening our way of life.

We must be bold, innovative, persistent in our transition away from fossil fuels.

Collectively, we commit to:

- ❖ Transforming our regional energy systems to clean, renewable energy sources that are produced locally and sustainably.
- ❖ Ensuring healthy, efficient, and culturally relevant homes and community buildings for all our members.
- ❖ Investing in sustainable energy solutions suitable for each Nation.
- ❖ Creating localized food systems to ensure food security.
- ❖ Building our communities to be climate resilient and adaptive.
- ❖ Ensuring the continuation of our inherent rights and freedom to harvest traditional food, ensuring the natural resources of our territory sustain our people for innumerable generations to come.
- ❖ Respecting and uphold human rights including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- ❖ Upholding our Indigenous laws as our communities take climate action.