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Salmon Farm given go-ahead Despite Ahousaht opposition

By Denise Ambrose

Blue Heron Salmon Farm will be given approval from Max Nock, Regional Land Manager, BC Assets and Land Corporation (BCAL), to move their Atlantic Salmon Farm Operations to Bare Bluff in Ahousaht traditional territory. Nock announced the decision at an October 6 Central Region Board Meeting.

Nock said that BC is obligated to PNG (Pacific National Group) to find an alternate site after PNG was evicted from Cypre Bay last year. PNG's tenure for Cypre Bay had expired but they continued operations, saying that they had salmon that were not ready to be harvested yet. Ahousaht members protested at Cypre Bay, demanding that PNG leave immediately. The parties ended up in court and PNG was ordered to vacate the site.

Nock said that BC is obligated to PNG (Pacific National Group) to find an alternate site after PNG was evicted from Cypre Bay last year.

Bare Bluff is also in Ahousaht traditional territory, located in Bedwell Sound, north of Meares Island. Ahousaht has made it clear that they are staunchly opposed to having salmon farms operating at this site. They stated their position in a letter to MELP (Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks) and to BCAL back in March 1998. Nock confirmed that his office was in receipt of the letter, but, "due to lack of resource people, we have not responded to Ahousaht's letter." MELP's last contact with Ahousaht was in March, 1998.

Francis Frank, acting Central Region Co-chair wrote a letter on behalf of Central Region Chiefs in support of Ahousaht's position. The letter was addressed to Deputy Minister Jon O'Reardon, MELP.

Ahousaht has made it clear that they are staunchly opposed to having salmon farms operating at this site.

In the letter the Chiefs write, "Our information is that the Province is proceeding with the relocation of this site regardless of Ahousaht supporting the decision or not. This is a dangerous route for the Province to take that force our First Nation representatives on the Central Region Board to invoke clause 14 of our Interim Measures Extension Agreement."

Earl Warnock of MELP explained that his ministry only approved the Bare Bluff site after they determined that there were no technical reasons not to do so. Nock said that BCAL recognizes that the CRB opposed the site

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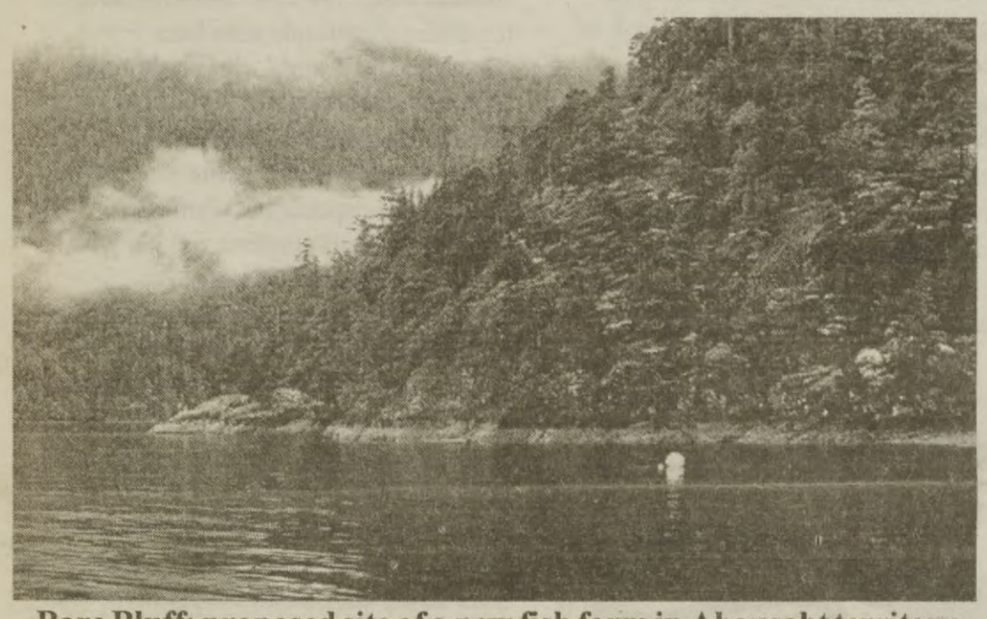

Bare Bluff: proposed site of a new fish farm in Ahousaht territory.

Cat-fight brewing in Clayoquot

By *Denise Ambrose*

Summer 1993; Tofino was inundated by protesters and media from far and wide.

Environmentalists were protesting MacMillan Bloedel's clear-cut logging practices and the rapid deforestation of Clayoquot Sound's old-growth forests.

Hundreds of protesters were arrested after blockading logging roads.

In the end they won a victory of sorts. Clear-cut logging stopped in Clayoquot Sound after the Science Panel Recommendations (SPR) were adopted in their entirety by British Columbia.

While clear-cut logging has not impacted the Sound as much as the surrounding areas, FOCS feel that no more logging should take place.

MacMillan Bloedel closed down Kennedy Lake Division with hundreds of jobs lost as a result.

The SPR allows for logging in Clayoquot Sound, but the logging must be done in a sustainable manner and logging by clear-cut is no longer an option.

FOCS spokespersons say that the SPR fails to look at Clayoquot Sound in the context of Vancouver Island as a whole. Michael Mullin, FOCS director, says that Vancouver Island has had 75% of its forests logged.

While clear-cut logging has not impacted the Sound as much as the surrounding areas, FOCS feel that no more logging of any form should take place.

Clayoquot Sound contains some of the largest tracts of old growth forests on the West Coast.

FOCS refers to Clayoquot Sound as an 'oasis of ancient emerald forest in the clear-cut devastation of Vancouver Island.'

MacMillan Bloedel and International Forest Products (Interfor) began exploring ways by which they may log in Clayoquot Sound in a sustainable manner in accordance with the SPR.

Partnerships were formed with local First Nations, research was conducted and plans were made.

MacMillan Bloedel recently announced that their company will no longer practice clear-cut logging, but will move to other harvesting practices such as aggregate retention harvesting.

All harvesting plans in Clayoquot Sound must be approved by the Central Region Board (CRB).

Part of what CRB does is to ensure that harvesting activities in the Sound adhere to the SPR.

The CRB is made up of representatives of local communities, First Nations and government.

It represents a cross section of interest groups in the area. CRB approval, in essence, means community approval.

Interfor and Ahousaht have been working together making plans to harvest three small cutblocks on Catface Mountain, in Ahousaht traditional territory.

Plans for harvesting were submitted to the CRB over the objections of Friends of Clayoquot Sound (FOCS).

The proposed road, they said, was too close to Peneetl Creek in contravention of the SPR.

The road is only 25 meters away when it should be no less than 50 meters away.

Interfor amended the route of the proposed road, moving it further away from

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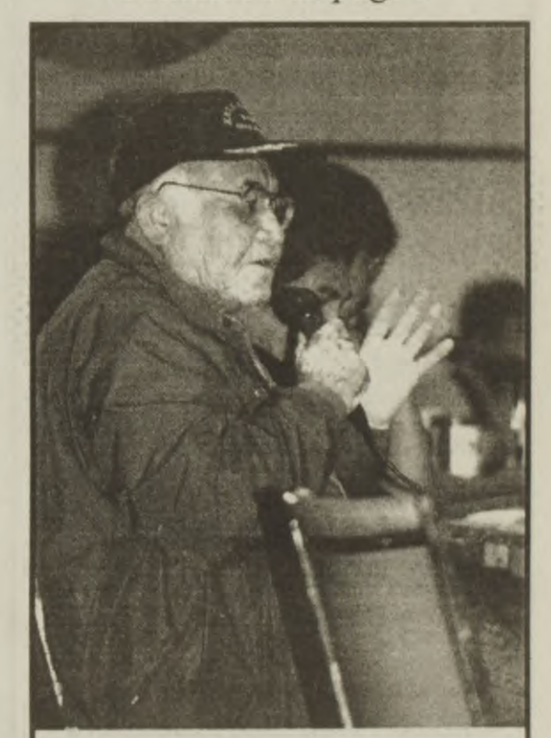

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Please note that the ***DEADLINE*** for submissions for our next issue is 4:30 pm on **Friday, October 16, 1998**. After that date, material submitted & judged to be appropriate, cannot be guaranteed placem entbut, *if still relevant*, will be included in the following issue.

- In an ideal world, *submissions* would be typed, rather than hand-written.
- Submitted *photographs* should include return address, a brief description of subjects and enclose a self-addressed envelope for their return.

COVERAGE:

Please note that although we would certainly like to be able to cover all stories and events, as well as submitted material, we can only do so subject to:

- **Sufficient advance notice**
- **Reporter's availability at the time of the event**
- **Editorial space available in the paper**
- **Editorial deadlines being adhered to by contributors**

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LETTERS & KLECOS

Ha-Shilth-Sa will include letters received from its readers. All letters must be signed by the writer and have the writer's name, address & phone number (if any) on it. Names can be withheld by request.

We reserve the right to edit submitted material for clarity, brevity, grammar and good taste. **We will *definitely* not publish letters dealing with tribal or personal disputes or issues that are critical of Nuu-chah-nulth individuals or groups.**

All opinions expressed in letters to the editor are purely those of the writer and will not necessarily coincide with the views or policies of the *Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council* or its member First Nations.

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To the Ucluelet First Nation Councillors:
Chief Councillor Larry Baird Sr.
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Dear Relatives,

I am writing to the Ha-shilth-sa today to publically express my sincere gratitude for your individual support to the World Council of Whalers.

By this simple gesture you are exhibiting the teachings of our ancestors which is to support and respectfully stand beside the Nuu-chah-nulth whaling chiefs.

You are also demonstrating your support and respect for the Makah nation and the coastal whaling communities from around the world.

I am sure you are aware of what is happening to our Makah relatives, and as I write this letter there is no doubt in my mind that the Nuu-chah-nulth whaling chiefs are going to be exposed to the same offense behavior by those who do not, and will never, understand the deeply rooted relationship that the Nuu-chah-nulth whaling chiefs have with the whale, or their unbreakable obligation through birthright to each of our communities.

