



Seabird Island  
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# Band Admin Quarterly

- ▶ October 2023 – December 2023
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# Welcome to our team members!

THE INTER-GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS TEAM WELCOMES JOELLE KROL (JR. BIOLOGIST), CHIUGO NWOSU-IGBO (POLICY WRITER) AND OJINYA ALI IKESE (PROJECT MANGER, RIGHTS AND TITLES)

## Save the Meeting Dates:

- January 22 at 5:00pm
- February 5 at 12:00pm
- February 20 at 5:00pm
- March 4 at 12:00pm
- March 18 at 5:00pm
- April 8 at 5:00pm

Location: Band Office Gym

Online attendance is available on Microsoft TEAMS!

You are **INVITED** to the  
Membership Code Community Meetings!

### GRAND PRIZE DRAW!

Your participation in each meeting enhances your chances of winning! By attending at least 5 of the 10 meetings, you will be eligible to win:

*One of two 50'' Smart TV's or an Xbox*





# Membership Code Focus Areas

## Key Focus Areas:

- Membership and Indian Status
- Removal of Membership
- Member Right and Responsibilities
- Scope of Authority on Membership Decisions

**What are your thoughts...**

*Who should be a Seabird Member?*

*Should children who are not eligible for Indian Status have Membership?*

*Would you like a tier system for Membership?*

*Who makes the decisions on additions to the Membership List?*



## The community meetings will give Members an opportunity to provide input on:

1. Criteria for future membership of Seabird Band;
2. Protect membership for children and grandchildren not granted Status;
3. Rights and responsibilities of Band Members, for example: housing, education, right to vote, economic benefits, funeral and recreation allowances, etc.

# Registration under the Indian Act

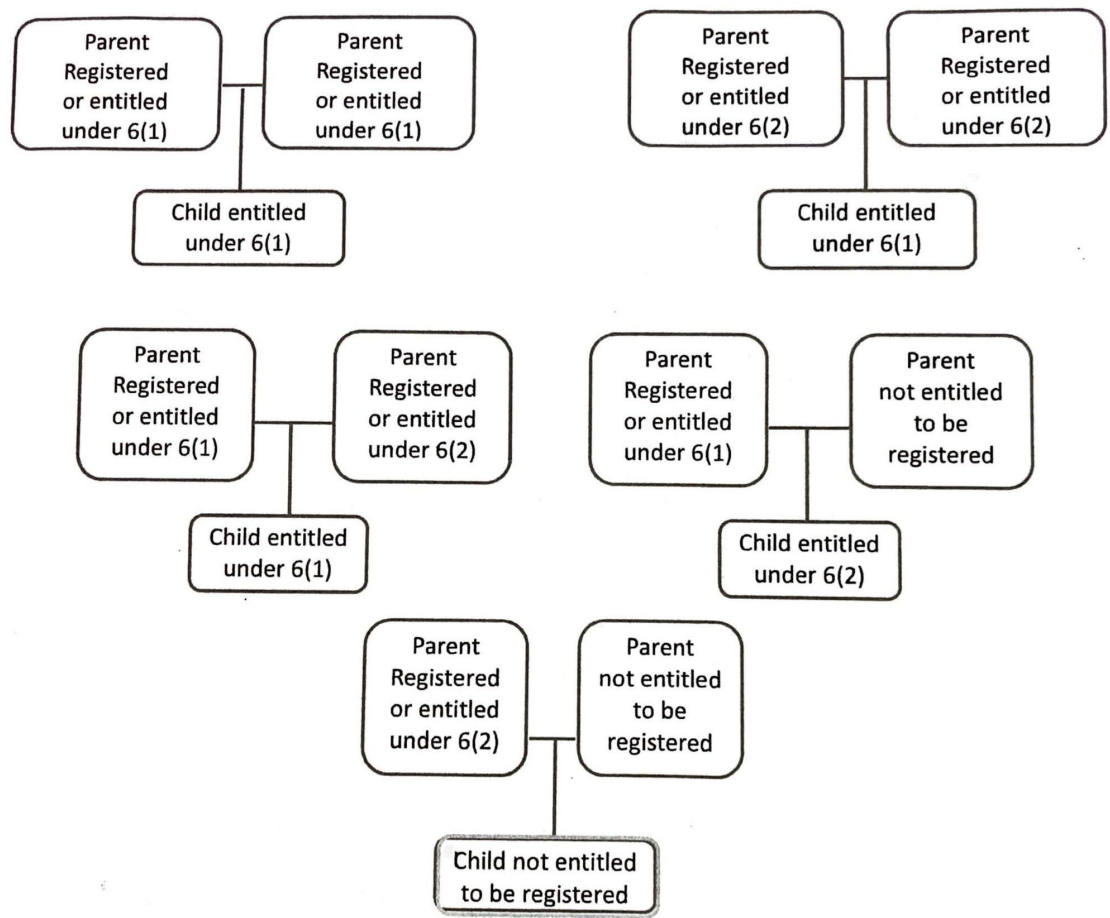
## Basic scenarios on registration for 6(1) and 6(2) categories:

**Scenario 1** – If an individual registered under section **6(1)** parents with a non-Indian, their children would be entitled under section **6(2)**.

**Scenario 2** - If an individual registered under section **6(2)** parents with a non-Indian, their children will not be entitled to registration.

# How does entitlement to Indian registration work?

The following diagram shows basic scenarios of registration under the Indian Act, and how those individuals would be registered:



Entitlement  
Chart







## POLICY UNIT

### FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICY ENGAGEMENTS



The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) resolution was passed into law in November 2019 in British Columbia (The Declaration Act).



