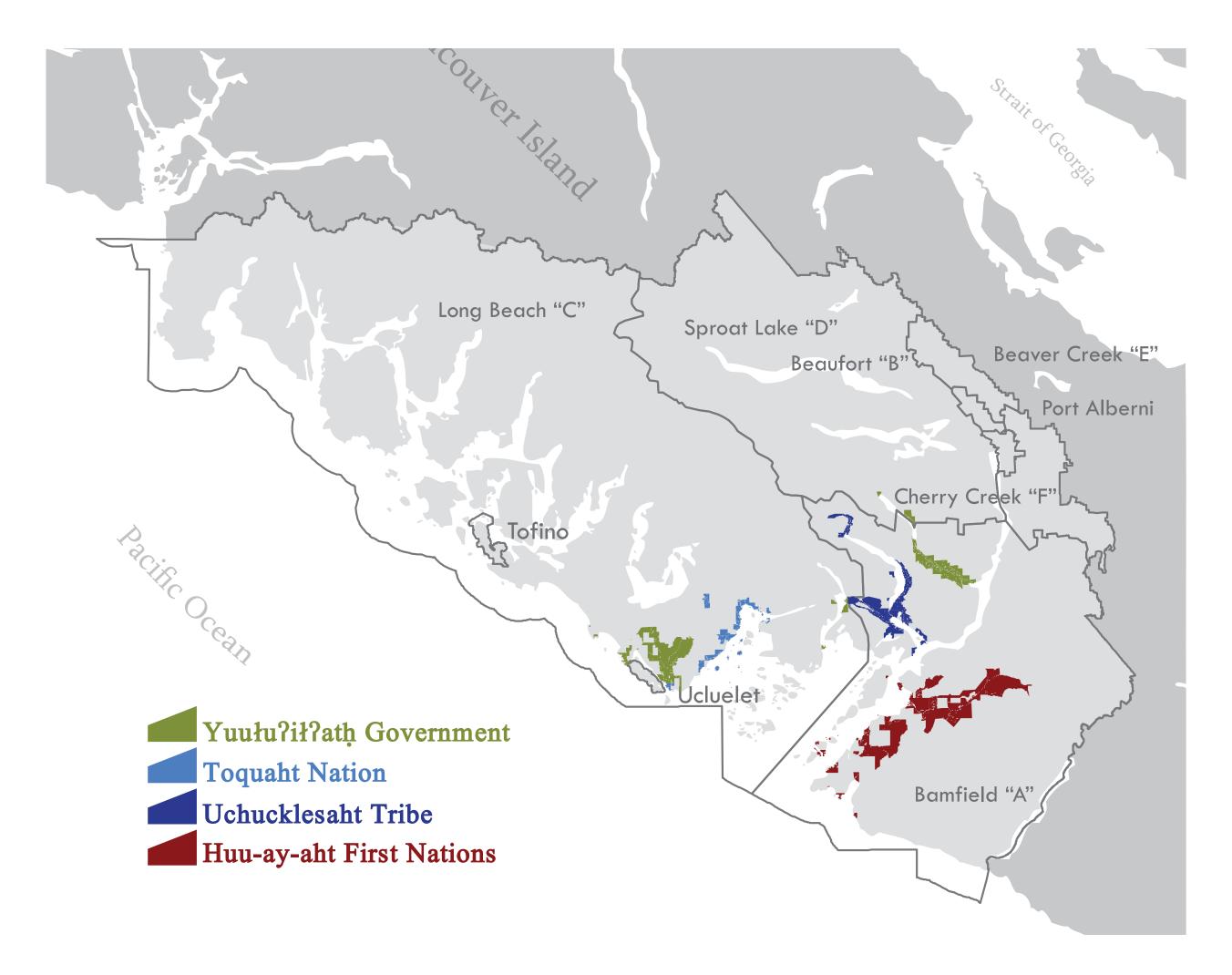
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On April 1, 2012, the Huu-Ay-Aht First Nations and Yuułu?Ił?ath Government joined the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

The Maa-Nulth Treaty

In late 2007, the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement became the second modern-day treaty ratified by BC's legislature. The Treaty represents five First Nations along Vancouver Island's West Coast:

- Huu-ay-aht First Nations (pronounced: hoo-way-ut)
- Yuułu?ił?atḥ Government (pronounced: yoo-thlew-ilth-uhht)
- Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nations (pronounced: *kai-yoo-kut/chek-les-ut*)
- Toquaht Nation (pronounced: too-quat)
- Uchucklesaht Tribe (pronounced: you-chuk-les-ut)



With this historic Treaty, each of the Nations will join their respective regional districts within 10 years from the treaty effective date. On April 1, 2012 the Huu-ayaht and Yuułu?ił?ath governments joined the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD). Toquaht and Uchucklesaht will each join the ACRD before 2021, while Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/ Che:k'tles7et'h will join the Strathcona Regional District where their lands are located.

