

Heiltsuk Nation Signs On to \$335 million Conservation Finance Deal to Protect Marine Territory and Support Sustainable Economic Development

FACT SHEET



This agreement is a step towards **re-strengthening** Heiltsuk's management of our territorial waters.



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BENEFITS TO THE NATION

We have joined 16 other coastal first nations in signing on to the **Great Bear Sea Project Finance for Permanence (PFP)** initiative, which is a means to fund and establish collaborative governance commitments for future marine stewardship efforts.

Benefits to Our Nation Include:

- Supporting sustainable economic development;
- Protecting and rebuilding fish stocks and habitats we depend on;
- Safeguarding the future of endangered species, and caring for our sensitive sites and places;
- Restoring and upholding the health and abundance of this coast so we can depend on our resources in the future.

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The \$335 million dollar conservation funding initiative, which was signed between 17 coastal Nations, and the governments of Canada, BC, and Coast Funds, will provide sustained funding for our efforts to protect our marine territory and support sustainable economic development.

The Haítzaqv Marine Use Plan has driven the Nation's stewardship efforts since the Marine Use Planning Committee began developing it 20 years ago. Heiltsuk staff and leadership spent countless hours participating in the creation of the PFP and view it as an opportunity to make meaningful progress to implement our Marine Use Plan.

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