SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6, 2012, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 52/2012

TITLE:	Establishment of Agreements for Regular Meetings with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
SUBJECT:	Fisheries
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Ken Malloway, Proxy, Kwaw Kwaw Apilt First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Cliff Atleo, Proxy, Kyuquot/Checleseht First Nation, BC
DECISION:	Carried; 1 opposed, 3 abstentions

WHEREAS:

A. First Nations and the Government of Canada have a distinct relationship that requires frequent discussion and dialogue.

B. Any time the Government contemplates a decision or action that may affect First Nations rights or title, the honour of the Crown is at stake and the duty to consult and accommodate must be discharged.

C. First Nations have integral interests in fisheries, as reflected in the text of treaties and in fishing activities practiced by First Nations since time immemorial.

D. Increased dialogue is necessary between Fisheries and Oceans Canada and First Nations.

E. The Assembly of First Nations is not a government and is not capable of consulting on behalf of First Nations, however it can provide advice, suggestions, and considerations to the Minister before the Minister contemplates actions or activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Direct the National Chief to establish a formal agreement with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans that establishes regular meetings between the National Chief and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and to seek a yearly meeting between the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Assembly of First Nations Executive.

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2. Support the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being contemplated between the First Nations Leadership Council of British Columbia (FNLC) and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to establish regular meetings.
3. Call upon the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Fisheries and Oceans Canada to support the MOU with the FNLC and to support the establishment of similar MOUs and processes with other regions.

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