The Act states that all provincial laws must be amended to align with UNDRIP.



Since then, we have participated in numerous amendment processes, notably

Child, Family and  
Community Service  
Act Amendments

Heritage Conservation  
Act Transformation  
Project

Fisheries Act  
Amendment

Forest And Range  
Practices Act  
Amendment

Emergency  
Management  
Legislation Amendment

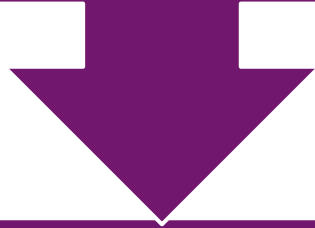
Clean Water and  
Wastewater Act

Accessibility Act





## SEABIRD POLICY AMENDMENTS



We are in the process of amending the following policies

Sports and Leisure  
Policy

Funeral and  
Cemetery  
Management  
Policy

Committee  
Establishment and  
Disbandment  
Policy

POLICY UNIT

# Natural Resources

## **Additions to Reserve Policy Redesign Engagement:**

Working with our policy unit, lands department and the community to curate a report that will result in policy options and recommendations for the Additions to Reserve redesign based on the interests of our community and the principles of UNDRIP and DRIPA.



## **Erosions and Accretion Specific Claim:**

In the process of building a case for a specific claim to address Erosion and Accretion on Seabird Island.



## **Landslide/Oil Spill at Key West:**

Attending daily update meetings to ensure that the oil spill is dealt with in a manner that has little to no effects on fish, wildlife, as well as the Fraser River.



**BCER Engagement:**  
Provided feedback and suggestions to the British Columbia Energy Regulator on their discussion paper for integrating hydrogen, ammonia and methanol in energy resource regulations in BC, suggesting changes that are more in line with UNDRIP and DRIPA.



## **Global Container Terminals- Deltaport:**

In discussion with the representatives of the GCT Deltaport expansion project to bring attention to Seabird Island's concerns with increased rail traffic in our territory.



# Fish & Wildlife Salmon Spawner Surveys

- The Fish & Wildlife unit surveyed Maria slough for **Chinook, Chum, Coho**, and **Sockeye Salmon** in fall 2023.
- Coho and Chum were observed to have successfully spawned, while Chinook were unsuccessful due to low water levels. No Sockeye were observed.
- The table shows the data collected during surveys. Data will be summarized and presented to the community this spring.

Female Chinook Salmon Carcasses



Spawner Survey Data collected:

Species	Sex	Carcass condition	% Spawned	POH Length (length between eye and tail fin)	Wild or Hatchery	# of eyes (level of decay)
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# Fish & Wildlife Water Quality Monitoring

- The Fish & Wildlife unit has begun to take over water quality monitoring in the slough from external agencies. **Dissolved oxygen**, **water temperature**, and **water depth** are being monitored at key locations in Maria Slough.
- Data will be summarized and presented to the community this spring.





### Current Update

After conversations between our department and outside parties, the following will begin this year:

- The Ministry of Environment will begin clean up on south side of the Highway
- The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has committed to a further project which will include replacing the culvert and possibly adding sediment ponds to site location
- Construction/Replacement of permeant berm at the slide location.

### November 2021 Bluff Slide



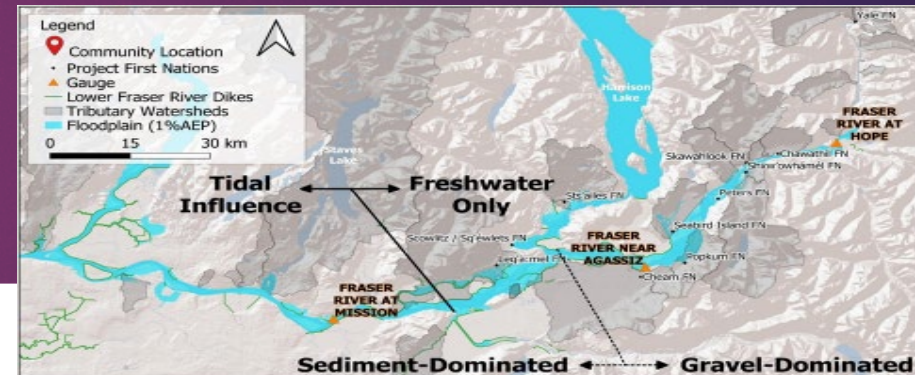


# Stó:lō Geohazard Risk Assessment Project

The Traditional Territory of First Nation communities in the Fraser Valley encompass settled valley bottoms surrounded by wilderness and sensitive ecosystems. These same mountains and river systems are the source of natural geohazards – including clearwater floods, steep creek geohazards (debris floods, debris flows), and landslides. The interaction of these geohazards with the people, environment, infrastructure, economy, and social systems in the region creates risk.

Seabird Island Band along with 10 First Nations will participate on a steering committee to co-direct a project to determine future risks.

## Goal



Develop a geohazard risk profile for the region by weaving Stó:lō knowledge and western science to support communities in planning for future geohazard events.

# Stó:lō Geohazard Risk Assessment Project

Sept 2023 - June 2025

## Communities Involved:

- Seabird Island
- Sq'ewlets
- Xwchíyò:m
- Sq'ewá:lxw
- Chawathil
- Union Bar First Nation
- Pópkw'em
- Shxw'ow'hamel
- Yale First Nation

## Current Stage of Project:

- Steering Committee has been selected and confirmed
- Request for Proposals went out and after a majority vote by the Steering Committee, Earth West Sciences was selected to proceed with the project
- Kick-off meeting for this project will occur in February or March
- More details to come as available

