



THE PROVINCIAL COURT  
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## NOTICE TO THE PROFESSION AND PUBLIC

### PROSECUTION OF OFFENCES UNDER THE MAA-NULTH FIRST NATIONS FINAL AGREEMENT

On April 1, 2011 the *Maanulth First Nations Final Agreement Act*, S.C. 2009, c. 18, and the *Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Act*, S.B.C. 2007, c. 43 (together, the “*MFN Act*”), largely came into force. The *MFN Act* implements the Final Agreement reached between the Maa-nulth First Nations, Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of British Columbia.

The Final Agreement vests in the Maa-nulth First Nations the jurisdiction to make laws regarding a number of subject areas described in the Final Agreement. One term of the Final Agreement is to provide that the Provincial Court of British Columbia is the forum within which prosecutions of particular offences under Maa-nulth First Nation Laws will be heard.

Any prosecutions of offences under Maa-nulth First Nation Laws by the Ka:’yu:’k’t’h/Che:k’tles7et’h’ First Nation which are to be heard in the Provincial Court of British Columbia shall be heard at the Courthouse in Campbell River, British Columbia. Any prosecution of offences under Maa-nulth First Nation Laws by the following First Nations which are to be heard in the Provincial Court of British Columbia shall be heard at the Courthouse in Port Alberni, British Columbia: Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Toquaht Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and the Ucluelet First Nation (aka the Yuulu?if?ath Government).

The Final Agreement provides that the summary conviction proceedings of the *Offence Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 338, apply to prosecutions of offences under Maa-nulth First Nation Laws.

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