

Nisga'a Treaty

VANCOUVER — Dissident Nisga'a members have lost their latest bid to block the historic Nisga'a treaty. Members of the Kincolith band had sought three injunctions against the deal, claiming the Nisga'a Tribal Council had no authority to sign the agreement on their behalf. They wanted the deal held up until

they could argue against the constitutional validity of the agreement.

A B-C Supreme Court judge has rejected the last of the injunction applications. However, a lawyer of the Kincolith says the constitutional question can still go to trial separately.

John Weston says this would

be just one of five constitutional challenges against the agreement. Some of the others have been filed by the B-C Liberal party, the Gitanyow band which has overlapping claims on Nisga'a land and the B-C Fisheries Survival Coalition.