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AFN National Chief Welcomes Grassy Narrows Court Decision Upholding Treaty Rights, Calls on Crown to Honour Decision

(Ottawa, ON) – Assembly of First Nations (AFN) National Chief Shawn A-in-chut Atleo today welcomed a decision by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice which upholds the Treaty rights of First Nation citizens in Grassy Narrows First Nation, calling on the Crown to honour the spirit and intent of the decision.

“We support Grassy Narrows First Nation and all of Treaty #3 territory as they continue to protect their inherent and Treaty rights and their traditional relationship with the land and rivers,” said AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo. “We sincerely hope the outcome of this case will lead to a new relationship based on mutual respect, and an end to the unnecessary conflicts that have caused anguish and suffering to the citizens of Grassy Narrows and other impacted First Nations communities.”

The case began more than a decade ago following clear-cut logging attempts in Grassy Narrows territory. The community has since asserted its constitutionally protected Treaty rights, continuously calling on the governments of Ontario and Canada to uphold the spirit and intent of Treaty #3.

The Assembly of First Nations is the national organization representing First Nations citizens in Canada.

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