

K'ÓMOKS FIRST NATION TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

Overview

The K'ómoks Treaty is being negotiated by the Government of Canada (Canada), the Government of British Columbia (B.C.) and K'ómoks First Nation (K'ómoks). Treaties are an important part of advancing reconciliation and creating a foundation for renewed nation-to-nation relationships guided by the United Nations *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

RECONCILIATION

B.C. and Canada are committed to fostering relationships with First Nations that are grounded in respect and the understanding that long-term reconciliation will only be achieved through a shared vision of the future.

Together, we are building new relationships based on awareness of the past, mutual respect, a renewed fiscal relationship and a commitment to action.

TREATIES

Treaties are constitutionally protected agreements that promote positive and stable conditions to support social development and economic growth.

These living agreements outline responsibilities and jurisdiction over treaty lands such as ownership, access, governance, financial benefits, taxation and environmental management.

K'ÓMOKS TREATY

The treaty will recognize the pre-existing rights and title of K'ómoks, establish K'ómoks as an independent order of government outside the Indian Act, return lands to K'ómoks to self-manage and establish co-management/shared governance in its territory.

Treaty lands will be located within the K'ómoks territory and are comprised of AIP lands and additional lands currently under negotiation (see maps on page 2). All Treaty lands will be considered private lands except those specifically identified as park or public lands.

K'ómoks will be able to make decisions and laws on matters related to cultural preservation, use of treaty lands, and the operation of its government.

The K'ómoks treaty will create economic development and investment, new jobs, an increase in housing supply, tourism and investment in infrastructure, which will benefit the entire Comox Valley and region.

K'ÓMOKS TREATY TIMELINE

K'ómoks, Canada and B.C. have been in treaty negotiations since 1994. In 2012, an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) was signed establishing the essential points of agreement, including the initial land package.

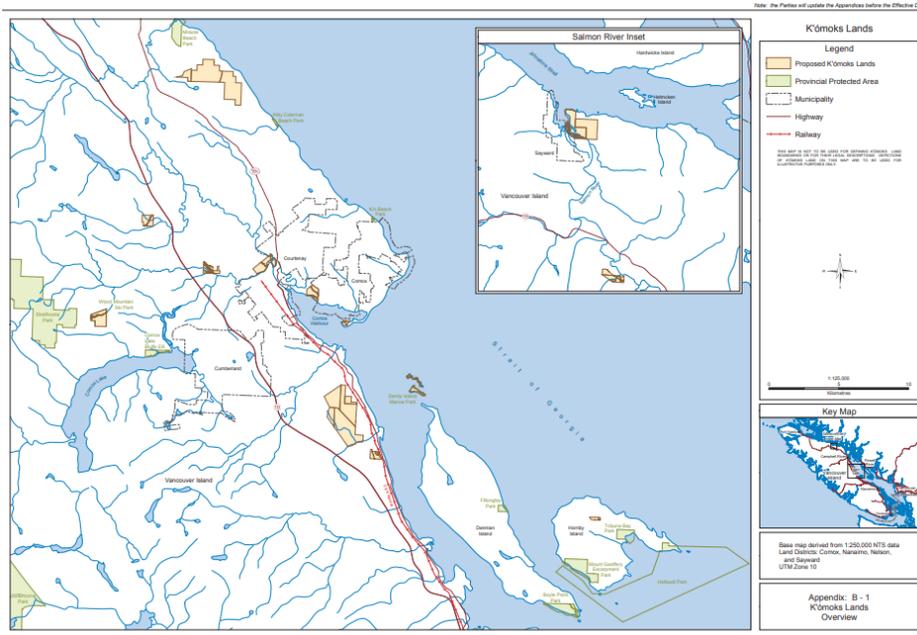
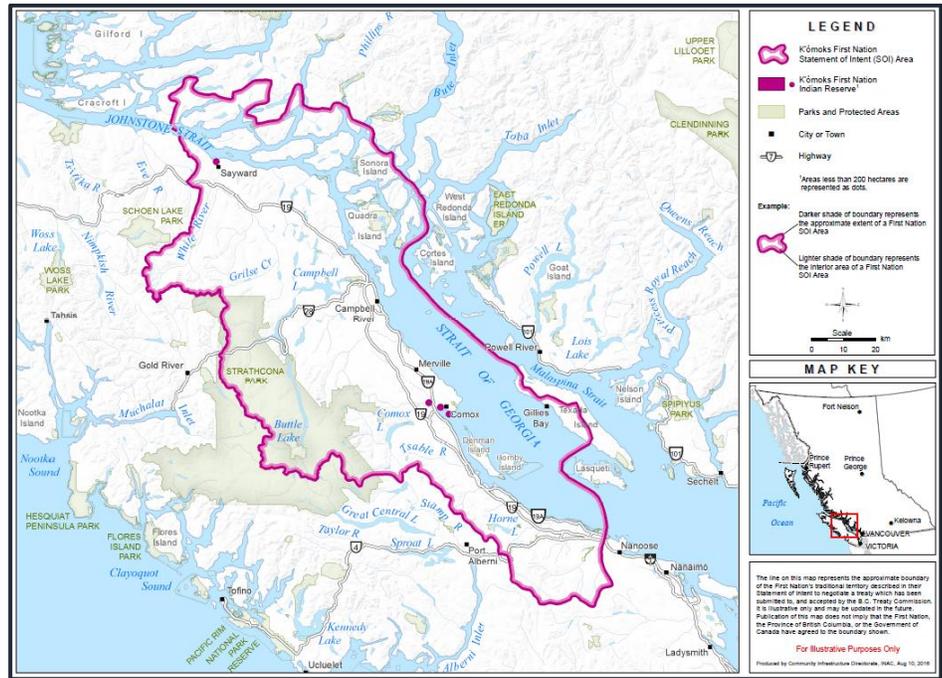
Negotiations are nearing completion, and a Land and Cash Offer is anticipated in fall 2022.

Treaty initialing and ratification, including a vote by K'ómoks members, is anticipated to begin in 2023.



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Map 1
K'ómoks First Nation Territory
 Treaty lands have been identified within this territory, in the core areas of the Comox Valley and Sayward Valley



Map 2
2012 Agreement-in-Principle Lands

These lands were negotiated by K'ómoks, B.C. and Canada and will become Treaty lands once the Treaty is signed

Additional lands are being considered as part of a closing Land and Cash Offer. These lands are within the K'ómoks territory and in the core areas of the Comox Valley and Sayward Valley.

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