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### **First Nations Summit Congratulates Jody Wilson-Raybould on her Re-election as BC Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief**

**Coast Salish Territory (Vancouver, BC)** – The First Nations Summit (FNS) congratulates Jody Wilson-Raybould (Puglaas) on her 1st ballot re-election as BC Regional Chief of the BC Assembly of First Nations (BCAFN).

Regional Chief Wilson-Raybould, whose traditional name is Puglaas, is from the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk and Laich-Kwil-Tach Peoples of Northern Vancouver Island. She is a citizen and a council member for We Wai Kai Nation. She will be serving her second consecutive three year term as Regional Chief of the BCAFN.

“We are very pleased that Regional Chief Wilson-Raybould received such a strong mandate to continue her work for a second three year term”, said Chief Doug White, member of the First Nations Summit Political Executive. “We look forward to working with her over the next three years to ensure the critical issues that our nations and people face are addressed in close coordination with National AFN Chief Shawn Atleo”.

“Regional Chief Wilson-Raybould has shown that she understands the local, regional and national issues that impact the lives of First Nations across BC, and she is committed to continuing to work with the First Nations Summit and Union of BC Indian Chiefs as a member of the First Nations Leadership Council, as an advocate and champion for our communities”, said Dan Smith of the FNS Political Executive.

“We will continue to work with the Regional Chief on issues that are of great importance to First Nations in BC such as; ongoing treaty negotiations; the recognition and implementation of existing treaties; recognition of First Nations’ Title and Rights; implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and improving the overall economic and social conditions in our communities”, added Grand Chief Edward John, also a member of the FNS Political Executive.

The First Nations Summit commends Lahalawuts'aat, Shana Manson, of the Lyackson First Nation and Gasbagos, Marjorie McRae, of the Tsimshian and Gitksan First Nations for also putting their names forward for consideration for this important position.

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The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in treaty negotiations in British Columbia. The Summit is also a NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Further background information on the Summit may be found at [www.fns.bc.ca](http://www.fns.bc.ca).

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