

# More than Fish on the Line in "Enough Already" Fishing Rights Campaign

The Enough Already campaign for Nuu-chah-nulth fishing rights was launched in late June to raise awareness and pressure decision makers to support the five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations that proved their rights in 2009 to fish and sell all species of fish. The Council of Ha'wiih Forum on Fisheries had agreed to go ahead with the campaign due to the lengthy time that had passed since the B.C. Supreme Court decision and the fact that the five Nations still weren't able to fish by their preferred means.

"The Nations have been working to design sustainable, rights-based First Nations fisheries as required by the Court ruling," said Debra Foxcroft, OBC, President Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. "This campaign lets people know that Canada is still refusing, after almost six years, to engage with First Nations on their fishing plans."

Through "crowd sourced" online actions via Twitter, Facebook and email, the Enough Already campaign is targeting the Conservative government and also opposition parties that are trying to be elected in the federal election on October 19. To date the campaign has garnered over 600 signatures, been posted and retweeted (on Twitter) over a hundred times, drawing the attention of celebrities such as Aboriginal activist and legendary folk singer Buffy Sainte-Marie and Tzaporah Berman, Canadian environmental activist, campaigner and writer. Early on, while David Suzuki, environmental activist and writer, was visiting Port Alberni for his Coastal Connections tour, he publicly endorsed the campaign by providing a photo statement which read, "The knowledge base of Nuu-chah-nulth Nations is thousands of years old and priceless because it embodies sustainability."

"Nuu-chah-nulth elders, Ha'wiih, elected leaders, parents and teachers can play a significant role in this campaign by telling their younger family members to go online and support Enough Already," said Ken Watts, Vice President, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. "And as the election approaches, we are watching to see what candidates running in the federal election are putting this and other First Nations issues at the top of their agenda."



## Nuu-chah-nulth members and supporters can participate in the campaign by doing the following:

- Visit [www.enoughalready.ca](http://www.enoughalready.ca) and sign the petition.
- Share the campaign message on social media or via email.
- Use the sample letter on the website to send a note to Minister Valcourt, Minister Shea, and British Columbia's MPs (Conservative, Liberal, NDP and Green). On the campaign web page you'll find a sample letter on the second page after signing the Enough Already petition.



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-David Suzuki, Canadian scientist, environmental activist and writer