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**Coalition to hold Tsawwassen treaty plebiscite in Delta**

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The BC Fisheries Survival Coalition will hold a public plebiscite in Delta on the Tsawwassen treaty to give local residents a vote on the treaty said a Coalition spokesperson earlier this morning.

"Tsawwassen Band members have had a vote, but residents of Delta who are most affected by the treaty get no vote," said Phil Eidsvik, a spokesperson for the Coalition.

The plebiscite is set for November 3, 2007 and the polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The question to be asked is:

*Do you want your MLA Val Roddick or Guy Gentner or your MP John Cummins or Sukh Dhaliwal to vote in support of the Tsawwassen Final Agreement as it now stands?*

Eidsvik said that the Coalition was organizing the referendum because no government is willing to give Delta residents a vote in a treaty that will change Delta forever and set a precedent for all future BC treaties.

"During the Nisga'a treaty debate we helped to organize plebiscites in Delta and North Vancouver Island and both plebiscites were well-received by the public, but were ignored by the Glen Clark NDP government," said Eidsvik.

In accordance with the rules governing municipal elections, two pieces of identification will be required to vote and the vote is open to all Delta residents. The federal, provincial and municipal governments are being invited to provide scrutineers on voting day.

"We would like to hold this vote throughout BC, but we don't have that capacity. Other groups of citizens should organize a vote in their area to let the federal and provincial governments know whether the Tsawwassen precedent is acceptable to their community," concluded Eidsvik.

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