



## Nuu-chah-nulth united as one in negotiations

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hupacasaht**—It's a new year and a new resolve for Nuu-chah-nulth nations in the fisheries litigation case.

Those who attended a special Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) meeting on fisheries held at the Hupacasath House of Gathering on Jan. 22 heard that all Nuu-chah-nulth nations will benefit from the BC Supreme Court decision, not just the five that were allowed to go to the end of the case and get the win.

The ha-wiih of Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Ehattesaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and

Tla-o-qui-aht, whose rights are recognized in the court decision, declared that all the Nuu-chah-nulth nations that began the case would work together to form a plan where all would benefit. Whether a nation was forced into phase two of the litigation because of boundary complications, or whether they were compelled to withdraw because of the Maa-nulth treaty, all nations will move forward together.

"We need to talk about how we are going to make it work for all of us," said Chief Councillor Francis Frank of Tla-o-qui-aht. "It's not us deciding what our management of the resource will look like. It's about all of us."

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Debora Steel

On Jan. 18, the Ehattesaht Nation paid tribute to a young girl lost to them through violence by dedicating a youth centre in the community to her memory. Kayla John's brother Troy holds a section of the cedar ribbon that was cut during the dedication ceremony. Young Ethan Belanko takes part in the festivities on the day that was the anniversary of Kayla's birth.

## Artifact could finally prove hanging for murder unjust

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—The Amos family of Hesquiaht has renewed its efforts to secure an apology from the government of British Columbia for the 1860s hanging of their patriarch, John Anayitzachist after the recent discovery of an artifact they say proves their ancestor is innocent of the crime of murder.

Anayitzachist was a chief and family man back in February 1869 when a winter storm struck the West Coast near Hesquiaht Harbour. A vessel named the John Bright ran aground; all 22 people aboard died. The rocky shoreline of Hesquiaht traditional territory

was later dubbed by sailors the graveyard of the Pacific because of the large numbers of ships that broke up on the rocks there and other parts of the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

When the John Bright ran aground, two badly battered bodies, that of a man and woman, washed ashore and, according to the Amos family, were buried by Anayitzachist.

Reports about the accident reached Victoria, but were tainted by rumors that the Hesquiahts had murdered the survivors. A Victoria newspaper reported that bodies were discovered beheaded; the reporter and owner of the paper, David William Higgins, drew his own conclusion "they were no doubt murdered by the Indians."

At the investigation, surgeon Dr. Peter Comrie, acting as coroner, examined the exhumed bodies. He noted that the remains were indeed mutilated and in poor condition, all of which, he believed, could be explained by the pounding surf against the rocks, decomposition and animal activity. It was his opinion that no murders occurred.

Two men stood trial months later, Anayitzachist and Katkeena, who may have been Mowachaht. Without benefit

of legal counsel or an impartial translator, they were found guilty and immediately returned to Hesquiaht.

There they were sentenced to be hanged in front of their people as a lesson to them.

Anayitzachist proclaimed his innocence to the very end. He left behind six wives and 10 children. Before he died he sang a song about his innocence, saying he would always be news or talked about, and predicting that his family would grow to great numbers.



A medal presented to Aime Anutspato by a U.S. president may hold the key to an exoneration for Anayitzachist.

Thirteen years later, John Anayitzachist's son Aime Anutspato resumed the practice of burying dead sailors that washed up on the beaches near his home at Homiss.

According to New York Times archives, on Oct. 10, 1882 the American bar-

que Malleville shipwrecked near Hesquiaht, with no survivors. Anutspato retrieved the bodies and buried them. For his efforts he was awarded \$200 and a gold medal from then U.S. President Chester A. Arthur. The inscription on the medal reads, "The President of the United States of America - to Aime Anutspato, Chief of the Hesquiaht Tribe, British Columbia, for his humane services to the crew of the wrecked American ship Malleville."

The gold medal was passed down the generations from one Amos to the next. The family eventually moved to Hot Springs Cove when, on March 27, 1964, a tsunami lifted the family home and carried it more than a kilometer toward the sea, depositing it near Art Clark's General Store. Much of the contents of the home, including the medal, were gone, never to be seen again. Or so the family thought.

Forty-six years later an elderly Art Clark contacted the family and returned the medal. It was handed over to Vic Amos in an old plain white envelope scrawled with the words: March 27/64 Might belonge (sic) to Alex Amos of Hot Springs Cove.

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# Truth and Reconciliation Commission meets with ha'wiih at Tin Wis resort

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) arrived at Tin Wis Resort Jan. 12 for a three-day strategizing session that will ready them for their trip across Canada where they will hear and document the stories of former Indian residential school students.

The TRC and Survivor Committee forms part of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement negotiated between the Assembly of First Nations, the government of Canada and the churches.

Their five-year mandate is to meet with residential school survivors all across Canada and facilitate the telling and recording of their stories as part of the reconciliation and healing process.

The TRC is chaired by the Justice Murray Sinclair, Ojibway, and commissioners Marie Wilson and Chief Wilton Littlechild, Cree.

The Survivors Committee is made up of residential school survivors, including: Barney Williams Jr. (Nuu-chah-nulth, B.C.), Doris Young (Cree, Manitoba), Eugene Arcand (Cree of Saskatchewan), Gordon Williams (Peguis, Manitoba), John Banksland (Inuit, NWT), John Morrisseau (Metis, Manitoba), Lottie May Johnson (Mi'kmaw, Nova Scotia), Rebekah Uqi Williams (Inuit, Nunavut), and Kukdookaa Terri Brown (Coast Salish, B.C.).

According to Nancy Pine, communications person for the TRC, the group arrived at the resort where they were greeted by Tla-o-qui-aht ha'wiih. The TRC and ha'wiih shared dinner and later enjoyed an evening of entertainment supplied by Tla-o-qui-aht singers and dancers.

The ha'wiih and commissioners exchanged gifts at the end of the evening.

The TRC got down to business the next morning where they met Assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo. According to Pine, Chief Atleo reaffirmed the work of the TRC and pledged



**Representatives of Tla-o-qui-aht, including the ha'wiih, greeted the Truth and Reconciliation Commission members at Tin Wis on Jan. 12. The next day, National Chief Shawn Atleo met with the commission as they begin their work.**

his support as they carry out their five-year mandate.

Justice Murray Sinclair spoke about the residential school experience and its legacy at the University of Toronto Law School on Dec. 11, 2009, where he said, "I promise you that we will seek out the stories of all those connected to the schools who are still alive, from the students and the teachers, to the managers and the janitors, as well as the officials who planned and carried out the whole thing...If you have a story to tell about the schools, we will hear it. If you cannot come to us, we will come to you. If you cannot speak, we will find someone to speak for you."

Justice Sinclair went on to promise that the commission would visit as many

communities as humanly possible and, "where we can't go ourselves, we will send our delegates armed with our authority to record the stories of those who wish to tell them." He concluded by saying, "And in the end we will ensure that the whole world hears their truths and the truth about residential schools, so that future generations of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians will be able to hold to the statement that resonates with all of us: This must never happen again."

The first national event of the TRC is slated for June 15 to 17 at The Forks in Winnipeg, Man., according to Pine. Other national events will be announced at a later date.

### Clarification:

An omission of fact was brought to our attention recently and we would like to add to the information presented in the story entitled "Hesquiaht tyee remembered." During the funeral service held Dec. 13 at the Hupacasath House of Gathering, the Ahousaht Nation chief generously made a donation of money to help the family of late Dominic Andrews through their difficult time. We apologize for not acknowledging that gift in the story.



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# Ahousaht renews Salmon Farm Protocol Agreement

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahousaht**—Mainstream Canada and Ahousaht First Nation have signed a new five-year protocol agreement.

Mainstream Canada, an aquaculture company, has been operating up to 16 salmon farm sites in the Ahousaht hahulthi (traditional territory) for several years. In 2002 they entered into a protocol agreement with Ahousaht that would prove to be mutually beneficial. Ahousaht would receive much-needed employment opportunities for its members, along with annual payments, while Mainstream Canada would continue to operate, working co-operatively with Ahousaht.

As with the old agreement, the new agreement, signed Jan. 8, contains provisions for Ahousaht, including economic benefits, training and education programs, salmon enhancement funding, employment, contracting and business opportunities. Details of the protocol agreement are bound by a confidentiality clause.

Ahousaht Chief John O. Frank is excited about the signing of the new protocol agreement, saying it will bring new benefits to Ahousaht in more ways than one. Not only are there provisions for economic development opportunities for the nation, but there are also opportunities for current and future Ahousaht members employed at the salmon farm to advance their skills and move into better paying positions.

David Frank, Ahousaht's salmon farm committee chairman, said the previous protocol agreement and the new one are basically the same but with a few important differences.

"They (Mainstream Canada) acknowledge hahulthi (territories of chiefs) and hawilthmis (chiefs and what they own) and we felt that was the most important issue. We don't get that from government, but get it from industry."

Mainstream Canada's press release, issued Jan. 19, says the agreement contains principles for working together and establishing a sustainable and mutually beneficial salmon farming operation.

"This is in the Hahoulthee of the Hawiith, the traditional territory of the Ahousaht, where business practices are conducted in an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable manner.

"Mainstream acknowledges that our farming area is situated

in the Hahoulthee of the Hawiith and that the Ahousaht have claims for constitutionally-protected rights and title within this area," said Fernando Villarroel, managing director of Mainstream Canada.

