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Dear Ms. Trager:

Re: Ceremonial Licenses for Stó:lō Tribal Council First Nations

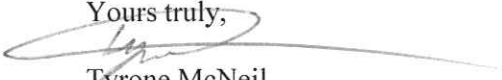
At this time of the year many Stó:lō First Nations will be holding first salmon ceremonies. Those First Nations planning such ceremonies will be applying for communal licenses to harvest Chinook for their ceremonies. The first salmon ceremony is central to our culture and, therefore, I fully expect that the DFO will issue communal licenses to those First Nations who apply to the Lower Fraser offices of Fisheries & Oceans Canada.

I mentioned in my previous letter to you that if DFO is not forthcoming with licenses for ceremonial requirements, the Stó:lō Tribal Council will proceed with plans to conduct fisheries to help meet the needs of our member First Nations. I can categorically tell you that we will not be denied ceremonial licenses nor will we tolerate lengthy delays waiting on the DFO to issue licenses.

If you have any questions or concerns respecting this letter, please contact me at 1-604-798-1509.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

Yours truly,


Tyrone McNeil
Vice President
Stó:lō Tribal Council

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Let's work together to make a better tomorrow*