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Dear Heather Kauer:

I am writing to notify you that the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), the Honourable Katrine Conroy, has invited the Snaw-naw-as First Nation to apply for a First Nations Woodland Licence (FNWL) on provincial crown land within their traditional territory.

An FNWL tenure is a long-term area-based forest tenure that is issued specifically to First Nations. This proposed FNWL would support an Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of up to 5,000 cubic meters per year and provide economic opportunities for the Snaw-naw-as First Nation. This invitation to apply for an FNWL is an important step forward for long term reconciliation between the Province and the Snaw-naw-as First Nation.

The proposed FNWL is located on Crown land on Vancouver Island and Lasqueti Island within the Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area (TSA). The two Crown parcels on Lasqueti Island that are proposed for inclusion in the FNWL total approximately 323.3 hectares and are within the Snaw-naw-as First Nation territory. These two parcels are part of the Timber Harvesting Land base (THLB) of the Arrowsmith TSA and were part of the THLB when Lasqueti Island was formerly within the Sunshine Coast TSA.

Feel free to contact me by email at <u>Rhonda.Morris@gov.bc.ca</u> or by telephone at 250-736-6846 if you have questions.

Yours truly,

Rhonda Morris, RPF District Manager South Island Natural Resource District

Attachment: Map

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