"The protocol provides certainty and stability for Mainstream to operate within the Ahousaht territory during the term of this protocol."

In addition to acknowledgement of Ahousaht's constitutionally-protected rights, Mainstream Canada will provide funding for education and salmon enhancement projects.

"In general it's the same (as the old agreement) but with more teeth," said David Frank, adding the new agreement is more structured with time frames, checks and balances.

The new agreement has a mechanism to revisit, review and make adjustments where necessary over the course of the five years.

Frank said Mainstream has "been good about employing our people and they've been good about social aspects." He said

the company allows its employees to take time from work to deal with personal issues and still have a job when they are ready to return to work.

Frank was proud to point out that the two top producing salmon farm sites were run by Ahousaht members.

According to the press release, "Our people work in Mainstream Canada fish farm sites, but also they watch what goes on. Having eyes and ears on the farm sites is useful to a community that has concerns about environmental conditions in their lands and water," said Maquinna, Hayoopanulth and Keesta. "And we find fish farming is replacing the prosperity missing since the end of the commercial fishery."

For David Frank, he said he wakes early in the morning and is pleased to see so many of his people heading down the dock to go to work.

"It's about economic prosperity and bringing things back to the community," he said.



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# Royal young woman will be remembered

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ehattlesaht**—A young woman descended from royalty who was lost in tragic circumstances was remembered Jan. 18 by the Nuu-chah-nulth community.

Friends and neighbors joined the community of Ehattlesaht to pay tribute to the life of Kayla John and dedicate a youth centre to her memory.

Kayla John was a princess that could trace her roots back to Callicum, the brother of Maquinna, who greeted the Spaniards at Yuquot. Her royal stature came through both bloodlines of her parents, Colleen John and Simon John, each of them in attendance on the day that would have been their daughter's birthday had she lived.

Kayla was taken through violence in Zeballos six-and-a-half years ago. Her murderer is doing life without parole for 25 years. It was a death that rocked the Native and non-Native communities in this isolated area of Vancouver Island.

But on this day the community came together not in sadness, but with hope for the 67 children that the youth centre will benefit.

The building was constructed by volunteers a few years ago with the intent that it would stand as a monument to Kayla John, but the justice system granted Kayla's assailant a second trial, so the dedication was left until that ugliness could be put away.

Kayla's sister Ashley revived the plan recently, reminding the Ehattlesaht Community Consultative Group that the commitment to dedicate the building was outstanding business.

Ashley and counselor Darcy Kerr worked together to prepare the celebration, which included a ribbon-cutting and a meal for the community at the Zeballos Community Hall. Relatives came from nearby Oclueje, and from Kyuquot. Dignitaries included hereditary chiefs and the mayor of the little hamlet of Zeballos.

Ha'wilth Tom Curley and Ha'wilth Mike Savey were asked to cut the ribbon that was stretched in front of the door to the youth centre. Kayla's sisters Ashley and Shaylene held one end and brother Troy held the other. Kayla's smallest brother Kaylob stood at Troy's feet.

The ribbon was made of braided cedar strips and roses, four for the four seasons, said maker James Johnson. Roses were Kayla's favorite flower.

Johnson said the ribbon had 12 sections for the months of the year; the dark and light cedar represented night and day.

Once Curley cut through the ribbon the doors were opened and the community's children poured into the space. On the second floor they were introduced to Louise Krohman, the newly-minted youth centre coordinator. She promised them a wide variety of activities, including tap dance lessons to fitness instruction.

"We are going to make this place rock," she said.

Krohman is a Grade 6/7 teacher at the Zeballos school. She and her husband Jason, a education assistant, would get the kids active. Both have about 15 years experience in the fitness industry, Louise explained.

Kayla's father Simon told Ha-Shilth-Sa he felt good about the communities coming together to celebrate in memory



Photos by Debora Steel

**Ha'wilth Tom Curley and Ha'wilth Mike Savey prepare to cut the cedar ribbon to dedicate the youth centre in Ehattlesaht to the memory of Kayla John. The ribbon was made by James Johnson (centre), who said it represented the 12 months. The varying colors of the cedar represented day and night. Roses on it represented the four seasons. They were also Kayla's favorite flower. Beside Johnson from left to right are Kayla's sisters Ashley and Shaylene, Dennis John, who performed a prayer chant and the speaker of the event Earl Smith. The event was held Jan. 18, Kayla's birthday.**

of his daughter, calling the youth centre a new opportunity for the young people of the area.

"It's a good reason to come together right now.

He was particularly proud of Ashley who worked to make the celebration happen.

Keynote speaker for the event was Earl Smith who recounted the proud lineage of Kayla John. He was emotional when he spoke of the young girl, taken when she was only 13 years old.

"Kayla was a very important lady to us."

Smith said Kayla had hopes and aspirations. She had a wish for community harmony.

"That was her biggest concern."

He compared her to another princess, Diana of Wales, now also gone. Both prayed for the safety of the children, Smith said.

Kayla also prayed for the sobriety of her relatives and friends.

"Kayla touched many hearts with her kindness and her radiant smile. She believed that helping families leads to community harmony. She firmly believed that. And she worked for that among the youth."

He said it was up to the rest of the community to keep Kayla's dream alive.

Darcy Kerr made that commitment in an emotional speech made after receiving a work of art, presented to her for her efforts in preparing for the dedication day.

"This young woman, I want you all to know how special she was in my heart," said Kerr.

"And I want you all to know that I've made a commitment to her memory and to her family that I will always do the very best I can to help people who are hurting, especially our young girls, because they really do have a hard time.

"For as long as I walk here I will walk with her every day in my heart, and everything I do will help young women so that they don't suffer, that they don't hurt, and so that they learn some of our ways."

Ha'wilth Tom Curley said he was very happy to have been asked to cut the ribbon. He was in awe of how many people turned out for the occasion.

"I can't really say how happy I was to see [the dedication] happen." He

thanked the community, especially the youth, for the respect they showed the ha'wiih.

He said you don't see it in too many communities, where the youth acknowledge the chiefs, but they recognized ha'wiih in Ehattlesaht.

He said Kayla was an outstanding girl who dreamed about a better future for her community, and he hopes that the other young people will take a cue from her.

Ha'wilth Mike Savey said he came to be with his relatives in the community to support them in what they were doing.

He said the centre will mean a lot to the youth and will occupy them, keeping them from walking a dangerous path.

He said it will be nice to eventually see the young people of Zeballos start participating in activities together with the youth of Ehattlesaht.

The name of the youth centre is still under consideration, and it will be announced when something appropriate is decided upon.



**Kayla's mother Colleen, father Simon, and grandmother Agnes attended the dedication in Ehattlesaht.**

**Darcie Kerr, a counselor in Ehattlesaht, worked with Ashley John to organize the gathering on Jan. 18. Ashley presented Kerr with artwork in appreciation.**



**There are 67 children in the community that could access the programs at the youth centre dedicated to the memory of Kayla John. Picture here are Kiera Johnson, Alisha DiBona, Brianna Jules, and Adam John.**



# Curtains: The stories of history, rights and title

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Vancouver**—On the ancestral grounds of the Musqueam First Nation at the Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery at the University of British Columbia (UBC) a historic event occurred.

On Jan. 16, an exhibit that features Nuuchahnulth ceremonial curtains (Thliitsapilthim) opened. The exhibit runs from Jan. 17 to March 28, and is a central display of the cultural component of the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The majority of the Thliitsapilthim are the work of Chuuchkamalthnii (Ron Hamilton), formerly known as Ki-ke-in, who is from the Hupacasath First Nation. The idea for the exhibit has been bounced around for the last 20 years between Chuuchkamalthnii and his good friend Charlotte Townsend-Gault. Townsend-Gault is a professor in the department of Art, History, Visual Art and Theory at UBC.

A celebration of this exhibit attracted many people from the Nuuchahnulth community.

Scott Watson, director and curator of the Belkin Art Gallery, called on elder Larry Grant from the Musqueam First Nation to welcome people to the territory.

"I would like to acknowledge the great Nuuchahnulth Nation for sharing their wonderful ceremonial curtains on our ancestral grounds," said Grant.

He acknowledged those that helped to make the exhibit possible and said that the people who visit the exhibit will see amazing history hanging on the walls, the history of the land, people and their rights and title.

Gault acknowledged her friendship with Chuuchkamalthnii, calling him a good teacher and mentor. She said he has a great mind and a good memory.

Gault acknowledged Scott Watson and the Belkin Art Gallery for having the confidence to have the beautiful Thliitsapilthim exhibition at UBC in the gallery. She said she was honored to have played a role in having the 20-plus year conversation with Thliitsapilthim about it, and was especially happy that the day to open the exhibit had finally arrived.

Chuuchkamalthnii thanked everyone who was able to be present for the event.

"I also would like to thank Larry Grant for dignifying this very special day. Larry, you are a very generous person. Thank you for your words," said Chuuchkamalthnii.

"I would like to thank the Nuuchahnulth ha'wiih that are here and especially to all of the lenders of the Thliitsapilthim, because I know how hard it was for each of you to part with your Thliitsapilthim. Kleco, kleco," said Chuuchkamalthnii.

He mentions Tye Ha'wiih Muukwina (Maquinna Lewis George) from Ahousaht, saying his Thliitsapilthim was too big to hang in the Belkin Art Gallery, but that it was on display at the Chan Centre. The curtain is just over 66 feet long.

