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To all Grand Chiefs and Chiefs

INVITATION

**Regional Meeting on the AFNQL Mobilization Initiative
From June 10, at 1:00 pm to June 12, at 12:00 pm**

AND

**Political Retreat of the AFNQL Chiefs
June 12, at 1:00 pm and June 13, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

Le Nouvel Hôtel, Montreal

The need for the AFNQL Chiefs to reassess its regional organization and its mandates was clearly identified on several occasions during past assemblies. The Chiefs' retreat, which is intended solely for the Chiefs, and which was initially planned for the end of March, will now be taking place on June 12, starting at 1:00 pm, and on June 13, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, in Montreal.

Also, the wellbeing of our population - regardless of their place of residence - the defence and the implementation of our rights and Aboriginal and Treaty Rights have always been, are and will always remain central to the AFNQL actions. I am convinced that after our retreat, we will have collectively identified concrete and effective strategies and tools to successfully carry through on our mission.

In parallel to preparing the next Chiefs' retreat, the AFNQL is working on organizing a mobilization initiative on the governance of our Nations in the context of transformations initiated by the federal government. The core objective of this action is to ensure that our local governments, tribal councils and organizations accountable to the Chiefs have the necessary information and analyses about the multiple changes undertaken over the past years by the federal government.

The preparation of the mobilization initiative is supervised by the monitoring committee, composed of elected representatives and administrators of our Nations, and this effort involves representatives from our local and regional authorities, as well as tribal councils, through sectoral tables. The regional meeting on the mobilization initiative will take place on June 10, starting at 1:00 pm, to June 12, until 12:00 pm, at the same venue as the AFNQL Chiefs' retreat that will follow.

In order to ensure the expression of diverse perspectives, we ask the Chiefs to delegate two participants to accompany them to the regional mobilization initiative meeting (eg, general manager, area director, etc.). The AFNQL will reimburse the expenses for these three (3) local representatives. You will be provided with all the information on the mobilization initiative as soon as possible, so as to facilitate your local preparations.

A memo including registration details will be sent to you later today.

I thank you in advance for your support and the attention you will give to the mobilization initiative and the Chiefs' political retreat, two important steps in the development of our governance. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

In Peace and Friendship,



Ghislain Picard
Chief of the AFNQL