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| TITLE: | First Nations Biomonitoring Initiative |
| SUBJECT: | Health and Environment |
| MOVED BY: | Grand Chief Mathew Coon Come, Proxy, Cree Nation of Wemindji, QC |
| SECONDED BY: | Chief Joseph Gilbert, Walpole Island First Nation, ON |
| DECISION: | Carried by Consensus |

WHEREAS:

A. Chiefs-in-Assembly mandated the AFN Environmental Stewardship Unit to develop public information documents about biomonitoring and undertake an interest assessment of biomonitoring in First Nation communities, and to report back on the results.

B. A Final Report of the First and Second Interest Assessments has been completed. The report recommended that:
   a. a Communication Plan be put in place;
   b. presentations be conducted on the initiative with PTOs, Tribal Councils and Communities;
   c. the design and delivery of the initiative be finalized shortly, and;
   d. the plan strictly adheres to the principles of First Nations Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP).

C. Chiefs-in-Assembly gave their initial support for biomonitoring provided that the AFN Environmental Stewardship Unit provide a detailed project plan that respects First Nations protocols and provides for First Nations Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) of any data that may be collected in such a project

D. An Advisory Committee was formed in May 2010 comprised of regional First Nations health and environment representatives, youth, elders and other technical experts. Any further biomonitoring

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studies will be guided by this Committee and all aspects of the study design will ensure that First Nations protocols are respected and that data collected under this initiative will be OCAP compliant.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Direct the AFN Environmental Stewardship Unit to continue the planning and implementation of the First Nations Biomonitoring Initiative, based on a project plan which includes the following elements:
   a. Engagement and Outreach – dissemination of information documents, interests assessments, presentations to PTOs, regional workshops, and National Policy Forum(s);
   b. Study Design – development of statistical framework, determination of site selection, and parameters.
   c. First Nations Research Ethics Board – establishment of committee, which is different from the advisory committee, ensure First Nations Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP) compliancy, development of research agreement and participant consent form.
   d. Sampling Logistics – development of protocols for collection, storage and transportation
   e. Interpretation and Dissemination of Information – protocol for reporting to recipients, communities, regions, and government.

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