He mentioned that Ha'wehtuu-is (Ben Nookemis) who is from the Hupacasath First Nation and owns one of the Thliitsapilthim, is very dear to Chuuchkamalthnii's heart.

"Ben is a very kind and generous man and that he is like all of the good things our ancestors were like. He is like them," said Chuuchkamalthnii.



**Chuuchkamalthnii (Ron Hamilton)**

He also mentioned that the ha'wiih from the Uchucklesaht First Nation, Chris Watts, has the oldest Thliitsapilthim.

"The Thliitsapilthim is estimated to be from the 19th century (1850–1900). It was shown at the wedding of Molly Watts and it is a "Coming of Age" curtain," said Chuuchkamalthnii. The Thliitsapilthim is owned by the Chachimin family.

One of the close relatives and friends he mentioned was Haayusinapshiilth (Ron Martin).

"I am so honored that you are here today Ron, especially only a month after a stroke you recently had. Ron spoke at the symposium. This man knows more than anyone about his family's history," Chuuchkamalthnii said.

He then acknowledged Siyachupas (Ha'wiih Walter Thomas) from Tseshaht and apologized to him as there was not enough room to put up his Thliitsapilthim. He also mentioned that there will be an addition of a life-sized image of a bear painted on the curtain in the near future. Walter was attacked by a bear while he was working in the forest. The grizzly bear mauled him, leaving Walter with a broken arm and ribs. Chuuchkamalthnii spoke briefly about a symposium held in the days before the exhibit opening. The message he left with participants was that the ha'wiih are still here and their generosity and sharing of their history is captured on their Thliitsapilthim.

"I respectfully ask each of you to please think about the story and the rich history of each of the curtains. They declare our aboriginal rights and title adamantly," said Chuuchkamalthnii. At one time in history the curtains had to be hidden from the government.

Gifts of framed prints of the ha'wiih's Thliitsapilthim were then presented to each ha'wiih and lender of their treasures: Muukwina (Lewis George), Bookwilla (Charlie Thompson); Dorothy Shepherd; Chris Watts on behalf of the Chachimin family from Uchucklesaht; Late Art Thompson's family; Nuukmiis (Robert Martin) and Haayusinapshiilth (Ron Martin) from Tla-o-qui-aht; Naaskuu-isaks (Shaunee Cassavant) and Wu'yaakiihtuu (Gerri Thomas); Yaalthuu-a (Jeff Cook); T'liishin (Derek Peters); Ha'wehtuu-is (Ben Nookemis) from Hupacasath; Wiiwimta-ehk (Christina Cox); Nuukwa (Chester Family from Ditidaht); Atl'iik Kwaayaats'iik (Thompson Family) from Ditidaht; Ki-ke-in / Chuuchkamalthnii (Ron Hamilton) from Hupacasath; Asmanahey Hiikuuhtat-h, also keeper of history Ki-ke-in/ Chuuchkamalthnii.

Watson received a congratulatory email



**Ha'wehtuu-is (Ben Nookemis)** owns one of the Thliitsapilthim on display at the Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery. He, and the other curtain owners, were presented framed prints of their Thliitsapilthim in appreciation of the willingness to share their treasures and their stories with the world. The exhibit runs until March 28 and is expected to attract tourists in Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Olympics.



**Bookwilla, Charlie Elwood Thompson**, has two Thliitsapilthim on display, both painted by Arthur Thompson and Chuuchkamalthnii (Ki-ke-in). Both were commissioned for the memorial potlatch for Webster Thompson held Oct. 15, 1977.



**Christina Cox, Wiiwimta-eyk**, senior chief of Kaa'yuuk'wat-h, commissioned this Thliitsapilthim after she was given the chieftanship in the early 1970s.

from the UBC Dean of Arts Nancy Gallani which he said made all of the work worthwhile for himself and all of the staff and those involved.

"Bravo! A tour de force! History in the making. It was a monumental event that was incredibly moving to witness," said Gallani.

You can view the exhibition at the

Morris and Helen Belkin Art Gallery at the UBC grounds. The address is 1958 Main Mall. Displays are also at the Koerner Library and Chan Centre for the Performing Arts. For any further information on programs related to the exhibition, visit the Web site at: [www.belkin.ubc.ca](http://www.belkin.ubc.ca)



# Haa-huu-payak school is fundraising for Haiti

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—Students at haa-huu-payak school have all been touched by recent events in Haiti, where an earthquake left the tiny island in ruins.

A group of students at the Nu-chah-nulth school at Tseshah, with the assistance and support of their teachers, have launched a fundraising campaign in which they will be collecting bottles to cash in for money to send to the Haitian victims.

“Many of the students approached a few of our staff and said they wanted to help the people from Haiti. We decided to do a major bottle drive and the students made posters and a huge poster banner in the school,” said Grade 4 teacher Carolyn Thibodeau.

They will be collecting bottles until Feb. 5. That will give volunteers time to count bottles and put them in proper bags. Every dollar raised will be matched by Canada, if they meet the government’s deadline of Feb. 12.

“Haa-huu-payak would like to put a challenge to all First Nation schools to match or better their fundraising, as we feel it is important to help those in need,” Thibodeau said.

Donations of cash will also be accepted.

Three nine-year-old students—Christina Thomas, Lorissa Manson and Lakisha Lewis—took the initiative to write a letter with their families and friends explaining the initiative. It will

also be sent to local businesses and first nation organizations. The letter reads as follows:

Dear families—guardians:

Our school wants to help the people from Haiti who have been affected by the earthquake. We are asking people to bring some bottles in for our recycling. Between now and February 5 all of the money we raise through our recycling program will be donated to the Red Cross for Haiti. Please bring your recyclable items in to our school to help us with our fundraising. If you can’t bring them in you can still call the school and arrange for us to come and pick them up. Our phone number is 250-724-5542.

Also we are accepting cash donations as well. Please give any donation to Rita-Ann at the office and she will give you a receipt if you ask for one. Please invite all of your friends and family to help us help Haiti.

Respectfully; The students of Haa-huu-payak

Haa-huu-payak is an independent school with a first nation philosophy of Iisaak (Respect), Caring and Sharing, with a strong emphasis on cultural teaching of the Nu-chah-nulth language and culture.

It is with these teachings that the students of the school want to help a country in need. They have been touched by the many images seen on television and in the papers. They invite anyone to support and assist them in their endeavors

For any more information, contact the Haa-huu-payak school at 250-724-5542 or drop of your recyclable items at 6000 Santu Drive.

## DEVELOPMENT OF A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

### Pest Management

Plan No: BCTC ROW 2010-2015

Applicant: British Columbia Transmission Corporation  
Suite 1100, 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC V7X 1V5  
Attention: G. Shrimpton, Manager Vegetation/Pest Management  
Tel: 604.699.7409 Fax: 604.699.7541  
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The use of pesticides is intended within the area to which the Pest Management Plan (PMP) applies.

The purpose of the proposed PMP is to control vegetation which may impact the reliability or safety of the transmission system. Vegetation control methods include slashing, mowing, pruning, herbicide application, girdling, and grooming.

The PMP applies to all parts of the province-wide transmission system that is managed by BC Transmission Corporation and covers all Regional Districts in the province except Stikine and Central Coast. The transmission system consists of high-voltage conductors (over 69 kv), poles, towers, and other supporting structures and associated equipment. The PMP covers management of vegetation on rights-of-way and associated facilities such as access roads, and helipads.

The proposed duration of the PMP is from Aug, 2010 to Aug, 2015.

The trade names and active ingredients of the herbicides proposed for use under this PMP include: glyphosate (Vantage, Vantage Plus, Vantage Plus Max, Vantage Plus Max II, Roundup Original, Roundup Transorb, Roundup Transorb HC, Roundup WeatherMax, Carbopaste, Diamondback); triclopyr (Garlon 4, Garlon Ultra, Garlon RTU); Chondrostereum purpureum (Chontrol Peat Paste); imazapyr (Arsenal); aminopyralid (Milestone); metsulfuron-methyl (Clearview, Escort). Proposed manners of applying the herbicides include: cut surface, basal bark, foliar, and injection.

A draft copy of the PMP and map of the proposed treatment area may be examined in detail at: [http://www.bctc.com/community/trees\\_vegetation/vegetation\\_rights\\_of\\_way/herbicide\\_use.htm](http://www.bctc.com/community/trees_vegetation/vegetation_rights_of_way/herbicide_use.htm) or in person at Suite 1100, 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC, V7X 1V5

A person wishing to contribute information about a proposed treatment site, relevant to the development of the pest management plan, may send copies of the information to the applicant at the address above within 30 days of the publication of this notice.



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## SD70 says West Coast schools are safe, but fight continues

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ucluelet**—West Coast parents and concerned community members were relieved to hear that no elementary schools in Tofino or Ucluelet would close. That was the announcement made at a Jan. 19 public consultation meeting by SD 70 trustee Eleanor Gee to a crowd of concerned parents at Ucluelet Secondary School.

Last year the school district said a \$1.81 million budget deficit could force them to close Ucluelet Elementary School. Many other cost-cutting options were considered, including moving to a four-day school week.

The budget deficit came after the BC Liberal government cut a \$980,000 annual facilities grant to the district, money SD70 relied on and had reportedly already spent.

The community responded by forming Save Our Schools Committee (SOS), which launched a letter-writing campaign and petition designed to get the government's attention.

