

# *Declaration of First Nations of the North Pacific Coast*

*Turning Point II Conference, Vancouver*

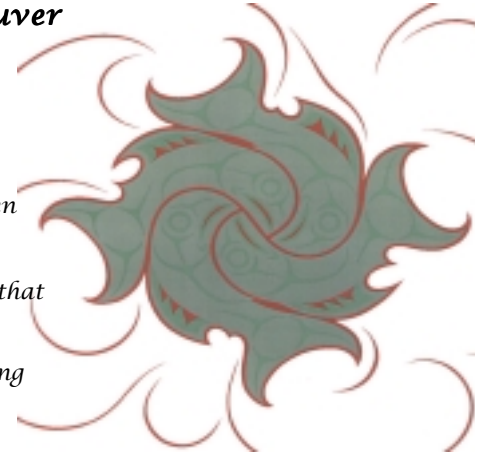
## *Preamble*

*The North Pacific Coast is a rich, varied and fragile part of the natural world. The connection of land and sea with people has given rise to our ancient Northwest cultures.*

*We recognize this life source is under threat like never before and that all people must be held accountable.*

*This united declaration is the foundation for protecting and restoring our culture and the natural world.*

*We are the ones that will live with the consequences of any actions that take place in our territories.*



## *Declaration*

*We declare our life source is vital to the sustenance and livelihood of our culture and our very existence as a people.*

*The First Nations of the North Pacific Coast inherit the responsibility to protect and restore our lands, water, and air for future generations.*

*We commit ourselves:*

- to making decisions that ensure the well-being of our lands and waters.*
- to preserving and renewing our territories and cultures through our tradition, knowledge, and authority.*
- to be honest with each other and respectful of all life.*

*We will support each other and work together as the original people of the North Pacific Coast, standing together to fulfil these commitments.*

*Signed by the following First Nations and Councils*

*Haisla*

*Skidegate*

*Metlakatla*

*Heiltsuk*

*Gitga'at*

*Kitasoo/ Xaixais*

*Council of the Haida Nation*

*Old Massett*