So at a time when the Nuu-chah-nulth and Makah are pursuing traditional health by eating traditional foods and using traditional resource management knowledge your membership is invaluable and for that we will be forever grateful.

Kleco, Kleco,
Mexsis

Welcome Home extended to Ehattesaht Members

Our Ehattesaht and Zeballos community members have a number of people back in our traditional territory and are actively contributing members of the community at large.

Georgina Amos, Hucumstisaht Ha'wiiah and operator of the Blue Heron Restaurant at Mason's Lodge.

Harold Amos, Elected Council member of the Ehattesaht First Nation.

Joshua Billy, Ida John and their daughter, Billie, Ehattesaht members.

Georgina John and L. Stanley Smith, GIS and research trainees.

Fidelia Haiyupus, teacher at the Zeballos schools. Frenchie Smith, Smokehouse specialist. Ernie Smith Elected Council member and his wife Darlene and their two sons.

Victoria Wells Treaty Manager and assistant to administration activities and her spouse Ivan and their two sons.

Sam Adams, elder and sawmill worker.

These are the fortunate ones to be back home at this time.

Also a big KLECO to our Tyee Hawilth, Mike Savey and his regent, Max Savey for being actively involved upon request by our Ehattis Community and administration.

Also another KLECO to our other Halwiiah, Tom Curley for his involvement.

Our community is growing and there will be ongoing growth of our Ehattesaht members wanting to return home.

If we continue working together, I believe we can make it possible for us all to come together and continue communicating to realize our goals as individuals, families, communities and as a Nation in a healthy manner.

I'd like to acknowledge the hard work and efforts that our duly elected Chief Elect, Dawn Amos; her Councillors, Harold Amos, Lyle Billy and Ernie Smith are doing on the behalf of the tribe as a whole.

I encourage you to continue and re-read your platforms when you begin to question your respective roles.

You are all doing an excellent service. Ehattesaht Members, keep up the good work.

Thank you from your fellow member,

Louise Amos.

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Always Remember:
***Ha-Shilth-Sa* is YOUR newspaper.**

***Ha-Shilth-Sa* belongs to every Nuu-chah-nulth person including those who have passed on, and those who are not yet born. A community newspaper cannot exist without community involvement; so if you have any great pictures you've taken, stories or poems you've written, or artwork you have done, please let us know so we can include it in your newspaper. Also, if you have any thoughts or concerns about making your newspaper better, let us know that too!**

Next year, *Ha-Shilth-Sa* will celebrate its 25th year of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. We look forward to your continued input and support.

Kleco! Kleco!

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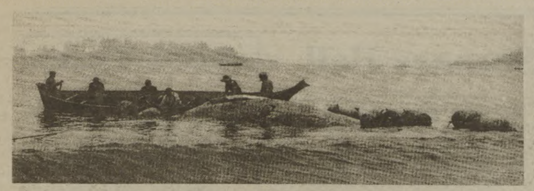

Makah hunt supported by Ahousaht Whaling Chief Heir

By *Ahousaht Hereditary Chief Heir* ***Kwiis-I-hai-chiitl*** *(Shawn Atleo), Great-great-grandson of Chief Kiista (the last Ahousaht Whaling Chief to capture whales in the traditional manner).*

OK so I thought I could stay out of this one… Nope. Not possible. I must support my relatives. I have to!

My name Atleo is the English version of the proper Ahousaht name Utlyuu.

I feel fortunate to have learned what I have about my whaling lineage from my parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents and elders

Atleo, or Utlyuu, as I've been taught, derives from our word for cedar, and more specifically to the cedar rope used on the whaler's harpoon.

The outcry of opposition I have been reading in our major daily newspapers suggests that I reject, discount my entire existence, my namesake.

I grew up listening to and being taught by the stories of my whaling ancestors. I take pride in coming from this lineage and feel humbled and fortunate to have learned what I have about my whaling lineage from my parents, uncles, aunts, grandparents and elders.

I don't expect all people, whether Quu-as or non-Quu-as to agree with what my great-great-grandfather Chief Kiista did then or what the Makah want to do now, kill whales.

In fact it always surprises me when non-aboriginal people do understand and support our struggle for self-determination and reclamation of culture and history.

We, like the Makah, have endured generations of the devastating effects of colonization, including always being told what was and wasn't good for us and the environment we lived in.

Residential schools, outlaw of the potlatch and our language, removal of children were all a result of historic agenda that set out to be rid of the Indian.

As the front page of October 1st *Vancouver Province* attests, we as First Nations are very much alive and well.

My heart soared at the sight of my relatives in their canoe and yet I couldn't ignore the headline above that screamed "This is Wrong".

Here once again, Quu-as are being told what is and isn't good as history continues to repeat itself.

Many of us 'Indians' just refuse to submit to the 'cultural melting pot' visions that many Canadians still harbour.

Don't get me wrong, I am very willing to participate fully and equitably with Canadian society, as long as I can also protect, retain and reclaim as much of our culture and history as possible.

As Quu-as we live in our isolated villages, big cities and everything in-between.

We agree that we will do everything we can to make the future better for our children, making damn sure they don't have to go through the suffering, we, and our parents, did.

We have endured generations of always being told what was, and wasn't good for us and the environment we lived in.

We indeed are here to stay and want to and are willing to finally sit down, with mutual respect, understanding, compassion, and eye on future generations, to discuss and decide on topics such as whales, taxation, language, land and many other issues.

As a member of Ahousaht negotiation team and the heir to a Hereditary Whaling Chieftainship I am willing to listen to non-Quu-as who put forth educated, well informed, respectful opinions.

I most certainly am interested in hearing the opinions of our Nuu-chah-nulth people.

Here once again, Quu-as are being told what is and isn't good as history continues to repeat itself.

The very best our teachings dictate that everyone is to have the opportunity to speak, be heard and respected.

The Makah have a treaty and the support of the US government to proceed with a whale hunt that reflects how they are embedded in their ecology and in my view they are demonstrating respect to the Creators creation in their approach.

I hear them talking but I'm not sure they are being heard.

My prayers are with them.

So pass the whaleburger,
but hold the protest cheese

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council supports Makah

The N.T.C. drafted and released the following statement in support of the Makah Whale Hunt.

The Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations of Vancouver Island fully support the right of Washington State's Makah Tribe to hunt whales.

"Any challenge to the rights of the Makah people is a challenge to the rights of the Nuu-chah-nulth people." *Francis Frank*

Francis Frank, a Co-Chair of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, made it clear today that the Makah are exercising a right that they have and that the Nuu-chah-nulth want to achieve through their own treaty negotiations.

The Makah and the Nuu-chah-nulth people come from the same roots, he said, and there are close family and cultural ties between them.

Mr. Frank said that the Makah are simply exercising a right guaranteed to them by the American Government and approved by the International Whaling Commission, and he noted that the U.S. government has not objected to the hunt.

"We think that the protests that are being engineered are just another form of ecocolonialism" he said "and because of our kinship with them, any challenge to the rights of the Makah people is a challenge to the rights of the Nuu-chah-nulth people. There is a contradiction in what the environmental groups are doing" he continued. "The environmental community in the past has unconditionally supported our right to negotiate our treaty. Now they are contradicting themselves by saying that neither Nuu-chah-nulth nor the Makah should be able to practice our rights. In doing this, they are arguing for the continued oppression of our people."

The Nuu-chah-nulth reject the argument that the Makah hunt will open the door for commercial whale hunting by Japan and other countries.

The Makah Nation is not the Japanese Nation, they say, and the hunt will benefit the Makah community.

"These eco-colonialists want to continue to impose their morals, values and beliefs on the Makah and, by extension, on the Nuu-chah-nulth."

"Where is the proof" asks Frank, about the claim that the hunt will be commercial. "Unless they can prove this, the claim can only mean that eco-colonialists want to continue to impose their morals, values and beliefs on the Makah and, by extension, on the Nuu-chah-nulth"

Whaling expedition off the coast of Washington. The whale has been harpooned once and the man in the foreground is pulling on the harpoon line. The man in the bow of the canoe is poised and ready to thrust the harpoon with the attached seal skin float. WSHS

TREATY AND PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETINGS FOR NUU-CHAH-NULTH LIVING AWAY FROM HOME

THIS IS THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER PROGRAMS. WE WILL UPDATE THE INFORMATION FROM TIME TO TIME. HERE IS THE INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

SEATTLE:	OCTOBER 17 AND 18, 1998, AT THE PEARL WARREN CENTRE OF THE SEATTLE INDIAN HEALTH BOARD. ON OCTOBER 17 WE WILL START AT 12 NOON AND ON OCTOBER 18 WE WILL START AT 9:00 am.
CAMPBELL RIVER:	A FULL MEETING OF THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH TREATY PLANNING TABLE WILL BE HELD AT THE THUNDERBIRD HALL IN CAMPBELL RIVER ON NOVEMBER 2 AND 4, 1998. THE FIRST DAY WILL BE PLANNING FOR THE TREATY. THE NEXT TWO DAYS WILL BE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT JUSTICE. THE MEETINGS WILL START AT 9:00 A.M. EACH DAY
VANCOUVER:	A FULL MEETING OF THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH TREATY PLANNING TABLE WILL BE HELD AT THE VANCOUVER FRIENDSHIP CENTRE ON DECEMBER 7 AND 8, 1998

IF YOU NEED OTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL WILLARD GALLIC OR VIC PEARSON AT (250) 724 5757.

Treaty Planning Session at Somass Hall

By *David Wiwchar*

After Nelson Keitlah sang the opening song and Harry Lucas led the opening prayer, Willard Gallic Jr. welcomed Nelson back after illness, saying that his presence has made the circle stronger.

Nelson (nicknamed 'the General' for his leadership role throughout the treaty-making process) thanked the negotiators for their strength, endurance, hard work, and respect both in the treaty process, and their prayers during his illness.

"We have our lands, we have our people, and we have our ways," said Elder Stanley Sam. "We have to start using our stories and our histories to educate ourselves."