The school district found creative new ways to adjust the budget, including deferring cost of paying back the facilities grant over a few years. Budget-cutting measures have reduced the deficit to

\$1.5 million.

Trustee Rosemary Buchanen said the district is chronically under-funded. She asked the crowd of more than 100 people to band together to press the government for adequate funding for their schools.

With the district still faced with budgetary challenges, she urged the community to continue its efforts to pressure government to keep rural school services intact.

Trustee Glenn Wong said lower enrolment rates impact annual budgets.

"Back in the day there were 9,000 students enrolled in the district," he said. Now with the decline of industry like fishing and forestry, enrolment rates have dropped to 4,000 students.

Since 1980, said Buchanen, 11 of Alberni Valley's 25 schools have closed. The closures were due partly to declining enrolment and partly to budget cutbacks. According to the BC Teachers Federation, 181 schools in the province have closed since 2002.

The district continues to explore new ways to cut costs, but asks the community to keep up the pressure on government to keep the schools open.

Randy Oliwa, a parent and SOS committee member, told the board that the fight is not over.

"A spark has been lit under our bottoms. We have to stay involved. SOS is not going away," he vowed.

*Essential service crises*

## No heating fuel, no transportation, no help

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hot Springs Cove**—Changes in transport services to the remote community of Hot Springs Cove have caused a gap in delivery of much-needed propane to the community.

Accessible only by boat or float plane, Hot Springs Cove is so remote it is off the BC Hydro power grid. For years it has relied on diesel-fed electric generators to power approximately 30 family homes in the community. Diesel has to be brought in by barge every month or so.

Travel to the cove can be a dangerous proposition in the winter when strong winter storms slam waves against the exposed Sharp Point rocks. Located at the mouth of Hot Springs Cove, Sharp Point faces the wide open Pacific Ocean. It is sometimes referred to as 'Promise Point' by the locals, after all the prayers said by boat passengers traveling to the cove in winter.

Many residents who depend on propane have been without the fuel needed to heat their homes since late December. This challenge in the community repeats itself year after year.

The reserve used to rely on electric generators, but it was an unreliable system. The band switched to propane appliances in its 30-plus family homes in order to lighten the load on the generators. The change meant the band had to bring in both diesel and propane via barge.

But the decline of the forest industry coupled with inclement winter weather has slowed the frequency of barge trips to the West Coast. Without logging camps to service, the transport company is forced to cut the number of trips to the coast to save costs.

Hesquiaht band councillor Carol Anne Hilton said people use propane not only to heat their homes and water, but to cook their meals. She said she is not sure how people are getting by without propane, but she knows some are attempting to bring in propane on their own, an activity that can be hazardous even in good weather.

In fact, in early January, a near tragedy occurred when people tried to get their own propane in by way of a small private boat. A passenger went overboard at Sharp Point, the most dangerous part of the one-hour boat journey.

The boat reportedly lost power and was pushed into the rocky shore by the waves. A call for help on the VHF radio was heard, but the band boat was broken down. People in Ahousaht also heard the distress calls and scrambled to help, but they were a 30-minute boat trip away. A commercial fishing boat eventually rescued the people.

The band water taxi has been broken down since December, leaving locals to rely on the services of water taxis from Ahousaht, Opitsaht and Tofino Air float planes. It costs locals \$60 per adult for a one-way trip to Tofino and even more by plane.

"The community has been without adequate or reasonable means of essential transportation and had no access to propane for heat and cooking due to weather conditions," said Hilton. "This

transportation issue is of paramount importance; this is an urgent situation where lives are in danger and no solution in sight," she continued.

"Hesquiaht has nowhere to turn to access emergency funds and has been forced to absorb all transportation costs to date," Hilton said.

"Elders are living without adequate heat; Hesquiaht is asking when is enough, enough?"

It will cost \$41,000 to repair the outboard engines of their boat, but the band doesn't have the money. They say they are falling through the cracks of provincial and federal government policies with regard to emergency funding.

"The community is very upset, scared and angry," said Hilton.

Hesquiaht council has approached Health Canada, INAC, BC and the Ministry of Transportation and is looking for both support and solutions to resolve its fuel and transportation issues.

"We pay taxes as soon as we hit town, yet there are no emergency budgets for essential services for our remote community like there are for other British Columbians," Hilton pointed out.

Band Manager Cecil Sabbas said the community makes do despite the challenges. In winter, the population in Hot Springs Cove shrinks to about 80 from the summer population of well over 100. One of the benefits of small community living is that people know each other and can turn to one another for help.

"The people can visit other families for their showers, laundry and cooking," he said.

In late January, a local fisherman set out for Tofino towing a punt. He returned with 12 500 lb tanks of propane on a 14-hour return trip. He later made another trip, returning with eight tanks.

Sabbas said making such trips in any size boat is dependant on the weather. Not just the weather at the moment, but for the full day given the amount of time it takes to travel from Tofino to the cove.

He said the generator has been upgraded and can support the additional burden of electric hot water heaters, clothes dryers and stoves if everyone were to switch from propane appliances, but the band can't afford to replace 90 appliances.

Hesquiaht has received good news from the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council's Capital specialist Lance Adair. They will be able to access their capital infrastructure fund one time only to repair their water taxi, but they must still find a long-term solution to take care of future boat problems.

"With our boat, we are just breaking even with rising fuel costs and skipper salaries, but we don't have anything left to even tune up the motor," said Sabbas.

"We are falling between the gaps of federal and provincial policy; we don't fit into their criteria," said Hilton.

"We're looking to run a subsidized essential service that we have control over; we need to have some certainty as to when propane arrives," she added.

"We should have an emergency boat on hand and we're calling on government to provide essential service support to the community.

This is a life and death situation. How much worse does it need to get?"

## Backstory

Nuuchaanulth Ceremonial Curtains and the Work of Ƙi-ƙe-in

Bringing together contemporary ceremonial curtains by Nuuchaanulth artist Ƙi-ƙe-in (Ron Hamilton) and historical curtains from museum and private collections in Canada and the United States.

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This exhibition is generously sponsored by The Audain Foundation, and is presented with the 2010 Vancouver Cultural Olympiad, with support from the British Columbia Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts and the UBC Museum of Anthropology

Ki-ke-in painting the thiltsapilhin of Ha'with Nuukmis of the House of Iwasaht, Opitsaht, Tla-o-qui-ah, winter 1988-89, Vancouver, B.C. Photo: Haayvusinapshihli.

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# Unique session of Nuu-chah-nulth table clears the air

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Parksville**—The Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Table met on Jan. 19 and 20 in Parksville, but it wasn't the kind of treaty meeting everyone was used to. It was two-days of reflection and introspection, with candid discussion about the experiences of 17 years of negotiations.

Some of those times were hopeful, and others painful, some frustrating and other infuriating, but all the experiences discussed allowed for insights into a way to move forward.

"We didn't have any targeted goals other than candidly having a discussion amongst the treaty table of what the impacts and implications were of the last 17 years," said Treaty Manager Celeste Haldane.

"I thought it was important to have the communities come together to talk about where they've been, what the last 17 years has meant, and how we can utilize all that knowledge, all that experience, to see how we can move forward in light of everything that has gone on."

What has gone on is a lot, including a ceremonial declaration made by the ha'wiihs to stick together to the end; a negotiated agreement-in-principle and then a rejection of that agreement by the Nuu-chah-nulth people through a ratification vote. Nations have split off from the main table to negotiate their own treaties. Overlapped territories have led to tensions, even litigation.

There's a lot of emotion attached to

the issues that were raised, said Haldane.

Still, not all the time spent over those 17 years has been bad, and there has been considerable success to be proud of.

The Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries court challenge was something that sprang from treaty negotiations, said Haldane, and therefore the recent acknowledgement in BC Supreme Court that the Nuu-chah-nulth have a right to fish and sell fish can be seen as a huge accomplishment.

The Nuu-chah-nulth table produced a document that showed what a fair and honorable treaty would look like from a First Nations' perspective. The also brought the Union of BC Indian Chiefs into treaty discussions and led the charge to establish a common table of treaty nations, which led governments to that table to discuss, among other things, a change in negotiation mandates.

"You mobilized an entire province," said meeting facilitator Dr. Michelle Corfield.

Participants engaged openly and honestly about what has gone on around the Nuu-chah-nulth table, what their needs are, and how those needs can be met.

"I think it actually opens up the path forward," said Haldane.

The discussion was sparked by three questions led by Corfield:

1. Why did each nation enter the treaty process; 2. 1993 to 2009: What happened in between; and 3. What are we going to do in 2010 over the next three, six and 12 months?

Hesquiaht Chief Councillor Joe Tom said he remembered the talk of the elders on the beaches in the 1960s who lamented that their land was being stolen,



Facilitator Dr. Michelle Corfield



Ben Jack



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Vice-president Priscilla Sabbas-Watts, and Hesquiaht's Joe Tom and Vince Ambrose.

resources pillaged and even artifacts robbed from graves.

The elders were determined to reclaim their territories, fight the assimilation of Native nations and battle against losing their identities as first peoples.

"We haven't let go. We are just too

weak to fight," Tom explained the elders would say.

They had to come back strong, and so entered negotiations.

"If we lose the land, we lose who we are," the elders would say.

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# Humanitarian recognized for treatment of U.S. citizens

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Grateful to have the valuable heirloom back, the Amos' say the medal serves as proof that their ancestor did not murder anybody, but were humanitarians that buried the dead. They say the American president recognized their great grandfather's efforts yet the provincial government sent another grandfather to his grave labeled a murderer.

