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## Second Floatel Approval

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Ha7lh skwáyel (good day),

We wanted to inform you that Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Council has approved an amendment to the Woodfibre LNG project (at Swiyát) to allow for a second temporary floating worker accommodation, or “floatel”. This floatel will be in addition to the first floatel approved by the Nation in 2023.

WoodfibreLNG filed an application for a second floatel in May 2025. Approval for the second floatel was granted by the Nation after a rigorous regulatory review under the Squamish Nation Environmental Assessment Agreement (SNEAA) – the result of the first Indigenous led assessment.

The second floatel will house up to 735 additional, non-local project workers at the project site. WoodfibreLNG requires the extra workers in order to complete the project as quickly as possible.

As background, the WoodfibreLNG Project was approved by Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and the Province of BC in 2015 allowing all workers to reside in the Sea to Sky Corridor. In 2019, WoodfibreLNG proposed an amendment to these approvals to instead dock a floatel at the Project Site for the duration of construction (approx. four years). The floatel (a converted cruise ship) was proposed to house the non-local workforce to mitigate impacts to Indigenous women, girls and two spirit people, as well as to ease impacts on local housing, traffic, medical services, and recreation.

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw made an independent decision regarding the second floatel after conducting a harmonized review with the provincial Environmental Assessment Office and the federal Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw’s conditions for approving the original floatel focused on environmental, cultural and social priorities, with particular emphasis on safety for Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit individuals, and the same conditions will apply to the second floatel. These legally binding conditions include:

- **Cultural Awareness Programming** (mandatory for all workers) to raise awareness of linkages between camps and safety of Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people, as well as Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw culture, governance, and history.
- **Indigenous Floatel Cultural Manager(s)** to reside at the floatel(s) to support a safe and supportive work culture, especially for Indigenous workers.

- **The prohibition on discharge** of any sewage, grey water, domestic waste, or garbage into Átl'ka7tsem (Howe Sound), with the associated waste disposal plan requiring pre-approval by the Nation.
- **Restrictions on access to the backcountry** around Swi'yat by Floatel residents.

The second floatel is expected to arrive in late 2025, pending all other regulatory approvals. The two floatels will house all non-local workers outside the Town of Squamish, with ferry transport directly from Metro Vancouver to site. Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw continues regulating the project under the SNEAA through our team of Regulatory Specialists, Indigenous Monitors and Community Outreach Coordinators.

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