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Statement from Haida Hereditary Chiefs' Council Regarding Queen Charlotte Lodge

Our people fought over many decades to protect Duu Guusd, the North Coast and the waters of Haida Gwaii. There was no support from the commercial sport fishing industry in any of the work to curb industrial logging nor the effort to ban the supertankers.

Since its arrival, Queen Charlotte Lodge has treated this precious part of our homeland as little more than a playground for those who make money spoiling the Earth. In their lust for profit, QCL has expanded far beyond acceptable limits, trespassing with breakwater and mooring overreach in **Needan Gawee Naden Harbour**, and now, they choose profit over life.

QCL has shown disregard for any fishing regulation or conservation measures, racking up more infractions than any other operation. The ongoing carnage and waste by way of "catch and release" is taking its toll, not only on every species of salmon, but also halibut and rock cod.

QCL has been dishonest in its representations to the public and its patrons when they claimed to be cooperating with the Council of the Haida Nation in the face of COVID-19.

QCL has shown disregard for marine etiquette and safety in repeatedly charging around in the vicinity of smaller boats at high speeds.

QCL has shown contempt for the environment in placing an old tug-boat which is continually ripping up the seabed and kelp with its anchors and pumping raw sewage into protected waters for the convenience of its clients.

QCL has been disrespectful to the Haida Guardians over the years and the **Gaandlee Guu Jaalang Daughters of the River** who initially appealed to QCL to remain closed through the COVID-19 pandemic.

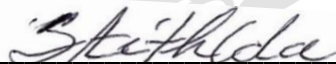
If Queen Charlotte Lodge had ever been welcomed, it has lost its welcome on Haida Gwaii.

THIS STATEMENT IS APPROVED BY THE HEREDITARY CHIEFS' COUNCIL

On behalf of the Hereditary Chiefs' Council,



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