The family began their quest for justice for Anayitzachist in 2006 when the history book, Glyphs and Gallows—The Rock Art of Clo-oose and the Wreck of John Bright by Peter Johnson came to their attention.

"We always knew of the story, that he was innocent; Alex Amos, Alice Paul and George Ignace always talked about it," said Vic Amos.

"Officials in our own country called us notorious boat wreckers, but not the U.S.," said Amos, referring to a Dominion of Canada annual report of the Department of Indian Affairs dated 1883. The report outlines the Hesquiaht people's response to the Malleville wreck, describing their response as 'a gratifying instance of improvement in the moral tone of there (sic) Indians ... at a time not very remote, the Indians of the west coast of Vancouver Island were notorious wreckers.'

Simon Lucas is frustrated at the continued lack of acknowledgement from the BC government that a grievous wrong had been committed, despite all the evidence available to them.

"This is really about reconciliation and how BC ignores us despite the documentation," he said.

"What happened to Anayitzachist was not isolated; other tribes from near and far are dealing with the same kind of

injustices," said Amos, adding the province committed many wrongs to tribes throughout the province of British Columbia.

When asked why it is so important to the family to set the historical record straight, Lucas spoke of the despair the people of Hesquiaht would have felt to have a man they loved hanged in front of their eyes.

"Can you imagine the depth of pain they would have felt? The government shelled their homes and canoes, then they had to watch that horrible sight." He said that pain carried through the generations and now it is time to hold their grandfather up and honor his memory.

"History needs to be righted," said Amos. "For me it's about setting the story straight for our own people and to remember what really happened."

The family continues to research the events of 1869 and subsequent ship wrecks near Hesquiaht. They continue to press the government of British Columbia for an apology and they want the name of Anayitzachist cleared of any wrong doing.

In 2007 Anayitzachist's descendants raised an ornate cedar pole made by master carver Tim Paul at Homiss in Hesquiaht traditional territory to memorialize their grandfather and to mark their ancestral homeland.

They have garnered the support of several political leaders, including Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and Alberni/Qualicum MLA Scott Fraser, who, in October 2009, raised the issue in the legislature.

Last fall George Abbott, minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, was asked to apologize on behalf of the government of British Columbia for the



Vic Amos and Simon Lucas display the medal presented to their relative Aime Anutspato by President Chester A. Arthur for the humane treatment he showed to the victims of a shipwreck, who perished in a West Coast storm.

1869 unjust execution of Anayitzachist. Much to the frustration of the Amos family, Minister Abbott responded by saying they have a researcher that is looking into the issue. The Amos' believe there is already more than enough documentation to prove Anayitzachist's innocence.

Scott Fraser was to raise the issue again on Jan. 18, but a busy legislative agenda pushed the item back. Lucas and Amos say they may be meeting with Minister Abbott and MLA Fraser before the end of the month.

Vic Amos wants to contact U.S. President Barack Obama to thank his country for the way they treated Anutspato, and Fraser has offered to assist in making contact.

David Griffiths of Tofino is assisting

with research on the Malleville shipwreck while Dale Devost, a documentary filmmaker has been working with the family as he makes his own Anayitzachist film project.

Amos says there will be a family celebration to be held in early spring to celebrate the return of the medal. In November there will be a second celebration where any descendants of those lost on the Malleville located in the next few months will be invited to celebrate with the Amos family.

Today, eight generations later, the Amos family, direct descendants of Anayitzachist, number well over 300. According to Julia Lucas, other branches of the family include the Jacksons (now Charlesons), the Gingers and Jones.



# Ehattesah

Budget and Band Meeting  
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## Declaration made

# Ha'wiih invite all nations into the canoe

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Mowachaht Tyee Mike Maquinna said the message that day was "we started this together and we are hoping that we can stay together in the fight." He said there is a belief that Nuu-chah-nulth are fragmented, "but we are going to show them differently."

Ehattesah Chief Councillor Fred Adams added "We are together right 'til the end."

The special meeting of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council was held to determine what's next after the significant win in BC Supreme Court where Justice Nicole Garson ruled that Nuu-chah-nulth-aht had a well-established commercial fishing economy pre-contact with Europeans, and that the Canadian fisheries regime had infringed that right to a fishing economy by squeezing Nuu-chah-nulth out of the industry.

At the start of the meeting, a contingent of ha-wiih and delegates from many Nuu-chah-nulth nations, led by Ahousah Tyee Maquinna Lewis George, gathered at the head of the room to declare that all the nations would work together on negotiations with Canada to re-establish a Nuu-chah-nulth fishery; that no one nation would be left behind.

This show of unity and strength will ultimately secure a better future for all Nuu-chah-nulth people who will benefit from an economy based on the resources of the sea, and those inland, from the rivers and the streams in Nuu-chah-nulth territory, said the ha'wiih.

"The five First Nations are very generous," said Ditidaht Chief Councillor Jack Thompson. "They believe that we are still one."

The old people, he said, used to tell him that Nuu-chah-nulth are stronger when they stay together.

"I take my hat off to them," he said of the ha'wiih. "I appreciate that."

This show of unity opened the door to Ditidaht to share information about the work they have been doing since 1991 around management and co-management of the resources in their territory.

"We will share all of that vital information," said Thompson, which will include how they became involved in assessments of returns of salmon, gillnet testing, creel surveys, negotiating with the commercial and recreational fisheries so that all support each other's needs, and how they support financially all of this work and more.

"It sounds like we are making progress in starting to work together and recognizing that this is a benefit for everyone and that our differences won't hold us apart," said Uchucklesaht Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes Sr.

Uchucklesaht is one of five Nuu-chah-nulth nations that have signed a treaty called the Maa-nulth Final Agreement. The treaty contains a fisheries chapter that sets out the benefits of that resource for the nations. The agreement has been ratified by all parties, including Canada. However the federal government placed a condition on the Maa-nulth nations



A gift from lawyers John Rich and Matt Kirchner was presented to the tribal council at the special meeting held Jan. 22.

before the treaty went to parliament for approval. It was that they sever their connection with the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries litigation.

Four of the nations did this, but a hold-out was Huu-ay-aht, which stayed in litigation until the final arguments were heard and the case went to the judge for a decision.

The Maa-nulth nations, however, negotiated a "Me Too" clause so that they could benefit from any strides in fisheries the Nuu-chah-nulth would make in court. Soon that "Me Too" clause will be put to the test.

It will be a part of the Maa-nulth discussions, said Cootes.

"We do have to talk about the impact of the decision on our "Me Too" clause and how we can negotiate that," said Cootes.

He said he was happy to hear about the ha'wiih's declaration of unity.

"I think it is something that has been tugging at our heartstrings ever since litigation began, because some of us couldn't be part of it for our different reasons, but we all supported [it]..."

"It may appear to some people that we have differences, but our differences are not as Nuu-chah-nulth. They are related to other things, not to the belief that we have rights and title to fish commercially."

Hesquiaht Chief Councillor Joe Tom said the litigation shows what can be done when Nuu-chah-nulth put their minds to something and go after it.

"Our opportunity is now. There is no second phase."

The ha'wiih have said they have rights to the resource; their people have a right to fish and sell fish, and now they have opened their arms to those who have been left out of the courts' recognition of those rights.

"Let's go for it," said the ha'wiih, Joe Tom explained. He also said the chiefs appreciated all the muscim that stood up to honor their efforts to challenge Canada.

Hupacasath Tyee Hughie Watts was gratified that all Nuu-chah-nulth will be gathered in one canoe for negotiations.

"That court decision has given us the momentum we need, but now we have to collect our energies and say 'OK, let's all get in that one canoe and start paddling. We know where we are going, but make sure we head in the right direction and not start drifting with the tide.'"

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**Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council**



# Treaty table learns from the past, but continues to hope for a better future

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Ben Jack of Mowachaht/Muchalaht remembered the direct action of the 1970s, particularly a herring protest at Friendly Cove. This was the Mowachaht/Muchalaht garden and the commercial fishery was cleaning out the resources there.

"Our elders were really action-oriented. Wouldn't take no for an answer." He said they pushed back. "There was some resistance about them."

Tseshah't's Chief Councillor Les Sam said looking back to 1993, he didn't think it would be a long process, "but here we are 17 years later."

The thought was that there was a two-year window of opportunity, or at least, that's what the provincial NDP government at the time had people thinking.

The scare tactic employed then was that the Liberals would scuttle any negotiations if they got to power—"and you won't get nothing"—so the pressure was on to come to some resolution on treaties.

People were pulled from jobs to work in the treaty process. A lot of hope was in the air; people were eager thinking they were going to change things for the better for Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.

"We had good ideas...Our intentions were good," said Willard Gallic.

Corfield then led participants through 1993 to 2009 saying they needed to get rid of some of the "baggage" they were carrying around about this time period.

The table talked about the bag of tricks used by negotiators to pull the table apart and chip away at trust. They talked about how government failed to respect the seriousness of the ceremonies and the prayer; how government questioned Nuu-chah-nulth laws and governance.

They talked about the ratification vote and how that divided the Nuu-chah-nulth. The emotional impact and sacrifice of this time has never really been recognized, said some. It took a toll on families and communities.