The session began with a presentation by lawyer Hugh Braker on the development of Nuu-chah-nulth constitutions.

Braker said the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations are different from any other Native governmental system in Canada, as there are six individual types of government used throughout NCN territory.

Some First Nations use the Indian Act elected government system without amendments, some never adopted Section 74 of the Indian Act and have a governmental system that has not changed for thousands of years, and others have systems that fall between the two governmental models.

The Jurisdiction and Governance Mandate Working Group is wrestling with many lingering questions over the development of a Nuu-chah-nulth Constitution, and many issues around the Constitution were discussed and debated for the better part of the opening morning Treaty Planning session.

"We have our lands, we have our people, and we have our ways," said Elder Stanley Sam. "We have to start using our stories and our histories to educate ourselves. Our Hawiith and our constitutions are one."

According to Braker, a constitution can take many forms. It can outline the supreme law of the land, outline the division of power and formalize a governmental system, be an expression of the will of the people, or be a regulatory framework like the Nisga'a constitution. A constitution is a complex and vital document requiring more community consultation building towards its development.

After the lunch break, Treaty Manager Vic Pearson spoke on priorities for the implementation of powers after the treaty has been signed.

"This is a matter of what happens first," said Pearson, who handed discussion back to the treaty planning board to discuss implementation priorities, and time frames for their realization.

Governance of natural resources within traditional territories seemed to be the priority for most First Nations, followed by health, and child welfare issues. Treaty negotiators will take questions of priorities back to their communities, and return to the table with answers from their community's members.

N.T.C. Fisheries Manager Don Hall presented a paper on fisheries principles and interests for negotiations.

Hall and Vic Pearson developed the paper, which will form the basis for future fisheries negotiations.

The paper recognizes that: "second only to conservation, Nuu-chah-nulth have a right of access, harvest and use of all aquatic resources (migratory and resident) that live within the Hahoolthee of the Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih to meet Nuu-chah-nulth food, societal and ceremonial needs."

Delegates made it clear that Nuu-chah-nulth societal needs include economic needs.

The paper goes on to say that NCN government will have the right to make conservation, management and allocation agreements, and will have increased authority and jurisdiction for the management of aquatic resources and their habitats.

It was agreed the definition of aquatic resources is broad enough to include marine mammals like whales, sealions and seals.

Another paper on principles for negotiation on marine mammals is being prepared.

The Lands, Air & Waters Mandate Working Group, also looking ahead to post-treaty, presented their vision for the future of federal and provincial parklands that are within NCN territories.

The report outlines priorities in the following order:

- Management of all activities shall ensure that aboriginal rights are second only to conservation.
- All activities will ensure that sites significant to NCN are protected
- The order of priority in which all resources (foreshore, forests, streams, rivers) will be protected and managed is: 1.) Restoration, rehabilitation, enhancement; 2.) Sustaining traditional lifestyles; 3.) Contributing to future economic opportunities.
- Non-consumptive gathering of resources for public / third parties.

"This is a really big issue," said Nelson Keitlah (through an interpreter). "Look at Hequiaht. The government just took Hahoolthee out from under our Ha'wiih and now call it a park."

Day two opened with a discussion on the land selection process. Criteria for selection was amended to include provisions for recently logged or damaged lands.

"You damaged it, you fix it"

Logged or damaged lands selected by First Nations must be rehabilitated, or separate negotiations will have to take place to ensure the restoration of these lands at no cost to any NCN Nation or government.

Costs of rehabilitation must not be part of the costs of treaty settlements. "You damaged it, you fix it" were the words of one leader when addressing B.C. and Canada at an earlier meeting.

Discussion evolved to include suspicions regarding the integrity of provincial and federal government negotiators.

Seen to be taking a "divide and conquer" approach to negotiations, government negotiators have been encouraging First Nations to meet with them behind-closed-doors, and with only one First Nations representative.

"If we just let this go, we're going to become weak," said Elder Stanley Sam (through an interpreter). "We have to let the governments know what we own as Nuu-chah-nulth people. They stripped us of our land without compensation, and we have to make them know that this reserve system is not how we want to live."

Before the meeting adjourned, Cliff Atleo spoke on the importance of the strength of the Nuu-chah-nulth people, and how everyone must stick together throughout the treaty process for it to be successful.

The next NCN Treaty Planning Meeting is scheduled for October 19 - 20 at Tsaxana, before moving to Ahousaht on November 23-24.

Agenda Notes:

- ❑ The Jurisdiction and Governance Group will focus on consultations towards the development of constitutions for individual First Nations and the N.T.C., including meetings with Navajo constitutional planners.
- ❑ The Treaty Planning Table debated priorities for the implementation of powers in the post-treaty environment.
- ❑ Amendments to Land Selection Criteria was discussed to include restoration of logged or damaged lands at no cost to NCN Nations or governments.

Attention

Tseshaht Membership residing off reserve you must apply for Band Membership. If you are showing on the D.I.A. list it does not mean that you are on Tseshaht's Registry Band List, as you must apply for Band Membership. Newborns as always still need Large Birth Certificates, a form here at the Band Office to be filled out. Deletions, transfers, deaths, marriages, change of name still must be recorded as an event that has happened so that I may change the Band list accordingly Tseshaht Membership. Administrator and contact person is Lisa Robinson at 1-888-724-1225 toll free number or fax 250-724-4385.

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To All Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations Members, Band Managers, CHR's, Health Clerks and Band Membership Clerks:

MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC

Reference : Recently, many bills were received at the NTC (Non-Insured Health Benefits Section) (NIHB) from parents requesting payment under this plan.

If a child is not registered with Indian Affairs and the province there is **no** medical coverage. Therefore, **full responsibility for payment of medical visits, x-rays, etc. will fall on the parents!** Indian Affairs cannot and **will not pay** any bills without full coverage. Remember, unless a child is **registered** with both Indian Affairs (Status Card) and the provincial medical plan (MSP Card) two *very important* medical factors apply:

a. **The child is covered under the parent medically, for only three months; and**
b. **Once the child reaches 1 year of age then they are no longer covered under the NIHB program for: equipment; supplies; drugs; dental; and optical.**

Normally, a child reaching 19 years of age requires (her or his) own medical care card. A child can maintain medical coverage up to age 25 when in **full-time attendance** at a post secondary institution, that is approved by the provincial medical commission.

It takes ***6 – 8 weeks to obtain these coverage cards***! Start the process immediately! Do not assume it is done! Follow up with this until you have both cards! Questions to be directed to the Band Membership Clerks, or the NTC Registry Office 724-5757.

Robert Cluett, CD
NTC NIHB Program Supervisor

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the creek with approval from Ahousaht and CRB.

With all approvals in place Interfor hired a contractor and road building began on Catface Mountain.

FOCS immediately jumped into action, sending about a dozen protesters to the site.

FOCS, in a letter to Ahousaht Chief and Council, charge that Interfor, "is making a sham of what was to have been a revolutionary change in resource planning in Clayoquot Sound."

They believe that Interfor, and by association, Ahousaht, is not abiding by the SPR. Their number one goal is to stop logging completely in Clayoquot Sound.

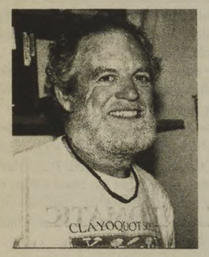
Mullin says that the road compromises too many streams, conservation of wildlife habitat was not taken into consideration, and the roads will be built on very steep terrain where landslides are likely to occur.

"There are 11 cutblock on the north and west slopes of Catface Mountain, the areas surrounding the cutblocks are barren, having been clear-cut several years ago," he said. "Deforestation happens cutblock-by-cutblock. Interfor may not harvest all the cutblocks this year, but we think it will eventually happen."

Dean Wanless, of Interfor, says that it is not in Interfor's interest to destroy habitat.

The Hawiih of Ahousaht are satisfied that all requirements have been met by Interfor on Catface Mountain.

"The SPR can be interpreted in a million different ways and we've been doing our best implement the recommendations in good faith."



FOCS Director Michael Mullin

Wanless pointed out that Interfor has played a key role local watershed restoration projects such as the Kootowis Creek Project and others in Clayoquot Sound.

Ahousaht Hawiih, released a statement against the protestors saying:

"Regarding the Interfor logging activity being carried out in Ahousaht territory, near Cyper river (W1). This activity has been approved by direct involvement of our tribe and our Hawiih.

The Ahousaht Hawiih fought hard, along with the four other Central Region Tribes and their Hawiih, to establish a process of direct involvement in logging activities in Clayoquot Sound.

This process includes Ahousaht Hawiih reviewing and approving proposed logging activity.

It is then reviewed by the Central Region Board, who ensures that the Science Panel Recommendations are complied with prior to approval.

The Hawiih of Ahousaht are satisfied that all requirements have been lived up to for W1.

"This demonstration by the Friends of Clayoquot Sound is an insult to our Hawiih and the process, for which they fought hard".

It is the expectation of Ahousaht Hawiih that Interfor live up to all the requirements of their plan, as approved by the Central Region Board.

Further, the Hawiih of Ahousaht object strongly to the presence of The Friends of Clayoquot Sound demonstrators blocking an approved logging activity for the W1 site.

This demonstration by the Friends of Clayoquot Sound is an insult to our Hawiih and the process, for which they fought hard.

The Hawiih of Ahousaht demand that the Friends of Clayoquot Sound cease their demonstration activities on this site immediately."

The letter was signed by Chiefs Earl Maquinna George, Shawn Atleo, Edgar Charlie, Corbett George and James Francis Swan.

FOC's written reply to the statement, dated September 26, says that, "We recognize the rights and responsibilities which you hold over your traditional territories, and do not question your right to make decisions over your land...However, we believe we have the right to disagree with such decisions."

The letter outlines the what FOCS feel is a failure to fully implement the SPR and goes on to say: "despite the assertion in your letter, our demonstration is not intended to insult you or to show disrespect for the CRB and the First Nations approval process which you fought hard to achieve...It is with deep regret that we find ourselves unable to agree with the Hawiih of Ahousaht regarding the logging plan for Catface."

