CERTIFICATION OF RATIFICATION OFFICER

	(Conclusion of Vote)
CANADA)
)
Province of British Columbia)

I, Lawrence Lewis, Ratification Officer for Penelakut Tribe in the Province of British Columbia, DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

- I or my Deputy Ratification Officers were present on December 17th, 2019 at the Penelakut Administration Office on Penelakut Island, B.C. and at The Best Western Hotel located at 9573 Chemainus Rd in Chemainus B.C. on December 18th, 2019 when the Penelakut Tribe voted concerning the approval of the Penelakut Tribe Land Code and their Individual Agreement in accordance with the Penelakut Tribe Community Ratification Process.
- 2. A copy of the Notice of Vote is attached as Exhibit "1" to this declaration.
- 3. In accordance with section 7.1 of the Penelakut Tribe Community Ratification Process I posted the Notice of Vote at least 30 days prior to the first Regular Voting Day.
- 4. The voting procedure, including the handling of Mail-in Ballots and the counting of ballots, was conducted in accordance with the Penelakut Tribe Community Ratification Process.
- 5. The names of 832 Eligible Voters appeared on the List of Eligible Voters.
- 6. The number of Eligible Voters who participated in the vote was **199**.
- The number of participating Eligible Voters who constitute a majority is 101.
- 8. The results of the Ratification Vote are as follows:
 - i. <u>87</u> electronic ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with part 14 of the Penelakut Tribe Community Ratification Process.
 - ii. <u>28</u> mail-in ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with part 15 of the Penelakut Tribe Community Ratification Process.
 - iii. <u>84</u> regular ballots were cast in the Ratification Vote in accordance with part 16 and 17 of the Penelakut Tribe Community Ratification Process.
 - iv. **0** ballots were spoiled
 - v. **0** ballots were rejected because there was no voter declaration
 - vi. 1 mail in ballot package was rejected because it did not include a ballot
 - vii. 174 ballots were marked "YES" for the Question; and
 - viii. 25 Ballots were marked "NO" for the Question
- 9. Based on the need for the majority of the Eligible Voters who participate in the vote, to vote in favour (i.e. provision 26.1 Penelakut Tribe Community Ratification Process). The Ratification Documents were <u>approved</u> by the Eligible Voters.

AND I MAKE THIS SOLEMN DECLARATION conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force as if made under oath and virtue of the *CANADA EVIDENCE ACT*.

DECLARED BEFORE me at the City of	
Victoria in the Province of British Colur	nbia,)
this 20 th day of December 2019.	
) Lawrence Lewis, Ratification Officer
n. Hajos L)
A Commissioner for Oaths in and for)

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