The biggest divorce suffered by the table was the separation of Maa-nulth. The treaty still rumbles through the valley with overlap issues still to be resolved, despite the promise by government to resolve international boundary issues before any treaty is settled.

"I didn't fully understand what has been going on and how long it's been going on for," said Haldane about the

Tseshah't boundary situation, "and I don't think the rest of the table fully understood. So I think it was important for that kind of information to come out and for everyone in this room to hear about those struggles and those ongoing struggles."

Tseshah't has committed to doing an in-depth presentation on the overlap question at a treaty meeting in the future.

Tyee Mike Maquinna was in a mood for reconciliation of the Nuu-chah-nulth nations. Despite the difficult times, there should be some appreciation of the hard work that has gone into achieving the Maa-nulth treaty, he said.

"At some point we have to acknowledge their moving forward."

"Seeing the communities, they seem empowered. They seem to have a sense of pride in their communities. That's what we want for our people," said Maquinna.

Corfield then led an exercise asking each participant to write down the top five things their communities needed.

The responses were wide-ranging, from medical, education and housing requirements, to communication and trust building. There was a need to really deal with the drug and alcohol problems in the communities and to engage youth more fully in treaty-making activities.

"Everyone learned something from one another's experience," said Haldane, "and being in a forum where you can talk about that openly and honestly will ensure that we are successful in moving forward."

Haldane believes that she has been given direction toward some very clear goals heading into the year, including evaluating ways to benefit from the upcoming Ninth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues taking place in New York April 10 to 30.

The theme of this year's forum is "Indigenous peoples: development with culture and identity: articles 3 and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

On the agenda is implementation of the declaration, which Canada has refused to sign, a dialogue about human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous peoples, plus a half-day discussion on North America.

Asked whether Haldane thought the two-day treaty meeting was successful, she said "Absolutely. Very worthwhile."

## Klecko's - ʔekoo

The Rupert Family would like to express their gratitude for the love and support from all our friends and family who helped us through the loss of my Father, Lawrence Earl Rupert. A special thank you to the Tseshah't First Nation and all their staff, and all my family and friends who made it possible for me to get to Winnipeg to lay my father to rest and be with the other side of family.

All your kind words of well wishing were greatly appreciated. Klecko Klecko.

The Gus Family would like to express their gratitude to everyone who touched our hearts during the loss of our Father/Grandfather, Fred Gus. A very special thank you to John Gomez, whom

of which was there for us from start to ending, without you I don't know what I would have done. To all the family members who tried to bring Grandpa home to rest. No matter what, he is always with us. Luke George for Officiating, Val & Tina Gomez, the Robinsons, and whoever else helped out in the kitchen, for the wonderful meal. To all the people who donated food, money and time. You are very much appreciated. To everyone who attended and showed their support, thank you very much. Please forgive me if I forgot anyone as this is a very hard time.

Klecko Klecko  
Bobby & Dee Rupert and Family

### "J.R." - Phillip Ralph George, Jr. September 20, 1966 - July 27, 2009

Parents: Phil Sr. & the Late Sandra Mae Amos

Daughter: Jasmine George (Kathy)

Paternal Grandparents: Late Rosie Tatoosh & Norm Johnson

Maternal Grandparents: Late August and Rose Amos

Brothers and Sisters: Luke George, Rosemarie "Cissi" George, John Owen, Steve Tatoosh, Alana Tatoosh, Bobbi Ann Tatoosh, Ryan Tatoosh, Vance George, Will Sam Jr, Tom George, Leona Folk, Late Curtis August and Charlie Sam, and Late Sara Owen & Stephanie Sam

And many nephews, nieces and cousins

We would like to sincerely thank all relatives and friends for the kind expressions of sympathy and donations received during the accidental and sudden loss of J.R.

Heartfelt thanks to all who assisted at the accident scene, the RCMP, Sproat Lake Fire Department, and BC Paramedics, as well as the emergency room staff at West Coast General.

A special thank you to Al McAnerin for being there and staying with J.R. at the scene, it is comforting to know J.R. was not alone. Thanks to Tim Paul for

officiating,  
Pallbearers:  
Vincent Bos,  
Greg Gallic, John Gomez, Valentine Gomez Jr., Leonard Lambert and Bobby Rupert. Thank

You to Steve Lucas (chant) Richard Lucas and Linus Lucas Sr. (prayer); for all of your help, guidance and kind words during the service are very much appreciated. Thank you to those who brought food and stopped by Cissi's and a great big thank you to our Auntie Joan, Jason Dick, Irma Robinson and Arlene Bill for the great food you provided at our luncheon.

Thanks to Margaret at Chapel of Memories for her efficient funeral arrangements. Although our brothers' death was an accident, we can find comfort knowing that J.R. died doing what her loved, collecting eagle feathers and catching a fresh sockeye at Sproat River. His generosity, kindness and humor will be missed, until we meet again my Brother.

"Ride On J.R."  
Luke George and the entire family.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

NTC is currently developing partnerships with urban Aboriginal agencies in Victoria and Campbell River to provide support to Nuu-chah-nulth children living in foster care in and around those communities. An important part of the agreement with these agencies is that NTC will be represented on their Board of Directors.

Individuals selected for these positions would have experience and interest in the area of family and child services, and be willing to volunteer their time in the interest of better service to Nuu-chah-nulth children living away from home.

If you are a Nuu-chah-nulth member living in Victoria or the North Island and interested in being involved in this important work, please contact Clorissa Ginger at (250) 724-5757 (Clorissa.Ginger@nuuchahnulth.org)

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It's already been one year. Seems like yesterday you left us I really miss coming over there to visit with you. Wish I'd come over more often than I did It's so hard going back when you're not there anymore

And not being able to send you cards anymore on special occasions I really miss you for all the Advice and Teachings and Guidance That you've shown me throughout the years that I was growing up I know that you're in a better place with no pain or suffering I know you're with the Creator, watching over me and my Family You're the only Mother I really knew I miss you so very much You'll be in my heart Forever I Love You Mom Love from your stepson Archie M. Thompson And Family

**To ALL Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations Members:**

Please contact Catherine Frank or Jocelyn Amos, Treaty Communications, to update your current contact information.

We need your current address, physical and mailing, your phone numbers or contact numbers and your email addresses.

All of your information will be inserted into our database and will be beneficial when we need to locate you.

If you would like to receive additional treaty information, please do not hesitate to contact one of us, and we will assist you in a timely and effective manner.

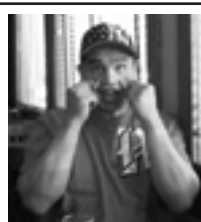
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**Birthdays & congratulations**



On Jan. 27, happy 30th birthday Wesley! Hope your day is awesome and full of fun. Best wishes always in the years to come and you know what they say? 30 is the new 20 baby ;) Love always, Cathy, Carlos and Eva.

**From the Chief, Council, and Staff of Yu?tu?it?ath First Nation www.ufn.ca**



Attention Ucluelet First Nation Members! (Yu?tu?it?ath Citizens): are you interested in obtaining a higher level of education? If so, YFN can help you achieve your goal! We offer financial and administrative support to our citizens who would like to attend Post-Secondary Institutions. Some restrictions apply. Please contact Crystal Silva at the YFN Administration Office for a copy of the Education Policy and Post-Secondary Funding Application. Call: 250-726-7342, ext. 21; Toll-free: 1-877-726-7342; Email: enquiries@ufn.ca; mail: P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, BC V0R 3A0; or in person at the Hu-pa-tuu Business Centre, Building 100 Hit-tat-soo Road, Ittatsoo. Deadline for applications is: Monday, February 1, 2010.

Attention Ucluelet First Nation Members! (Yu?tu?it?ath Citizens): would you like to receive news and updates regularly? YFN staff strives effortlessly to get as much information to you as we can, but we can only do so if we have your contact information! From time-to-time, our administrative staff sends out instant news via email. If you would like to be added to the YFN Membership Email Distribution List, please call Suzanne Williams or Crystal Silva to update your contact information. For those who do not have an email address, we can add you to our mail out list. Again, please call us to update your contact information! Please also visit our website ~ www.ufn.ca.

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The cost of obtaining a Post Secondary Education increases every year. Even with funding support through Canada Student Loans, Bursaries, Scholarships and First Nations funding, students often find themselves in need of additional funds to help ensure success. Make sure you access all the funds you are eligible to receive for your children's future education. If you haven't already started a Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for your child, consider signing up for the Canada Learning Bond. What is the Canada Learning Bond?

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\$500 is provided NOW to help you start saving for your child's education. An extra \$25 is included with this first payment to assist with the cost of opening the RESP. Each year, up until your child turns 15, an additional \$100 will be added. That's up to \$2,000 in bonds for your child's education.

How do I know if I qualify?

In order to qualify for the Learning bond

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**NOTE:** you don't even have to put money into the RESP. Your financial institution will apply for the bond, which will be deposited directly into your child's RESP account. For more information:

Contact 1 800 O-Canada (1 800-662-6232) Or visit a service Canada Centre near you

**Community & Beyond**

**Loonie Twoonie/Flea Market**

**Jan. 30**

**Port Alberni**

To be held at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre (3555 4th Ave). Pre-bids from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Draws will start at 1 p.m. Main prize will be \$500 cash. Other prizes include Nintendo DS, Cell Phone, Gas Gift Card, Household items, Children's items, and many more. 50/50 draws, concession available. Tables are \$5 each or by donation towards loonie twoonie. To book your table, contact Wally at 250-724-5290 or 250-731-7599 or email wally-samuel@telus.net. Donations are greatly appreciated. Fundraising is for basketball athletes traveling to Prince Rupert in February.

