‘Nam̱gis First Nation

Cormorant Island Referendum 2026

Declaration of Results

A Referendum Vote was held regarding the ‘Nam̱gis Nation Cormorant Island Specific Claim Settlement Proposal and draft Settlement Agreement following the Referendum Procedures of the ‘Nam̱gis First Nation. An Advance Poll was conducted in Alert Bay from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM on October 30, 2026. A Regular Poll was held in Alert Bay from 9:00 AM until 9:00 PM on November 6, 2026. Mail-in ballot packages were distributed to all eligible electors for whom there was a valid mailing address. Voter letters with instructions for electronic voting and a PIN were distributed to all eligible electors for whom there was a valid mailing address. Electronic voting by Internet and telephone was available from 6:00 PM October 18, 2026, until 9:00 PM on November 6, 2026.

Eligible Voters were asked to reply Yes or No to the following question:

> **As a voting member of the ‘Nam̱gis First Nation, do you:**
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> (a) **agree** to all of the terms and conditions of the ‘Nam̱gis First Nation Cormorant Island Specific Claim Settlement Agreement initialed by Chief Don Svanvik on behalf of the ‘Nam̱gis First Nation and Heather Kelly, Canada’s negotiator, which settles and releases the matters set out in this Settlement Agreement; and
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> (b) **authorize and direct** the Chief and Council of the ‘Nam̱gis First Nation to sign all documents and do everything necessary to give effect to the ‘Nam̱gis First Nation Cormorant Island Specific Claim Settlement Agreement?

The following are the results of the vote:

Advance Poll Votes	81
Regular Poll Votes	131
Mail-In Votes	37
Electronic Votes	274
Total Votes Cast	523
Total Eligible Voters	1595
Threshold Required (25%)	399
Total Votes Yes	490
Total Votes No	33

There having been 490 Yes votes which meets the threshold, I declare that the referendum has passed.

Kit Spence
Electoral Officer
‘Nam̱gis First Nation