They ended the letter by saying that they are ready to discuss this and other issues with Ahousaht.

They are not prepared to leave the site and stop protesting.

Cliff Atleo of Ahousaht said that the Hawiih fought hard to have a say in the management process.

They made plans for harvesting in their traditional territory, abiding by all SPR requirements and obtaining all necessary approvals.

He resents FOCS refusal to leave Ahousaht territory, "They have no respect for our Hawiih, never have," said Atleo.

FOCS, in the meantime, have put out word inviting people to go to Catface Mountain to protest. Trainers have been brought in, teaching demonstrators the art of 'peaceful protest.'

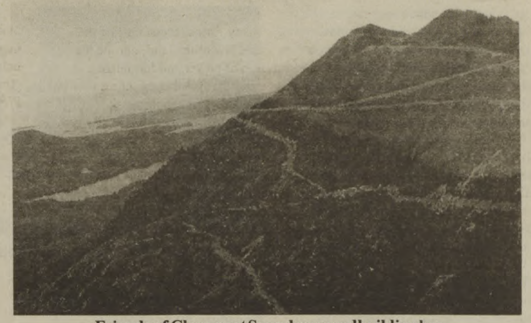
"They (The Friends of Clayoquot Sound) have no respect for our Hawiih, never have," said Cliff Atleo.

FOCS spokesperson, Valerie Langer, said their goal is to reach the workers at the site, make them aware of FOCS perspective on the issue. Right now the protest involves demonstrators occupying the site with banners and placards during road construction.

Currently, the site is vacant while workers enjoy a four-day respite from their ten-day shifts. Workers and protesters will be back at Catface later this week, at the start of the next shift.

Langer said it is FOCS view that Corporations and governments are stymieing the process of implementing the SPR. She says that the peace and quiet in the Sound over the last few years have lulled people into the belief that all is well. Meanwhile, says Langer, Interfor is quietly going back to 'business as usual.' "Right now this is simply a protest, but if people get frustrated, if it seems that there's no way out, it may come to blockades. Blockades are up to the individual protesters, because it involves arrests."

As for Ahousaht's demand that FOCS vacate Catface Mountain, Michael Mullin says that while he respects Ahousaht and their Aboriginal rights, he, "reserves the right as an individual to protest something that he feels is wrong."



Friends of Clayoquot Sound say roadbuilding has carved up too many mountains in Clayoquot Sound

"If they want a battle, they've got one, and it won't be pretty."

He said that he regretted that FOCS protest may compromise the good relations that have been built over the years with First Nations. Mullin hopes that FOCS and Ahousaht are able to come together and perhaps form a new relationship from this experience.

When asked what it would take for FOCS to endorse harvesting activity on Catface, Mullin replied, "It's simply not acceptable, no activity on Catface Mountain is acceptable."

FOCS have taken their complaint to the Forest Practices Board who are now conducting an investigation. Road building will continue while the investigation is underway.

Cliff Atleo said that all the work has been done to the satisfaction of the Hawiih, Ministry of Forests and CRB. "If they (FOCS) want a battle, they've got one, and it won't be pretty."

As of Thursday, October 1st, FOCS began a blockade, and Interfor had been forced to cease operations until a court injunction can be obtained.

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Thunderbirds return from busy season

By *David Wiwchar*

With the extremely dry conditions across Canada this summer, the Nuu-chah-nulth Thunderbirds Forest Fire Response Team were extremely busy; flying from fire to fire throughout B.C. and Alberta.

One of only four Native fire crews in B.C., and the only Native forest fire crew on Vancouver Island, the NCN Thunderbirds were busy fighting fires in the tinder-dry forests near Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, Lillooet, Boston Bar, Revelstoke and Whitecourt, Alberta.

"This was the worst year for forest fires since 1958," said Forest Protection Officer Warren Robinson. "This season was one of the most intense, and crew morale was quite high."

Robinson, who began his Ministry of Forests career as a member of the NCN Thunderbirds, has been very pleased with his crew's success this season.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Thunderbirds Forest Fire Response Team

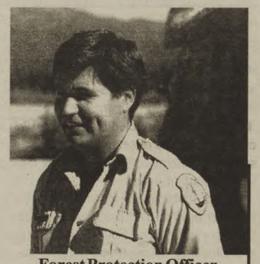
Normally fighting fires for 50 days a summer, this year, the crew spent over 100 days on fire lines throughout B.C. and Alberta

In the six years that the NCN Thunderbirds has been in operation, they would normally be fighting fires for 50 days in an average summer. This year, the crew spent over 100 days fighting forest fires, and kept together throughout the busy season.

The 20 crew members from the Tseshaht, Hupacasath, Ahousaht and Ucluelet First Nations began their positions in April, and have either retired already to return to school, or will be finished for the season sometime this month.

After a local initial attack crew wrestles with a forest fire for more than 24 hours, expanded attack forces are called in, which is when the Thunderbirds are mobilized.

The crew spends a maximum of two weeks at a fire before being pulled off the blaze for a few days rest. And when there are no fires burning in B.C., the crews supervise slash burning projects, do recreation work such as trail building, and many help out at many other community projects.



Forest Protection Officer Warren Robinson

So you want to be a Thunderbird ...

Want to be a member of the Nuu-chah-nulth Thunderbirds Forest Fire Response Team?

Forest Protection Officer Warren Robinson says the Ministry of Forests advertises upcoming positions in January or February, and after fitness tests and interviews, the crew is selected, with the remainder of candidates put on an eligibility list.

Crew Members then go through a Forest Fire Fighting Boot Camp near Merritt where they receive in-depth safety training.

Past crew members have progressed from crew member to squad boss to crew leader, and in Warren Robinson's case, to a permanent position as a Forest Protection Officer with the Ministry of Forests.

Want more information? Call Warren Robinson at 723-5124.

Bare Bluff Fish Farm

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last May but, "We are in a position to approve the site and will move ahead because there are no technical reasons not to."

Maureen Fraser, CRB director, asked Warnock if he had any comments with regard to the concerns that CRB raised about the suitability of Bare Bluff. CRB had two concerns about the site, one being the site's close proximity to salmon-bearing streams.

"We are in a position to approve the site and will move ahead because there are no technical reasons not to."

Warnock said that his ministry has determined that the streams in question were located on steep terrain, "Too steep to be of any significance, salmon couldn't go very far up there."

The other issue CRB had with the site was its designation as a Scenic Corridor. CRB uses the Scenic Corridor guidelines as a standard when determining site suitability. Warnock replied that, while his ministry sometimes uses the guidelines, they (the ministry) consider them to be a work in progress because they have not been approved by Cabinet. In this case, they did not use the guidelines, allowing them to disregard one of the CRB's technical concerns about Bare Bluff.

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Warnock said that they took a closer look at the Sitika after the test results were in and found eight more juvenile Atlantics. The Atlantics found were in two different age groups.

Warnock acknowledged that, contrary to what he once believed, Atlantic Salmon have adapted to BC's waters and can survive and multiply in the wild.

Environmentalists fear that if Atlantic Salmon gain a foothold in our streams, they could wipe out local species of salmon.

Warnock admitted that BC is not putting resources toward examining streams for Atlantics because, "searching streams for Atlantic fry is like looking for a needle in a haystack."

He admitted that, in the past, Atlantics have been found in streams, but, because they were found near fish farms, it was assumed that they were escaped fish and would soon die.

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CRB Director, Bill Irving, warned that MELP and BCAL are jeopardizing the 'healthy relationship-building' that has been happening when they make decisions without consulting the affected parties.

CRB Co-chair, Larry Baird, reminded Nock about Premier Harcourt's 1993 Land-Use Decision, saying that Harcourt learned a lesson in decision-making and consultation.

"If this is in fact happening, we will fight it all the way."

Cliff Atleo, Ahousaht Chief Negotiator, upon hearing the news about Bare Bluff, said that he will get the Band Office to contact the ministries for confirmation. "If this is in fact happening, we will fight it all the way."

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TIME	PLACE
TSC	Oct. 7 – 9	9:00 am	Port Alberni, Tseshaht Cultural Ctr.
NCN Planning	Oct. 19 – 20	9:00 am	Gold River, Tsaxana
Main Table/TSC/ Land Selection	Oct. 21 – 23	9:00 am	Gold River, Tsaxana
NCN Planning	Nov. 2 – 3	9:00 am	Campbell River, Thunderbird Hall
TSC	Nov. 4 – 6	9:00 am	Victoria
NTC A.G.M.	Nov. 19, 20 & 21	9:00 am each day	Port Alberni, Maht Mahs Gym
NCN Planning	Nov. 23 – 25	9:00 am	Ahousaht
Land Selection	Nov. 26 – 27	9:00 am	Port Alberni, Tseshaht Cultural Ctr.
NCN Planning	Dec. 7 – 8	9:00 am	Vancouver, Friendship Ctr. East Hastings
TSC	Dec. 9 – 11	9:00 am	Nanaimo
NCN Planning Hall	Dec. 16	9:00 am	Port Alberni, Somass
Land Selection	Dec. 17 – 18	9:00 am	Port Alberni, Tseshaht Cultural Ctr.

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AIRS Trial resumes in Nanaimo

By *David Wiwchar*

The second phase of the Alberni Indian Residential School trial resumes in Nanaimo on October 19th.

This stage of testimony will last for two weeks before taking a break until the spring of 1999.

The 31 plaintiffs hope this second stage of their suit will further Justice Donald Brenner's previous decision regarding the vicarious liability of the United Church of Canada and the federal government.

"We feel that we've got them nailed on this (direct liability charges)." *Alan Early*

The former AIRS students are now hoping the B.C. Supreme Court will determine direct liability; a decision that will help them when the damages and apportionment section of the trial begins next summer.

"Did the church and/or Canada know through their agent (the school principal) that these abuses were taking place, and if so what did they, or didn't they do to stop it," explains lawyer Alan Early. "We feel that we've got them nailed on this (direct liability charges)."