**Business Planning**

**Feb. 3 and 4**

**Port Alberni**

Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Location: NEDC Office \*subject to change. What is a Business Plan? What does it include? Why is it important? This workshop takes you throughout the process of developing a strong Business Plan.

**West Coast Youth Basketball Jam**

**Feb. 5 to 7**

**Ucluelet**

Celebrating First Nations Youth, Culture, and Basketball hosted by Hittatso Basketball (Gamerz). Games at the Ucluelet Secondary School start early Friday afternoon. Guaranteed good games and good times. Youth dance with DJ to be held Feb. 6 from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Ucluelet Rec Hall. \$5 at the door. Battle to be BUMP King or Queen.

**Saayaachapis Potlatch**

**Feb. 6, 2010**

**Port Alberni**

Saayaachapis (Walter Thomas) extends invitation to all to attend potlatch on February 6, 2010, at Maht Mahs starting at 10 a.m. Contact: Saayaachapis @ 250-720-1322 or 250-723-3371.

**Exit Planning**

**Feb. 9**

**Port Alberni**

Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Location: NEDC Office \*subject to change. Stand Out. Step Out. This presentation will review all the key issues that you should consider when preparing your exit strategy. Learn tips on what to look for when purchasing a business.

**Qassii Qwayaciik:**

**"Eye of the Wolf" Project**

**Feb. 10 – 13 and Feb. 17**

**Port Alberni**

To be held in the Port Alberni Friendship Centre Boardroom from 9 a.m. to noon. This project is for the youth, elders and artists to share their

history, culture and language. At the end of the project the artists will contribute a piece of artwork from what they witnessed from the elders and youth. The youth, elders and artists will be honored at the end of the project with gifts. To register please contact Irene, Family Literacy Worker @ (250) 723-8281 or Josephine Marshall Johnston, Southern Region Quu?asa Counsellor @ (250) 724-3939.

**NTC Social Issues Follow-Up Forum**

**Feb. 11 and 12**

**Port Alberni**

To be held at Maht Mahs Gym starting at 9 a.m. each day.

**Proposal Writing**

**Feb. 11**

**Port Alberni**

Time: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Location: NEDC Office (subject to change). This workshop will take you through the process of developing a strong proposal with Tips & Methods for a success outcome.

**Valentines Junior Boys / Girls**

**Basketball Tournament**

**Feb. 12 to 14**

**Ucluelet**

Host by the Nitinaht Hawks at Ucluelet Secondary School. First game to start at 3 p.m. Valentines dance Saturday night. Place to be announced at gym. Taking the first five (17 and under) Boys and Girls teams. To register your team in our tournament entry fee is \$150 per team. Please email phyllis\_shaw\_74@hotmail.com or send me a message via Facebook.

**Loonie Twoonie/Flea Market**

**Feb. 20**

**Port Alberni**

To be held at Somass Hall. Pre-bids from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Draws will start at 1 p.m. Main prize will be \$1,000 cash. Plus other great prizes, 50/50 draws, concession available. Tables are \$10 each or by donation towards loonie twoonie. To book your table, call 250-730-5290. Donations are greatly appreciated. Fundraising goes towards travel to Jr. BC Championships in Prince Rupert during Spring Break.

**Teen Dance**

**Feb. 20**

**Port Alberni**

To be held at Somass Hall from 9 p.m. to Midnight. \$3 admission.

**Hawks 6th Annual Men's-Ladies**

**Open Basketball Tournament**

**March 5 to 7**

**Port Alberni**

To be held at Maht Mans Gym on the Tseshah reserve. (Based on 10 teams). 1st Place -\$1,200. \$100 deposit due by Feb. 26. Contact: Bobby Rupert 250-720-5454 or 250-731-6170 email: rupert23@hotmail.com



# Ahousaht double winners at tournament

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshah**—The Ahousaht men's Timbermen and Ahousaht women's Blazers won in the Intermediate Basketball Tournament held at Maht Mahs gym on Jan. 22 to 24.

The Blazers came in through the back door to avenge an earlier loss to the Ucluelet Classics in the woman's final, a close battle with a score of 65-62.

The Timbermen went undefeated in the men's division and took down a tired Cowichan team with a finals score of 93-81.

In women's action, the Classics took an early lead against the Blazers with a score of 18-13 after the first quarter. With four-and-a-half minutes in the second quarter, the Blazers had outscored the Classics and were within one point, 20-19.

Both teams were cold in the first five minutes of the quarter. Skylene Touchie then hit a three-point shot and the Classics led 23-19. The teams exchanged baskets up until the end of the half. Evelyn Charlie hit a three-pointer just before the half and the Classics led 32-26.

Gradually, the Blazers would get close in the third-quarter, and actually took the lead with 7:40 left in the quarter, 35-34. With 3:15 left in the quarter the Blazers led 40-38. The Classics went on an 8-0 run to take the lead 46 - 40 after three quarters.

Then the Classics went ice cold in the fourth quarter. The Blazers played a strong pressure man to man defense and created turn-overs. They also capitalized on their chances as the Classics could not seem to buy a basket. With six minutes left in the game the Blazers went on a tear, outscoring the Classics 17-1 in the first four minutes of the fourth They led 57 - 49.

The crowd really energized the Blazers as there were many Ahousaht fans cheering on their team. Maht Mahs was filled to capacity. Touchie single handedly attempted to bring back her team.

After hitting a three-pointer the Classics trailed 57-52 with two-and-a-half minutes left in the game The Classics however got into foul trouble as two of their starters fouled out.

The Blazers, however, could not capitalize on their free-throws that could have put the game out of reach. With 2:05 left the Blazers were up by six points, 59-52. After back to back baskets by Touchie, the Classics trailed 59-56. Ahousaht hit a clutch three-pointer with just under a minute to go and the Blazers led 62-56

The Classics made a valiant effort in the last minute, but eventually ran out of time. In the end the Blazers won 65-62. Touchie did all that she could to bring back her team, but in the end it was not enough. Touchie led all scorers with 27 points for the Classics. For the Blazers they had balanced scoring in the final.

Janelle Louie led the Blazers with 18 points followed by teammates Nicole Botting and Shayleann Little with 14 each.

The Blazers seemed to be the fresher team in the fourth quarter and they were helped and energized by their many fans. The Classics at one time went ice cold which cost them a game they seemed to be in control of.



Photos by Debora Steel and Jack F. Little



In the men's final both teams came out running and gunning in a fast-paced game. The Ahousaht Timbermen were undefeated and had met up with the Cowichan squad in the feature game on Saturday night with the winner going to the final.

Ahousaht prevailed 81-74. Brett Botting tallied 23 points and Greg Charlie added 20 in the win. For Cowichan, Chris Campbell scored 23 and teammate Nate Kirk had 20 points in the Cowichan team's first loss.

Both teams seemed to score at will in the final.

The Timbermen took a 45-40 lead after the first half. Cowichan was playing well and the Timbermen could not seem

to shake them. Clutch shooting from Kirk and Campbell kept the Cowichan team in the game.

The Timbermen only had a four-point lead into the fourth and final quarter, 58-54. With seven-and-a-half minutes left in the game Cowichan only trailed by a single point, 65-64.

An Ahousaht basket for a slim three-point lead was called for too many players on the court, an automatic technical foul. Kirk calmly went to the free-throw line and hit both shots. Cowichan again trailed by one point.

With 5:40 left in the game, Cowichan was in a bonus. Kirk was able to take advantage as he scored on a couple more free throws. Kirk and point guard Greg

Charlie were going head to head and scoring for their teams. At one point, Cowichan trailed by only a basket 72-70. Ahousaht then outscored the Cowichan squad 21 to 11 and eventually took the win.

Kirk and Campbell led the Cowichan team with Kirk scoring 30 and Campbell adding 28 points. Marcus Webster tallied 12 points for Cowichan.

For the Timbermen, they had a very balanced scoring with Greg Charlie and Jess Black scoring 23 points each, Beau Campbell added 15, Brett Botting scored 12 and guards Saul Brown and Greg Dick each scored 10 points each.

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## Samuel family long-time builder of youth basketball

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Prior to the trophy presentations by the Samuel family, Edd Samuel called on Ha'wiltth Siiyaachapis (Walter Thomas) from Tseshaht and thanked him for his support and for allowing their family to host the tournament in Tseshaht's territory. Willard Gallic Sr. spoke on behalf of Siiyaachapis.

"I would like to say to Wally and all of the Samuel family a big thank you for keeping basketball alive. We need to keep it alive for the younger generation. I especially would like to acknowledge Wally and Edd Samuel, kleco, kleco," said Gallic.

Edd then called up numerous people on behalf of the Samuel family to acknowledge and thank them for volun-

teering for our youth as either managers or coaches. The following received a gift from Wally Samuel and his family.

Rick Lindholm; Tom Campbell; Luke and Melinda Swan; Anna Masso; Joe Charleson Jr.; Sheila George; Anita Charleson and Tyson Touchie; Bruce Lucas; Francis Frank and Janice Thomas; Bonnie Charleson; Bobby Rupert; Cindy Dennis; Connie Charleson; April White and Phyllis Shaw. They all received a print made by Patrick Amos for Wally and the Samuel family.

