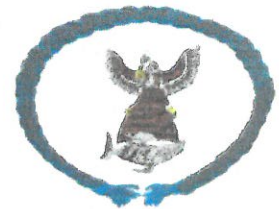




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Ahousaht Hawiith and Council Declaration

Ahousaht BC – Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic – Phase III

WHEREAS:

The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to be serious health and safety threat. There is still no vaccine, no anti-serum and no cure for COVID-19. The Coronavirus is deadly and continues to spread quickly in a second wave in other countries. Meanwhile, British Columbia has moved to Phase III in opening various sectors of the economy.

The health and safety of the Ahousaht community members is top priority.

There are limited health services in our region. Tofino General Hospital has only one ventilator and room for less than 10 patients overall. Ahousaht has a simple clinic and no hospital beds in our community.

Visitors come to our territory annually from all over the world arriving by road and by water. Ahousaht has proven to be first on the scene in rescue situations and put ourselves at risk each time and additional risk during this Pandemic.

THEREFORE:

Ahousaht Hawiith (Hereditary Chiefs) and Ahousaht Council declare:

All Ahousaht Hahoulthee (Lands and Waterways) continues to be closed to tourists and non-residents of Ahousaht for all activities. See map Appendix A.


This includes: Areas known as Provincial Parks: Maquinna Park, Gibson Marine Park, Vargas Island Provincial Park and all waters within Ahousaht Hahoulthee/territories.

Tourists and people found within the territories will be asked to leave.


Ahousaht Hawiith and Ahousaht Council continues to monitor the situation and will make changes as needed to ensure the overall health and safety of Ahousaht community.

Made this day: July 3, 2020 at Ahousaht, BC

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Attached: Map – "Appendix A"