The five weeks of court time is spread over many months with two weeks of testimony this past August, two weeks of testimony this month, and another week in March 1999.

Proceedings are again in Courtroom #208 at the Nanaimo Provincial Courthouse on Front Street.

Peter Grant, lead lawyer for the plaintiffs in the Alberni Indian Residential School Trial, recently negotiated a unique program for victims of a former Indian Day School in Canyon City.

On September 26th, the day-school survivors received their first counseling session in Terrace under a unique program paid for by the settlement of their lawsuit against the Federal Government of Canada and the Salvation Army which operated the school.

Fourteen Nisga'a men who attended the Canyon City Indian Day School in the 1960's launched civil proceedings in 1996 for sexual assaults they suffered as children at the hands of former Salvation Army Captain William Gareth Douglas.

Lawyer Peter Grant

Douglas was convicted in 1988 on 12 criminal charges of sexual assault, and spent 6 years in prison.

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The first mediated settlement concerned two other survivors of assaults by Captain Douglas at another school located on reserve. Peter Grant negotiated both settlements.

The agreement on damages to be paid out by the government and the church was negotiated over a five-month period, culminating in face-to-face meetings last May in Terrace.

Some of the settlement monies went to the individuals, but a portion was put into a trust fund to pay for future care.

The men and their families receive two days of counseling each month, addressing issues around post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, marital difficulties, and other problems requiring treatment.

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These men had been made to feel totally powerless as a result of their abuse and had kept the assaults secret for many years," said Grant. "The purpose of the negotiations was to provide the men, their wives and parents with a confidential, safe and secure environment in which the men could tell about the abuse and the horrendous impact it had on their lives, their families and their community."

Both The Salvation Army and the Government of Canada apologized to individual survivors as part of the settlement. Their names are being withheld to protect their privacy, and terms of the settlement are being kept confidential.

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Cousins count salmon at Stamp Falls

By *David Wiwchar*

Two cousins from the Hupacasath First Nation have been spending the last few months working together at Stamp Fall Provincial Park; spelling each other off an hour at time so they do not lose their intense focus.

Shaunee and Samson Lauder have been working for the past few months as fisheries technicians, intensely monitoring a video screen showing salmon heading up the fish ladder at Stamp Falls.

An underwater camera films the fish as they head up the ladder. The video appears on an outdoor screen where park visitors can watch the passing salmon, and the video also goes into a white panel van parked nearby, where Shaunee and Samson identify the species and size of the salmon, entering the data into a laptop computer.

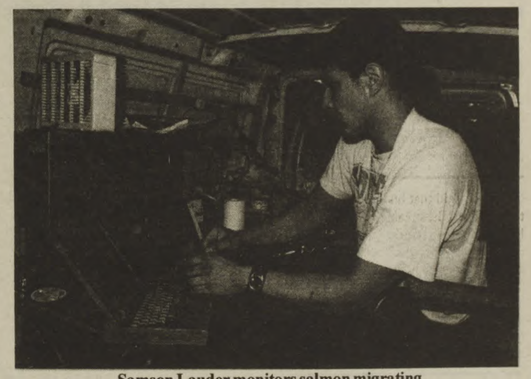
"You've got to be real quick," laughs 23-year old Shaunee who has worked in fisheries for the past 5 years, 3 years on the Stamp Falls video monitoring project.

Along with other technicians, Shaunee and Samson will identify and record data on more than 3000 salmon per day.

"We're also looking for tagged fish," adds 28-year old Samson, refusing to take his eyes off the video monitor for even a second.

The video of the passing salmon is taped, so the Department of Fisheries and Oceans can go over it again after the run has ended, and make sure the crucial numbers gathered by the technicians is correct.

The video program lasts as long as the salmon run does; from September 2nd to November 15th.



Samson Lauder monitors salmon migrating up the Stamp Falls fish ladder

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N.T.C. Meets at Tsaxana

By *Wayne Lord*

On September 28, 1998 the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nation opened it's community up to 100 plus guests from throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth Territory for three days of meetings.

With a brief prayer from Ehattesaht elder Moses Smith, Chairperson Francis Frank got the meeting underway.

Day number one was dedicated to Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries. With much on the fisheries agenda, N.T.C. Fisheries Manager Don Hall gave an overview of the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries season. In general Hall stated that it had been a pretty good season for Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations.

Fishing results varied this season, with some First Nations having a good season while some Nations fell short of their quotas.

Most Nations around the table gave a brief report on how their own local fisheries went this past season. Fishing varied, with some First Nations having a good while some Nations fell short.

Roy Alexander, Advisor to Nuu-chah-nulth Commercial Fishermen, gave a short report outlining concerns the commercial fishermen faced this season, including the lack of consultation by D.F.O.

Alexander said the Nuu-chah-nulth fleet faces uncertainty. "D.F.O. recognizes the need for consultation but fails to do so. When there was fish to catch, D.F.O. closed that area," he said.

Many speakers from the floor also conveyed their concerns about how D.F.O. administers their programs.

"We are going through a slow death, we are seeing the erosion of family businesses, businesses that have operated for decades and decades. I am tired of policies that do not work. I am frustrated. Many of us are just trying to feed our family!" said Victor Amos.

Mike Maquinna circulated a letter sent to Fisheries Minister David Anderson strongly opposing the planned test fisheries opening in the Nootka Sound on September 28, 1998. This opposition to DFO only furthered the discussion on the lack of consultation by DFO and the relationship it has with First Nations on the West Coast.

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Don Hall brought forward a list of 10 recommendations for the 1998 salmon season for the floor to review. These recommendations included Nuu-chah-nulth maintaining full and complete access to all species, voluntarily avoiding directed coho fisheries on stocks of concern and the use / contract Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen when necessary to fish for foodfish.

Darlene Watts made a motion to get Nuu-chah-nulth lawyers to look at the legalities of Nuu-chah-nulth governing their fisheries in their traditional territories. With little discussion on the motion it passed.

Don Hall talked about the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal allocation for the 1999 herring fishery, saying that last years herring season was not great.

One of the big concerns was that the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries believe that the fishing effort expended in recent years is insufficient to harvest enough spawn on boughs or kelp to meet Nuu-chah-nulth needs.

Hall outlined an approach that was introduced in the previous year that would see the concept of a communal, cooperative fishery to meet the needs of Nuu-chah-nulth for herring.

Don Hall sought and received support for the Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries staff to proceed with developing a comprehensive proposal for a collective fishery to meet the needs of Nuu-chah-nulth herring needs.

The rest of the day focused on reports from various Fisheries programs. Cliff Atleo gave a briefing on the IMA Fisheries negotiations to establish a WCVI Regional Fisheries Management Board. Don Hall is currently drafting a document that will outline the process.

Don Hall outlined the Regional Aquatic Management Board and informed the floor of who board of directors and their members. Hall handed out several handouts for review only. He also mentioned their current activities including a project in partnership with Fisheries Renewal BC.

Most Nations complain there were not enough clam licenses for community members wanting to go clamming, while other Nations had licenses they did not use.

Nuu-chah-nulth Biologist, Roger Dunlop took the floor and talked about Area F Clam Management Board. Much discussion took place on clam licenses. Most Nations complain there were not enough licenses for community members wanting to go clamming, while other Nations had licenses they did not use.

Don Hall said Fisheries worked very hard obtaining licenses they received, and that it was important that First Nations take advantage of them. He suggested that the Nuu-chah-nulth find a way of re-distributing unused licenses.

Through much discussion it was decided that unused licenses would be forwarded into a general pot and be redistributed to other Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. It was also decided that this process would be reviewed yearly.

On Day 2, Arnold James, Mowachaht Councilor, asked that the floor send out a special prayer for elders Mary Johnson and Sam Johnson Sr. as both elders have been recently hospitalized.

The first business of the day was to adopt the minutes and isolated motions from the Nuu-chah-nulth Budget Meeting held April 6-8, 1998 and the Executive Directors follow-up Report. There was very little business arising from these meetings.

Helen Dick gave a report from the Regional Health Board. The board held a meeting that was not well attended. It was the wishes of the speaker that more representation or participation from the communities would better utilize the board. Dick also stated that she had resigned from the Aboriginal Health Council and that Dawn Amos would be taking her place.

Darlene Watts asked the Regional Health Board to look at a drug called Depo-Provera which is a form of birth control. Depo-Provera is a form of birth control that is taken by injection and is commonly used in 3rd world countries.

Anne Robinson is now the new Qu'aaasa Cultural Coordinator. That USMA has hired Leah Clutesi on an auxiliary basis to assist in the high volume of social work cases.

"This drug has some nasty side effects and I believe it is a form of genocide." said Watts. Watts asked that the Health Board look into this drug and find out any stats of First Nation women using it. Helen Dick agreed to bring this concern to the Health Board.

At the CHS level Ms. Dick advised that Jerry Jack recently came on board as the Northern Region Representative, and that other board members would be in place by November. It was Dick's intention to have a ceremony instilling the new board members at the Annual General Assembly.

Helen Dick gave a report on the Nuu-chah-nulth Community Human Services. She outlined some of the projects they have been working on such as the revision of the Nuu-chah-nulth Social Development policy, Child and Family Strategic Plan, Residential School Healing Strategy Proposal and the updating of the Social Work Database System.

The CHS staff and the Residential School Committee have been working hard on the development of the Residential School Healing Strategy Proposal. The Committee has visited all three Nuu-chah-nulth regions and has received much input. The Residential School Healing Strategy Proposal is now in a revised draft format which the recommendations of the First Nations have been integrated. The proposal was discussed at great length and was accepted in principal to continue.

Dick outlined staffing action that had taken place, she mentioned that Anne Robinson is now the new Qu'aaasa Cultural Coordinator. That USMA has hired Leah Clutesi on an auxiliary basis to assist in the high volume of social work cases.

It was relayed that the draft of the Nuu-chah-nulth Child and Family Strategic Plan was sent to each First Nation for input and recommendations. Thus far only one Nation has sent in a response to the proposal. This draft document will be the basis upon which the CHS will deliver the Child and Family Services program.

