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OLD GROWTH FOREST

FEDERATION OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATORS CLIMATE ACTION STANDING COMMITTEE (FPSE CASC)

The Climate Action Standing Committee of the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators, which represents approximately 10,000 members distributed across 20 provincial post-secondary institutions, announces that the following resolution was passed unanimously at the FPSE 2022 Annual General Meeting on Thursday 19 May 2022:

Moved by: Local 04, Douglas College Faculty Association
Seconded by: Local 01, Capilano University Faculty Association

WHEREAS, we are in a climate emergency, are experiencing the Earth's sixth mass extinction, and as outlined in the most recent IPCC report (2022), "about half of total net agriculture, forestry, and other land use emissions are from CO2 land use, land use change, and forestry, predominantly from deforestation,"

AND WHEREAS, BC's old growth forests – particularly in southern BC regions – are a considerable source of global carbon sequestration, in addition to sustaining critical biodiversity and habitat currently at risk,

AND WHEREAS, the NDP provincial government, campaigned under a promise to fully implement the recommendations of the Old Growth Panel report to end Old Growth Logging and to implement a Species at Risk Act,

Be it resolved that FPSE join with other BC unions, such as the BC Teachers Federation, in demanding that the provincial government draft legislation to immediately end all Old Growth logging and protect all Old Growth forests in the province of British Columbia.

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