MAP: The First Nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty - ACRD Region







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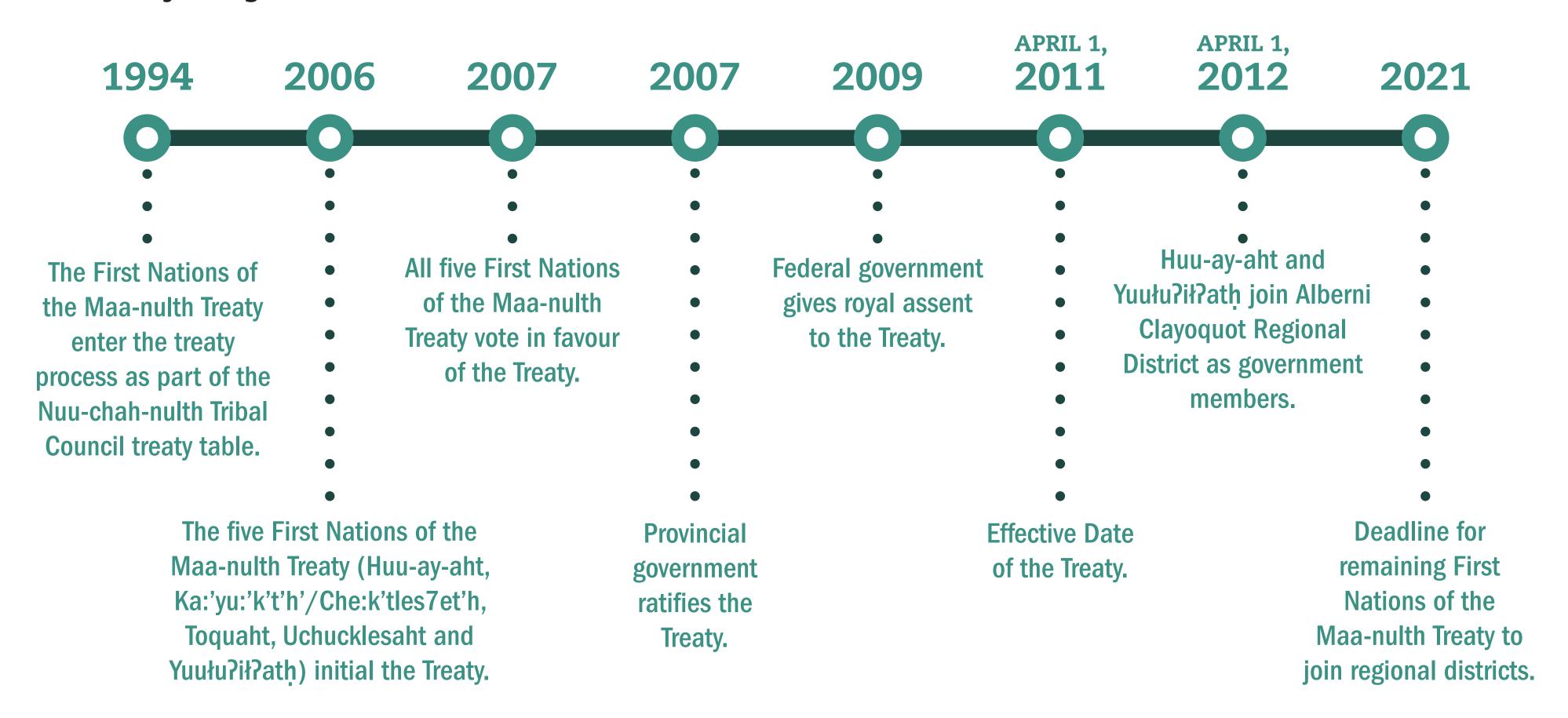
What it means

Managing the transition will require a lot of work from all parties, but we are excited for a future of greater cooperation and collaboration in our region. Working together as a region, we can tackle issues and create opportunities that we can't necessarily access on our own - as rural areas, municipalities or First Nations.

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Over the next few months we are taking some first steps towards fuller integration. This involves expanding the ACRD Board to include Huu-ay-aht and Yuululland directors, getting to know each other and each other's governments, and getting systems in place to help us work together more effectively. Over time, we will hammer out the details around participation in services and possibilities for even greater cooperation.

Maa-nulth Treaty Timeline: This timeline traces the history of development for the Maa-nulth treaty and dates for joining the ACRD.



Questions? Want more information?

Want to know more? We have developed an information package called *T'asii: The Path Forward* that goes into more detail on these changes at the ACRD. We've also made a short video. These can both be downloaded from the ACRD website (www.acrd.bc.ca).