It was mentioned that a Homemaker Needs Assessment Pilot Project would soon get underway. This would allow community members to assess homemakers needs. To date funding has been secured for one First Nation per region. This pilot project is set to begin in Tseshaht and Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nations.

Mr. Marc Lalonde; Childhood Development Worker, made a brief presentation on the University of Victoria Partnership program which is a creditable course for those wanting to work with children between the ages of 0-16 years of age.

There is a need for community members to be trained for work such as Infant Development worker, Childhood Development worker and Youth worker to name a few.

Based on the Child's Needs Assessment that was done in each of the communities it was noted that there was a need for community members to be trained for work such as Infant Development worker, Childhood Development worker, Youth worker to name a few.

Recognizing that it is hard for some community members to leave their respected communities to train, this new partnership program alleviates some of the challenges of going off to college or university.

The program will keep the training cultural, it is a credible course and most of the training can be done at home. This program could see a student go out for one week out of the month and come home and take 3 weeks of training.

This course is a three year program with six terms inwhich you would complete two terms in a year. In total it is a 30-credit course which is about 1/2 of a masters degree.

"The good thing about this course is that the people that staff and teach the program will be Nuu-chah-nulth.

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- Unused clam licenses will be put into a general pot and be redistributed to other Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations.
- Helen Dick gave a report on the Nuu-chah-nulth Community Human Services outlining some of the projects they have been working on.
- Marc Lalonde, Childhood Development Worker, made a brief presentation on the University of Victoria Partnership program which is a creditable course for those wanting to work with children between the ages of 0-16 years of age.
- NEDC Manager Al Little said that as August 31, 1998, NEDC's portfolio was comprised of 103 loans totaling over $4.5 million, with more than $6.1 million in funding available to lend.

Quu'as charts the future of Eco-tourism

by *David Wiwchar*

A joint venture between the Pacheenaht, Ditidaht, and Huu-ay-aht First Nations has made one of the world's toughest hikes a safer, and a more educational and friendly trip.

In cooperation with the Federal Department of Canadian Heritage and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, the Quu'as West Coast Trail Group provides support, services, and personnel for the operation of the world famous West Coast Trail.

A joint venture between the Pacheenaht, Ditidaht, and Huu-ay-aht First Nations has made one of the world's toughest hikes a safer, and a more educational and friendly trip.

A hiker makes a water stop along the trail.

Crew members from the Pacheedaht, Ditidaht, and Huu-ay-aht First Nations maintain the trail, clearing fallen obstacles, pushing back the towering salal brush, repairing bridges, ladders, boardwalks and trams, and cutting through windfalls.

The crews are also on hand to act as area interpreters, telling hikers about the history of the lands, and the people who have lived for thousands of years in the territory now claimed by the West Coast Trail and Pacific Rim National Park Reserve.

"We tell them about the history, and the sacred sites along the trail," said Quu'as Managing Director Wally Samuel. "We also check the hikers for their permits, take care of injured hikers, and help promote the First Nations businesses along the trail."

The Quu'as West Coast Trail Group receives 25% of the fees collected by hikers through permits and registration. Crews are on the trail from April 1 through to September 30th, working an 8-days on, 8-days off schedule.

The Quu'as West Coast Trail Group is a unique business arrangement, to build on mutually held values that ensures environmental integrity and high quality wilderness experiences and customer service.

Quu'as means "One People", as it is an umbrella company for the Pacheenaht, Ditidaht and Huu-ay-aht First Nations, who have made their heritage and territories accessible to all who respect and appreciate the beauty and unique challenges of the rugged west coast.

Quu'as West Coast Trail has been serving the hikers of Pacific Rim for the past 5 years, and is now developing a new plan and proposal for Parks Canada.

"We tell them about the history, and the sacred sites along the trail," said Quu'as Managing Director Wally Samuel.

Wally Samuel, from Ahousaht, has been with Quu'as for the past year, and is very excited about the opportunities and possibilities available for Nuu-chah-nulth businesses and projects along the trail.

"We're encouraging the First Nations to develop eco-tourism opportunities," said Samuel. "Developing a trail guide service would be a great business for some of our people."

Wally says he gets calls from all points in Europe, assuming that Quu'as is a guiding service. With the popularity of pan-indianism in places like England, France, and Germany, it has become apparent to Samuel that many foreign hikers would gladly pay for a First Nations guide along the trail.

"We're encouraging the First Nations to develop eco-tourism opportunities," said Samuel.

The purpose of Quu'as is to create long-term training, employment and business opportunities related to the West Coast Trail that benefits members of the three First Nations, and to assist in business and economic development initiatives.

The Quu'as symbol titled "A Strong Current", by George C. John Jr., shows the Eagle, Killer Whale and Wolf; all common to Pacheenaht, Ditidaht and Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

By combining individual and collective skills, knowledge and values, the Pacheenaht, Ditidaht, and Huu-ay-aht peoples offer a wide spectrum of recreational opportunities and support services under Quu'as.

Future Quu'as endeavors will focus on cultural and eco-tourism opportunities, accommodations, transportation, attractions, guiding services and other pursuits related to the West Coast Trail and adjacent areas of Vancouver Island.

If you would like to find out more about employment, business or other information about Quu'as West Coast Trail Group, call Wally Samuel at (250) 723-4393.

Trail Visas force Government to Treaty Table

Bamfield – A decision to issue visas and collect voluntary fees from hikers crossing lands owned by the Huu-ay-aht First Nation has prompted Ottawa to commence negotiations with the Nation's leaders.

Huu-ay-aht chief councillor Robert Dennis says he is pleased with Ottawa's decision to convene talks.

Dennis welcomes Parks Canada's proposal to broaden discussions to include a comprehensive plan that addresses cultural tourism potential in Huu-ay-aht territory.

But Dennis warned that if federal officials fail to make a timely and equitable settlement offer, hikers will be required next spring to pay a mandatory fee or forgo walking one of the world's pre-eminent wilderness trails.

"I'm glad that the assistant deputy minister of parks is willing to meet with us and fulfill the commitments that Jean Chretien made to us more than 20 years ago when Pacific Rim National Park was created," Dennis said.

At that time, Chretien said lands owned by the region's First Nations should not be alienated as a result of the park's creation.

But that is exactly what happened, with ever-increasing numbers of hikers crossing lands owned by the Huu-ay-aht and other west coast First Nations.

Ottawa did reach a settlement with the Ditidaht First Nation to the south of the Huu-ay-aht, agreeing to pay the Ditidaht more than $11 million for foregone revenues (the Ditidaht could have logged the trees on reserve lands crossed by the trail), and in recognition of the previous trespasses on their lands. The federal government continues to pay the Ditidaht $25,000 each year as compensation for the ongoing use of their lands. After waiting more than 20 years for the federal government to make a similar offer to them, Huu-ay-aht leaders decided this summer to issue visas and ask hikers to make a voluntary payment in recognition that they were crossing Huu-ay-aht lands. Many hikers readily agreed to pay the fees.

"If the latest negotiations fail to succeed," Dennis says, "I'm prepared as chief councillor to implement a mandatory fee to all hikers the first day of hiking season next year. It is really vital that we conclude negotiations over the fall and winter months."

"Everyone wants to preserve this jewel in the crown of Parks Canada's system. We want hikers to have continued access to this beautiful trail," Dennis says. "But these lands are ours. In creating a park and running a trail through our lands, the federal government has, in effect, forced us off lands that we own. It's up to Parks Canada and the federal government to do the right thing and compensate us fairly. The ball is in its court. Any future inconvenience to hikers will be a result of Ottawa's unwillingness to negotiate a fair and equitable settlement."

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Hikers relax at Tsusiaht Falls

Negotiations continue over West Coast Trail

The Huu-ay-aht First Nations Visa program on the West Coast Trail will continue on a voluntary basis unless compensation issues are resolved before the May 1, 1999 resumption of hiking says Chief Robert Dennis.

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation implemented the Visa program last July, asking hikers on the world famous trail to pay an additional $20.

Unless issues around compensation for timber values and current / future access, and infringement upon Aboriginal title are settled, the Visa system could become mandatory.

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation implemented the Visa program last July, asking hikers on the world famous trail to pay an additional $20.

Currently, hikers who don't pay the fee are allowed to continue, but according to Dennis, if negotiations fail to resolve the issue before the beginning of the next hiking season, hikers who refuse to pay will not be allowed to continue along the trail.

The Government of Canada settled with neighboring Ditidaht First Nation for more than $11 million, plus $25,000 per year for the use of the land.

If negotiations fail to resolve the issue before the beginning of the next hiking season, hikers who refuse to pay will not be allowed to continue along the trail.

Talks resume October 8th.

Forest Renewal B.C. slashes budget

By *David Wiwchar*

With many B.C. logging operations shutting down, the Asian economic crisis, and the reduction of stumpage fees, Forest Renewal B.C. (FRBC) has been forced to slash its budget, shelving many research and employment programs.

Since most of FRBC's budget comes from stumpage fees collected by government, the government and industry sponsored organization was forced to go back to its original mandate, and pull out of many employment and training programs it has developed over the last 5 years.

"We never planned to become a social safety net for forestry workers," said FRBC Director Donald Hayes.

"We're not all that optimistic that we're going to see a turn-around in the forest industry anytime soon, so we have to cut our suit to suit our cloth."

FRBC's annual operating budget of $400 million has been cut to less that $300 million, but CEO Lee Doney vows that projects such as Watershed Restoration and sustainable harvest programs will remain a priority.

"We have to decide what businesses we'll stay in, and which ones we have to get out of," said Doney. "The forest economy has tanked, but with the cutbacks we won't be able to continue the forest worker transition programs."

Originally formed to help people displaced by the provincial government's Forest Practices Code and subsequent land-use decisions, FRBC has recently taken on helping out thousands of B.C. forest workers losing jobs because of worldwide economic problems.

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Material taught will be Nuu-chah-nulth and it will train community members for long term employment positions." said Lalonde.

