

**AFFIRMATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON MÉTIS FOOD
HARVESTING RIGHTS**

THIS AFFIRMATION is signed this 18 day of Dec, 2019.

B E T W E E N:

MÉTIS NATION - SASKATCHEWAN
as represented by its President
("MNS")

-and-

THE GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN
as represented by the Minister of Environment
("Saskatchewan")

(hereinafter referred to collectively as the "**Parties**" and individually as a "**Party**")

WHEREAS the Métis are one of the Indigenous peoples who lived in the historic Northwest prior to Canada's westward expansion and have developed shared customs, traditions, and collective identities rooted in kinship, their unique relationship to the land, and a distinct culture and way of life;

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Environment manages the fish and wildlife resources in Saskatchewan;

AND WHEREAS Section 35, Constitution Act, 1982, states that "the existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of the Aboriginal peoples of Canada are hereby recognized and affirmed" and "the 'Aboriginal peoples of Canada' includes the Indian, Inuit and Métis peoples";

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada has noted that Section 35, Constitution Act, 1982, calls for a process of reconciliation between the Crown and Aboriginal peoples through which the rights and outstanding claims of Aboriginal peoples are determined, recognized, and respected through honourable negotiations with the goal of reaching just and lasting settlements, and that while Aboriginal claims can be, and are, pursued through litigation, negotiations are the preferable method of reconciling state and Aboriginal interests;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada in R. v. Powley held that "[t]he inclusion of the Métis in s. 35 is based on a commitment to recognizing the Métis and enhancing their survival as distinctive communities. The purpose and the promise of s. 35 is to protect practices that were historically important features of these distinctive communities and that persist in the present day as integral elements of their Métis culture.";

AND WHEREAS the Métis of Saskatchewan have established the MNS as its government, mandated to advance Métis rights, self-government, and self-determination for the Métis of Saskatchewan, as well as to represent its Citizens through democratic governance structures.

AND WHEREAS the MNS and Saskatchewan signed a Memorandum of Understanding on November 10, 2010, attached as Schedule A (the “**2010 MOU**”) with the aim of developing an ongoing, respectful and productive relationship between the MNS and Saskatchewan with respect to Métis food harvesting rights issues;

AND WHEREAS the negotiations set out in the 2010 MOU were suspended in 2012 due a lack of capacity to continue on the part of the MNS;

AND WHEREAS since 2012, the MNS has built up its governance capacity, signing a Framework Agreement on Advancing Reconciliation with Canada on July 20, 2018 and a Métis Government Recognition and Self-Government Agreement with Canada on June 27, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE the Parties would like to continue the process outlined in the 2010 MOU as soon as possible with the aim of arriving at a long-term agreement that recognizes and accommodates Métis food harvesting rights in Saskatchewan.

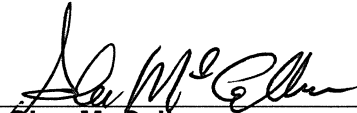
1. OBJECTIVES

1.1 The objectives of this Affirmation are to:

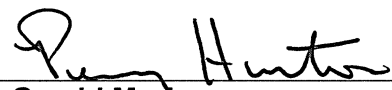
- (a) Extend the 2010 MOU to October 31, 2021; and
- (b) Amend the timelines outlined in the 2010 MOU at 2.3 and 2.4 to read:
 - (i) Negotiations teams will make best efforts to arrive at an interim agreement by June 30, 2020; and
 - (ii) Negotiation teams will make best efforts to arrive at a final agreement by December 31, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF THIS AFFIRMATION has been executed by the Parties as of the date first written above.

MÉTIS NATION – SASKATCHEWAN



Glen McCallum
President
Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

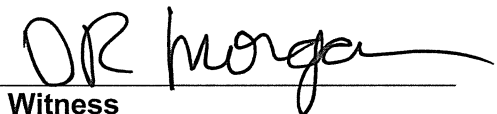


Gerald Morn
Vice-President
Métis Nation – Saskatchewan

GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN



Honourable Dustin Duncan
Minister of Environment
On behalf of Her Majesty the Queen,
in Right of the Province of Saskatchewan



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