

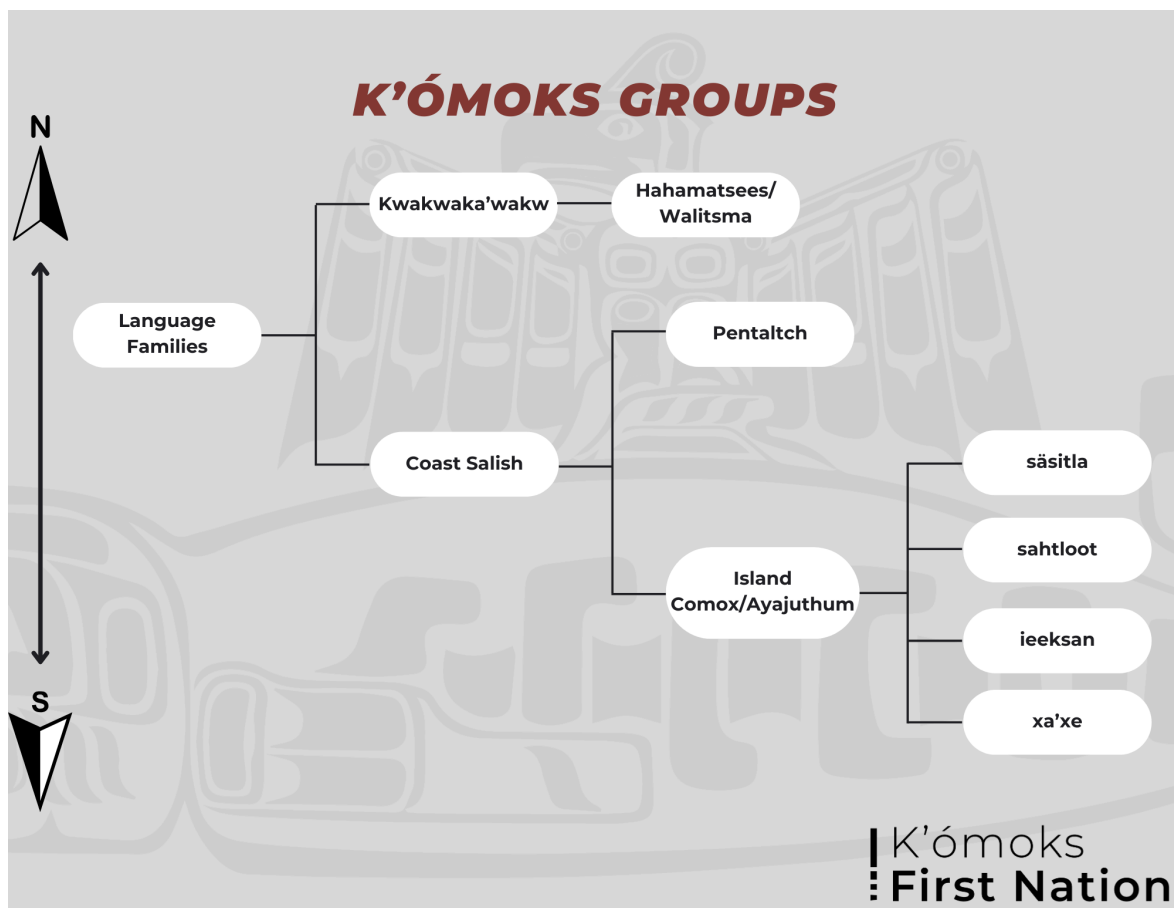
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K'ómoks is an amalgamation of Pentlatch, Island K'ómoks, and Kwakwaka'wakw. Different Island K'ómoks Tribes include: sahtloot, säsitla, ieeksan, and xa'xe. There are also a range of historical marriages between K'ómoks and Ligwíłdaxw/Lekwiltok people, and through these marriages, the families have maintained their K'ómoks and Ligwíłdaxw/Lekwiltok identity.

K'ómoks has a clear and undeniable historical relationship with their territory extending from Salmon River to Little River from their K'ómoks ancestors. Additionally, there is a clear and undeniable historical relationship with territory from Little River to Englishman River from their Pentlatch ancestors.

Hahamaatsee/Walitsma are a merger of Sasitla and Ligwíłdaxw/Lekwiltok at the mouth of salmon river.



K'ómoks Treaty

For generations, Canada and British Columbia have allowed the resources within K'ómoks territory to be exploited with very little benefit to K'ómoks. The K'ómoks Treaty will put a stop to this exploitation.

The K'ómoks Treaty:

- Protects the remaining scarce resources for future generations;
- Requires K'ómoks “free prior and informed consent” for crown dispositions; and
- Allows K'ómoks to benefit from resource development.

K'ómoks People believe in protecting lands and resources for future generations to enjoy. K'ómoks People have stated clearly that not all lands are for development.

Rights of Other Nations

K'ómoks Treaty does not impact the rights of other nations. The K'ómoks Treaty includes the following provisions:

- Nothing in this Agreement will affect, recognize, or provide any rights under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 for any aboriginal people other than K'ómoks.
- If a superior court of a province, the Federal Court of Canada, or the Supreme Court of Canada finally determines that any aboriginal people, other than K'ómoks, has a right under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982 that is adversely affected by a provision of this Agreement
 - a) that provision will operate and have effect to the extent it does not adversely affect that right; and
 - b) if the provision cannot operate and have effect in a way that it does not adversely affect that right, the Parties will make best efforts to amend this Agreement to remedy or replace that provision.

Conclusion

K'ómoks confidently stands behind their collective and unique history told by the elders, with the support of research undertaken by Jesse Morin. Different nations and tribal groups have their own views and interpretations of history. Trust the facts and not unsubstantiated rumours. Also see the Supreme Court Decision: *Wei Wai Kum vs Wei Wai Kai*.

Contact Information

For more detailed information, the summary of the K'ómoks History prepared by Jesse Morin, PhD is available on the K'ómoks website at www.komoks.ca/culture.



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