Day 3 began with N.T.C. Executive Director Norman Taylor giving a report on behalf of Jack Cook on the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Board. It was relayed that the first half of the year got off to a good start with the approval of 38 applications / proposals. The approval of these projects has created 222 employment and training positions.

Training includes Adult Basic Education, Computer Accounting, Management Skills and Client Services. Examples of program activities include Construction, Sawmill Work and Playground Development.

It was noted that HRDC has indicated that there will be additional program funds available for those communities affected by the change in the fishing industry. The information on program funds and criteria are not yet available but will be available in the beginning of October.

Al Little gave a presentation on the happenings in the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation. Little stated that as August 31, 1998 the NEDC's total portfolio is comprised of 103 loans totaling over $4.5 million. It was also mentioned that there was over $6.1 million in funding available to lend.

Between April and August a total of 20 loans were secured with a total of $611,000. The majority of the loans that were established were tourism and retail/service related businesses.

Little mentioned that the Board of Directors of NEDC held a special two-day meeting to discuss loans given to commercial fisheries ventures. They also discussed how they could assist Nuu-chah-nulth commercial fishermen.

NEDC committed funds to assist in the cost of conducting a Sockeye test fishery and supported a proposal for developing a salmon license banks concept, and funding to conduct a study on identifying under utilized commercially harvestable fish or shellfish species.

Mr. Little made people aware that the NEDC received an additional $440,000 from the Western Economic Diversification for the Fisheries Legacy Fund. The fisheries loan fund is available to provide term loans for any commercial fishing related venture.

Little also touched on the First Nation & Inuit Youth Business program which provides micro loans, youth business training and seed capital to person between the ages of 19 and 30 years of age who are interested in establishing a business. The NEDC will receive up to $100,000 for the 98/99 fiscal year.

A brief update on the NEDC's new office building was also reviewed. This new building would most likely be situated Tseshaht lands and would see the Tseshaht tribe construct the building to lock up stage.

The construction cost of the building would be approximately $350,000. NEDC would contribute $50,000 while Western Economic Diversification would contribute $100,000. The balance of the amount would be self-financed by NEDC in the form of a ten year commercial term loan.

Norman Taylor; Executive Director outlined a report that was submitted by Alec Hawke; Tlu-piich Games Coordinator. Mr. Hawke submitted a lengthy report outlining what went well at the games and areas of concern to be considered for next year.

Although discussion was held to a minimal there were some serious concerns from the floor in regards to the Games. Most of the concerns revolved around the scheduling of the games. Due to the scheduling this year a lot of the kids events were poorly attended. These issues would be forwarded to the next coordinator to review.

There was also grave concern about the safety of children attending the Games. During the last few years the number of assaults on teens has risen. The feeling from the floor is that the Games have to focus on SPORTSMANSHIP and ATHLETICS. That most serious athletes are retired early and not out to all hours of the morning. Again all the concerns regarding the Games will be forwarded to the next coordinator.

Willie Sam approached the table and asked for a donation for Tsow-Tun-Le-Lum's 10th Anniversary. The table agreed to send a donation from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in the amount of $1000.

As the meeting commenced lunch was served. As it was served most Nations thanked the Mowachaht / Muchalaht for their hospitality and that stated that they were treated like royalty. A big KLECO went out to the cooks and servers who did a wonderful job!

Meeting Adjourned!

PHOTOGRAGHS WANTED

Thomas Martin of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations is searching for any photograghs of his late father, Peter Martin.

He asks that anyone with photographs of Peter Martin Sr. please contact him at 250-725-2949. He is willing to pay for reproduction costs.

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"A group of women meet on a monthly basis to offer support for mothers whose children have died recently or need to discuss unresolved grief."

Tseshaht Treaty Office Opens

By *David Wiwchar*

With a few short speeches, and tables full of food, the new Tseshaht Treaty Office was officially opened.

Located behind the N.T.C. office building, in the former Caldwell Hall building of the Alberni Indian Residential School, the Tseshaht Treaty Office will soon be renamed to recognize the buildings new positive identity.

"We're trying to re-identify this place," said Tseshaht Treaty manager Darrell Ross. "Through a lot of hard work, perseverance and guidance, we've finally finished a big project."

As mentioned in the last issue of *Ha-Shilth-Sa*, the centerpiece of the project is a large table in the boardroom carved and painted by Wilfred Robinson.

The story painted on the table is the origin of the Tseshaht People. A poster hung beside the table reads as follows:

Lisa Robinson cuts the cake celebrating the opening of the Tseshaht Treaty Office, while a young girl waits patiently for her icing-covered dessert

Creation of c̓išaaʔath (Tseshaht)

One of the two table drawings painted by Tseshaht Artist Wilfred Robinson in August 1998 (table nearest to the main door entrance) depicts one of a number of slightly different versions of the creation story of c̓išaaʔath (Tseshaht) were created at t̓sišaa located in the Broken Group Islands called Benson Island (formally called Hawkins Island).

This version as told by Tom Sayaachapis in 1922. Recorded by Alex Thomas and published 1955 in Edward Sapir's "Native Accounts of Nootka Ethnography". č̓ičuuʔath which means 'cut person' is offered here as a derivation of c̓išaaʔath (Tseshaht).

We the c̓išaaʔath (Tseshaht) learned things from the haw'il?inas (Day chief), who created us at Hawkins Island. A woman was awakened to see two people. An old man and a shaman with bars painted across his eyes. The old chief stood on a wide board at the rear of a house and cut at the front of his thighs. The shaman scraped up the blood into his hand and blew into it and the blood turned into a boy. Both girl and boy grew rapidly. "You shall be named day down" (na'siyaṇato?) they told the boy and "You shall be known as Sky Day" (n'asayilim), they told the woman. Day Down (n'asayilim) was given a war club with blood along the edge and was told to keep it on the beach and your tribe will never die. The Tribe for a while was called c'ičuu?ath originating from that to be called c̓išaaʔath (Tseshaht).

The chief made a river that turned into a channel at the mouth at Effingham Island (huum'uuw'a) from the river formed a lake. They showed them what food to eat and what not to eat. Showed them the whaling harpoon. The two quarelled angering the shaman who scattered the river and channel everywhere. This is why the islands are like this now. What had been a lake went into the ground, which is why "water on the wall" never dries up because they say there is a lake inside Hawkins Island.

Introducing N.T.C. Northern Region Prevention Worker

By *Wayne Lord*

Derek Thompson has been working for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Northern Region Office since June 1, 1998 as a Prevention Worker which is part of the Community Human Services.

Derek is 30 years old and is a member of the Ditidaht First Nation.

Married to wife Cheryl who is a Cree Metis from Saskatchewan, they have three children; Stephanie (8), Sarah (4) and Chazz (1). Derek and his family reside in the village of Gold River.

Derek's role as a prevention worker encompasses many important issues such as suicide prevention, family violence, residential school and alcohol & drugs.

The key he says is just that "PREVENTION". Derek will set up workshops to address issues that pertain to your community.

These issues are dealt with in a community based approach and in a workshop type environment.

Derek believes in Networking. If he is unable to assist you in a matter he will to the best of his ability try and find a resource person that can help.

Derek has had the opportunity to visit most of the Northern Regions but did so during the slow summer months when not many people were in and around the community.

Derek hopes to be in all the communities as much as possible on a regular basis.

He want to make it clear that although he travels on an invitation type basis he is active and ready to assist your Nation when called upon.

Derek can be reached at 283-2012.

Prevention Worker Derek Thompson

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Announcement of Engagement

It gives us great pleasure to announce the engagement of our daughter Janice Watts, daughter of Gail Gus and John H. Watts, to Eddy Johnson Jr., son of Eddy Johnson of Huu-ay-aht and Donna Shaw of Ditidaht. Love from Mom and Dad. We look forward to your wedding day coming up in year 2001.

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Potlatch Postponed

John Charlie, Angus Campbell, Joe Campbell and Bella Campbell put an invitation in the last issue of Ha-Shilth-Sa inviting everyone to a Memorial Potlatch for the Late Josephine Charlie (Campbell).

We, as a family, have decided to postpone this event until further notice. We will inform everyone of the new date.

Choo, thank you.

From John Charlie, Angus Campbell, Joe Campbell and Bella Campbell.

NCN Dance Group Invited to Japan Whaling Festival

On November 10 - 17, 1998 a Nuu-chah-nulth dance group will be traveling to Japan to perform at the Japan whaling festival in Tokyo.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the NCN Ha'wiih and the NTC for their contribution help with airfare.

We are now fund raising to ensure that we have enough money for food.

We respectfully request and would graciously except any donations that anyone would be willing to give towards our trip.

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Jack Little says Kleco, Kleco

Jack Little of Ahousaht has been employed by the NTC for the past 81/2 years as the Land Question Researcher.

At a recent Treaty Preparation Meeting, delegates decided to terminate the two Land Question Researcher positions.

The termination will take effect in late October.

Jack would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the highlights of his employment and to thank some special people.

"First of all, I would like to thank the NTC for hiring me. I started on May 1, 1990. My role, initially, was to research and document the land question, which is a very broad statement," says Little.

He explained that the land question means land that is at stake, lands improperly taken away from Aboriginal people, specifically, Nuu-chah-nulth people. "This is what the treaty process is all about, we did not sign land away nor were we conquered in war."

Little says that most of his work involved research and documentation. His files are available at the NTC for the relevant Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations to access.

He has also conducted workshops in communities and has assisted them in any way he could.

Some of the highlights that Jack was involved with and would like to acknowledge include:

- Wahnahjuss/Hilth-hoois (Meares Island) Trial
- Central Region Field trips to New York, Washington, Yakima and Menominee
- Interim Measures Negotiations and celebrations

Jack would like to thank the following people and organizations for their support, assistance and guidance over the years: George Watts, Simon Lucas, Nelson Keitlah, Cliff Atleo, NTC Executive Director and all the NTC employees, all elected Chiefs and Councils both past and present, all Hawiih and the elders, including those that we've lost.

"It has been a tremendous learning experience and I greatly appreciated working for the best organization that I've ever worked for," says Little.

