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First Nations Summit Congratulates Steven Point on Being Named BC's next Lieutenant Governor

Coast Salish Traditional Territory/West Vancouver, BC — The First Nations Summit is pleased with this morning's announcement by Prime Minister Steven Harper naming Steven Point as BC's 28th Lieutenant Governor.

"The Prime Minister has chosen a highly regarded First Nations leader and a respected jurist for this distinguished position. Steven Point is known for his deep understanding of the history of British Columbia and will prove to be a very worthy representative for all the people of this province", said Grand Chief Edward John, a member of the First Nations Summit Political Executive and the First Nations Leadership Council.

"The naming of Steven Point as BC's next Lieutenant Governor is truly a milestone for First Nations people in BC especially in these times of reconciliation, recognition and relationship building between First Nations, British Columbia and Canada", added Chief John.

"We will greatly miss Steven in his important role as Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission. He has been an effective advocate for the settlement of fair and just treaties in British Columbia", said Chief Judith Sayers, also a member of the First Nations Summit Political Executive and the First Nations Leadership Council.

"Steven's past roles as a respected and eloquent First Nations leader, lawyer, Provincial Court Judge and Chief Commissioner will serve him well in his new position", added Chief Sayers.

Steven Point's many accomplishments include:

- ❖ Chief Commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission, February 2005 – Present
- ❖ BC Provincial Court Judge, February 1999 – February 2005
- ❖ Tribal Chair of the Sto:lo Nation from 1994 to 1999
- ❖ Elected Chief of Skowkale First Nation for 15 years between 1975 and 1999
- ❖ He received a Bachelor of Laws degree from UBC in 1985 and was called to the Bar in British Columbia in 1986
- ❖ Recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree from the University College of the Fraser Valley in June 2000
- ❖ Recipient of a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 2000

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The First Nations Summit speaks on behalf of First Nations involved in the treaty negotiation process in British Columbia. Background information on the Summit may be found at www.fns.bc.ca.

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