Edd then thanked all of the sponsors who helped for the Intermediate tournament. He then thanked several volunteers on behalf of his mother Donna Samuel.

All star trophies were then presented in the woman's division. Terelyn Duncan

from Chrystal's team; Evelyn Charlie and Skylene Touchie from the Ucluelet Classics; and Shayleann Little and Sabrina Williams from the Ahousaht Blazers were chosen as the tournament all stars. Chantelle Thomas from the Blazers was chosen both the Best Defensive Player and Most Valuable Player. Jainey Patrick was chosen the Most Inspirational Player and Cowichan was chosen Most Sportsmanlike Team.

The Ahousaht Balzers won the first-place trophy, Ucluelet Classics were second and Chrystal's team was third place. The Port Alberni Jets came in fourth.

In the Intermediate men's all star selection the following were chosen: Chris Lucas from Witwaak; Greg Charlie from the Ahousaht Timbermen; Chris

Campbell, Phil Gamble and Nate Kirk from Cowichan. The Most Inspirational Player was awarded to Saul Brown. Brett Botting from the Timbermen was the Best Defensive Player and the Most Valuable Player was Jess Black, also from the Timbermen. The Most Sportsmanlike Team was Nitinaht.

First place trophy was won by the Ahousaht Timbermen; second place went to the Cowichan team who displayed and showed discipline all weekend and third place went to the host team Witwaak. Other teams that participated were the Port Alberni Chieftains and Ucluelet. Samuel thanked all the teams and fans who came out to support the young men and all of the volunteers for the weekend.



# Birthdays & Congratulations

Birthday wishes go out to our grandchildren: Allen Dick Jr. on Jan. 19. Have a wonderful day, week, and year. Love you grandson! Tag another year onto Uncle Dave on the 23rd, have a good year, uncle! Oceannah Robinson: Happy Birthday, and many more. We love you forever and a day! Devin Robinson: Happy Birthday Devin, and many more! Take care! To my nephews: Johnny Thompson and Jack I Thompson, on the 2nd and 20th of this month, Happy Birthday. And Johnny it is nice to meet and get to know you a little bit. Welcome to Ahouasat! Peter and Rose Frank.

January 19: to my beautiful niecey-pie Kathleen Mcewan of Vancouver, all the way over there. Just want to say niece..."Happy 13th Birthday" and sure hope that you have a good one niece, cause you deserve the best. You are the best ever! I am so glad to have you around another year. Love from your favorite auntie...lol. Carol. R.

Mattersdorfer, your relatives Sam, Nick, Fred, Jess, Ash, and baby Kali and Craig. January 22: To my gorgeous nephew Cecil Creighton Jr. of Port Alberni. "Happy 27th birthday. Well, it's the number, not the age hey? I love you neph, and certainly hope you enjoy it 'cause you're worth it. Have fun and live it up. Life is to short two to be serious. Many more to come. Love from your aunt Carol R. Mattersdorfer and family, your bros and sister always.

January 5: My grandson James, the king. Thanks there niecey-pie for inviting me over for a delicious meal. Was a fabulous birthday party for my grandson now #2. I love you James and many more to come. Love from the Mattersdorfer family.

January 5: To our uncle Sammy R. Adams Jr. Well Samantha was thinking of you and the family so many more to come. From the your nieces and nephew, Mattersdorfer tribe.

January 27: To my precious baby gal Ashley Brittany Mattersdorfer, my adorable, intelligent, kind, thoughtful, loving and caring darling girl of mine. I love you my daughter. Happy Birthday to you and many more to come. I love you. Love from your only mother Carol Mattersdorfer, your brothers and sisters.

Happy Belated Birthday to my sister/auntie D. Michelle James on Jan. 3. Love Janelle, Fran and Terrence.

Happy Belated Birthday to Lee Jack and Grandma Veronica on January 6. Love Janelle, Fran and Terrence.

Happy Belated 7th Birthday to our nephew Blair Jack on January 13. Love Auntie Janelle, Uncle Fran and cousin Terrence.

Happy 21st Birthday to my twin brothers/uncles Jack and Thomas Johnson on Feb. 16. Love Janelle, Fran and Terrence.

Happy 7th Birthday to our niece/cousin Aimee Johnson on Feb. 21. Love Auntie Janelle, Uncle Fran and Cousin Terrence.

We would like to send out a very special birthday to a very special lady in our lives Margarita James. We hope you have an awesome day because you deserve it. Love always The James Gang.

I would like to wish my wife Kateri John a happy birthday for January 28. Love from your husband Gilbert and all of the family.

I would like to wish our youngest son Jonathan Manson a happy 7th birthday for January 29th. I hope you have a great day son, love from Freda Thomas and family.

Happy New Year's to one and all. I am a proud daughter for George C. John, and Shirley. D John. I have been blessed with five beautiful children that give me the power and strength to continue to move.

I would like to say thanks to those that have been there to support me, all my friends and family. To all the parties that I attended and received some beautiful blankets to comfort me and keep me warm, that I have to embrace.

I have been through a lot of heavy and light issues. I have been able to continue to be the person that I am because God is answering my prayers.

I would like to say that I am totally blessed. I have so much support out there. Family and friends are my medicine. Live, love and laughter...keep my head up also.

What's the worst that can happen? I choose to stay in the moment, not dwell on the past because today is a new day, new dawn and new life.

My ritual is to pray and give great thanks to Naas our Creator. So thanks to all those that were there for myself and family. God will bless you all with a lot of gifts. All of you have talents and knowledge and wisdom.

I just want to say I am not perfect in anyway shape or form. I am doing the best I can as a single parent. God always blesses me with something in return and I am living life to the fullest.

Life is too short to be serious, however, I am so proud to be Ches and Shirley's daughter.

I am so proud to have good brothers and sisters. Most of all, to my precious children Samantha, Nicholas, Frederick, Jessica and Ashley Mattersdorfer. The beautiful children that keep me going and always reassuring me they love me, I am totally blessed with having a beautiful, gifted granddaughter Kali Gail Carol Loudon. She keeps me going and I love them all unconditionally. Sincerely yours Carol R. John-Mattersdorfer

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# Species at Risk

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## Rockfish and Olympia Oysters

Uu-a-thluk is partnering with the Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) to let communities know what species at risk live in Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-ha-houlthee. Knowing where they live and how to protect them is the first step towards stopping their decline and helping them to recover. To read other articles in this series or to read our species at risk guidebooks, please visit [www.uuathluk.ca/communications](http://www.uuathluk.ca/communications).

### Canary Rockfish (ʔisuuh)

Canary rockfish are brightly coloured, with stunning orange and yellow mottling and one notable white stripe running from head to tail.

Found from the Gulf of Alaska to Baja California, with populations all along the WCVI, Canary rockfish spend most of their time near the bottom of the ocean, hanging out around rocky areas where currents are strong. Most young Canary rockfish live in shallow water, moving deeper once they get older. They feed mainly on krill and other small fish. Like other rockfish species, Canary rockfish can live to an old age; one was recorded to be 84 years old.

Canary rockfish have been commercially fished since the early 1880s and are also harvested in recreational and Nuu-chah-nulth food and ceremonial fisheries. Canary rockfish are classified as overfished in the United States, are classified as threatened by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife (COSEWIC) in Canada, and are currently being reviewed for listing by Canada's Species at Risk Act (SARA).

### Yelloweye Rockfish (ʔhapiih)

Yelloweye rockfish, also known as red snapper, are one of the largest rockfish. Their name comes from their remarkable yellow eyes, second only in brilliance to their red bodies which change to bright orange in adulthood and pale yellow in old age. As with Canary rockfish, they are found from the Gulf of Alaska to northern Baja California, but generally reside in shallower waters than Canary rockfish. Yelloweye rockfish are one of the world's longest-living fish, with a maximum recorded age of 147.

In British Columbia, there are two distinct populations of Yelloweye rockfish: the outside population (the waters off WCVI) and the inside population (the waters east of Vancouver Island). Yelloweye rockfish live in rocky areas near overhangs, crevices, caves, and boulder piles.

Due to their large size and high-quality fillet value, Yelloweye rockfish have been commercially fished since the late 1800s. They are declared overfished by the National Marine Fisheries Service in the United States, as well as special concern by COSEWIC. SARA is currently reviewing Yelloweye rockfish as a candidate species for listing, and it is expected that they will be classified soon.

Because most Yelloweye rockfish do not reach sexual maturity until between 16 to 20 years of age, it is believed that population recovery will take many decades.

**Did You Know? Rockfish, in general, are one of the very few bony fish to birth live young.**

### Olympia Oysters (ʔuxʔux)

Olympia oysters are B.C.'s only native oysters and are found on the west coast of North America between Southeast Alaska and Panama. They were a staple diet for Nuu-chah-nulth for thousands of years until they were nearly fished to extinction in the 1800-1900s by immigrant Europeans.

In B.C., Olympia oysters are found in the Strait of Georgia, on the WCVI, and around Queen Charlotte Strait and Sound.

Olympia Oysters are considered a world-class culinary delicacy and are eaten locally as well as abroad. Although Olympia oysters were nearly fished out, their populations are now considered to be low but stable in both Barkley and Clayoquot Sounds. With a relatively short lifespan of only 10 years, both COSEWIC and SARA have declared Olympia oysters a species of special concern.

**Did You Know? The Olympia oyster matures at the age of one year as a male oyster. It then morphs between male and female for the rest of its life.**

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