Jack hopes to find employment that will keep him involved in a political role.

Program participants thank supporters

The Westcoast Early Childhood Care and Education Program is preparing local students to work with young children in a variety of settings.

North Island College is delivering the full time program to nine students from the communities of Ahousaht, Opitsaht, Esowista and Ucluelet.

After successfully completing the program and 500 hours of work experience (under the direction of a licensed Early Childhood Educator) student's may apply to the Provincial Childcare Licensing Board to become licensed themselves.

On behalf of the students I would like to thank the communities for their continued support of the students and the program in its entirety.

Susan Gifford,
Program Coordinator

Surprise Dinner for Chief Ambrose Maquinna

On Tuesday, September 29th about 150 guests and community members gathered to pay tribute to Chief Ambrose Maquinna.

Chief Ambrose Maquinna who handed down his Chieftanship to his eldest son Mike was also celebrating his retirement from the political arena.

This surprise dinner was put together by Chief Maquinna's granddaughter Marsha Maquinna.

"I will miss being in the office, being in politics, I all ready miss it but I know things are in good hands with my son Mike who is learning the ropes."

It was Marsha's goal to recognize her Grandfather and the role he has played in politics over the last 20 plus years. After a nice meal Ambrose said a few words.

"It has not been easy for me, but I kept my temper, that is important," said a surprised Ambrose.

"I will miss being in the office, being in politics, I all ready miss it but I know things are in good hands with my son Mike who is learning the ropes," added Chief Maquinna.

Jokingly Chief Maquinna added, " Next week I am off to Disneyland."

All Ambrose's children were in attendance to accompany their father on this special day.

Marsha Maquinna thanked all the people who helped make this dinner possible. Marsha had planned this dinner for some time and was going house to house for help with dinner only days before.

Chief Mike Maquinna stated that his daughter Marsha was worried things would not turn out.

Mike assured his daughter that her Grandfather is widely respected and that people would come just because he was well know throughout the westcoast.

After brief speeches from the family and guests and a picture session there was singing and dancing for entertainment. At this time a beautifully designed cake was served to all.

To Marsha, well done things turned out very well. You should be proud of your organizational skills.

To Chief Ambrose Maquinna, enjoy your retirement. You deserve it. You have accomplished many wonderful things in your career. One of which is the community of Tsaxana.

Far to often leaders are criticized for what ever reason, this is a nice event where we can reflect on accomplishments. Best of Luck in your future!

To Mike Maquinna, as you said you are going through a learning phase that never really ends. You are learning respect. Respect for your position, for people and yourself.

You have many challenges ahead of you! With your openness and your intelligence I believe you can do alot of good as your father has done.

Good Luck!

Edgar Charlie thanks Wedding Party

I take this opportunity to those who gave time, and acknowledge relations for attending my son's great wedding day in Seattle. Way to go son!

What a great day for them. I respectfully convey to both of them the best.

My prayers are that you two will make it a life long commitment with the understanding that there will be ups and downs.

I advise to you both that you are equal and when you encounter your lows, that's the time to become humble and look to your own strengths to deal with your issues.

I cannot going without offering my appreciation to all of you that were present.

I convey this message to my Auntie Vi and Roger Clark and my other Auntie Liz (Olebar) (Ann) It is emotionally difficult for me to share my feelings of how happy I was to see you there.

It meant a lot. It gave me a sense of belonging to someone.

Also, to all my sisters Bernice (Albert), Ann (Gordie), Flo (Charlie) and your families.

I really appreciated your presence.

A special thanks to my only brother Frank and wife Bertha and family thanks for being there.

I must also convey a very special Kleco to my Uncle Sam Johnson, his wife Vi and all their children.

Your gesture of generosity for all the delicious sockeye. It was all eaten and greatly appreciated.

Uncle Sam and Vi, you both mean so much to me. I thank you Sam, for choosing to be with me and my family for "Father's Day".

You're like a real father to me now knowing that you were related to my Dad and also a great friend.

I wish you both the best in the future. Well done my son Daniel.

Your Dad & Mom

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Newlyweds Tamara and Bob Fritzsche

Tamara Rampanen and Robert (Bob) Fritzsche were united in marriage on August 1, 1998. Tamara is the only daughter of John and Charlotte Rampanen of Port Alberni, B.C. Bob is the youngest son of Volkhard and Monika Fritzsche of Parksville, B.C.

Tamara and Bob would like to thank her brother James Rampanen for being their Best Man, and her cousin and best friend Rachel Rampanen for being her Matron of Honor. Also, thankyou to all their friends and family who joined in their garden side celebration.

CRISIS LINE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The KUU-US CRISIS LINE is looking for both fundraising volunteers and phone line operators. The training for the phone line operators is sixty hours in length. The training will be in-depth and will cover many areas including: Family Violence, Suicide, The grieving process, Mental Health Disorders, Addictions, Child Welfare, as well as many others. After you have completed three hundred hours of phone line work, a certificate in Crisis Intervention will be awarded.

The KUU-US CRISIS LINE is a confidential twenty-four hour service which problem solves with its callers and gives the appropriate referrals based on the needs of the caller. The Crisis Line operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. For the past 3 years the Crisis Line has serviced a wide geographical area which includes Port Alberni, Bamfield, the West Coast, etc. The Crisis Line is manned by both adult and teen volunteers. The Crisis Line Operates both a **Teen Line** which can be reached at **723-2040** and an **Adult Line** which can be reached at **723-4050**. The Crisis Line also offers a toll free number for long distance callers.

The next class will begin **September 14, 1998** and will run until September 29th. The classes will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00pm – 10:00pm. To book an appointment for an interview or for more information call the **Crisis Line Business Office at 723-2323**, Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm. Ask for Tanya or Kris.

Chief Hanuquii (Edgar Charlie) hits the shore of the Makah Territory to state his support for their rights to go whaling. *(Seattle Times photo)*

Men cutting a whale at Neah Bay.
BC Provincial Museum

James and Pearl Dorward celebrate 25 years together

By *Victoria Dorward*

Saturday July 18th was a beautiful sunny day when my grandparents, Jim & Pearl Dorward renewed their vows to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The ceremony and reception took place at the Italian Hall in Port Alberni. My grandfather is Scottish and proudly wore the traditional kilt, and my grandmother wore a white, elegant summery dress. Father Salmon conducted the ceremony. Karen Adams was the Maid of Honour at this ceremony and in the first wedding ceremony 25 years ago. Jim and Pearl's children and grandchildren were involved in the ceremony: Muhwa was the Flowergirl, Cody was the Ringbearer, Marcel was the Best Man, Justin escorted Karen down the aisle, while Tom and Tammy escorted the bride down the aisle. Terry wasn't left at home this time, and sang Tommy Marshall's love song with Larry Thomas and Neil Keitlah when the bride entered the hall. After the ceremony, bagpipe music was played when the couple left the hall. The reception and entertainment was also at the Italian Hall.

My husband and I would like to express our appreciation by offering the following thanks to all the people who helped to make this a special day. Thank you to Father Salmon for conducting the beautiful ceremony, and to the opening singers - Larry Thomas, Neil Keitlah, and Terry Dorward. A special thank you to my sister Charlotte Rampanen, who was the M.C. and gave a beautiful speech. Thank you to Sandy Panton, who played the Scottish bagpipes and her daughter Rene, who performed with Highland dancing.

Many thanks go out to the Cooks, Maryann Fred, Mena Fred and helpers. Also, thanks to the other cooks: Jessie Joseph and Thelma Webster - who made the bread, Ina Thomas - made the cakes, and Karen Adams - made the pies. Also, thanks to Ina Thomas for obtaining the music system. And Thank you to all the family for helping with the beautiful decorating of the hall.

At the reception, guests were able to declare their happiness of this occasion and participated in the entertainment. Thank you for the wonderful entertainment provided by the following: Uncle Henry Marshall & family, Uncle Tony Marshall & family, with Margaret Eaton, who sang our late Grandpa Tommy Marshall's love song; and Doreen Sam, who sang a beautiful song and to Letitia & Damon Rampanen who sang an Indian song. Thank you to Terry and Justin Dorward, John Rampanen, Matt Seitcher, Irvin Frank Jr., and Fred Adams for performing the "Chicken Dance". Also, Thanks to Kathy Barker & Letitia Rampanen for the wonderful "Fancy Dance". Thank you to the "Spice Girls" dance performed by Kara-Anna Adams, Muhwa Dorward, Letitia Rampanen and June Seitcher. Also, thanks to Joanne Webster, Muhwa & Jordon Dorward, who each sang the "I love you" song.

We would also like to thank the people who helped make the gifts that were given away at the reception: Tom Spetter and Terry Dorward for the beautiful prints; George Barker who made the Dream Catchers; Ina and Delores for making pillows.

Pearl and Jim Dorward

Thank you to Dave and Bob Dorward, who photographed and videotaped the ceremony. We also appreciate the help at the house provided by Sue and Hugh Dorward. Furthermore, we would like to thank Jim's family, who all traveled very far to be with us. As well, thank you to my great nephew Webster Thompson,
who traveled up from Washington, U.S.

We also would like to thank our children, Tom & Samantha, Tammy & Jason, Marcel & Kristie, Terry, and Justin and our grandchildren for hosting our 25th anniversary.

Finally, we would like to thank all the people who came to witness our renewal and to celebrate with us. Also, I would like to thank my best friend, Kathy Little who made the effort to drop by the Hall, even though she was having a family reunion at the same time. We appreciate all the speeches made, and we would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards and gifts. we will always have fond memories of this special day and will treasure it in our hearts always. Thank you all very much.

Pearl and Jim Dorward

Jim Dorward, Jim's father Al, Pearl Dorward, and grandchildren Victoria, Toni, Muhwa, and Cody

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Northern Co-chair Election Candidates

The first instalment of interviews with candidates for the position of N.T.C. Northern Co-chair.

Nominated Candidates: Louise Amos - Ehattesaht - (accepted); Lillian Howard - Mowachaht / Muchalaht - (accepted); Jerry Jack - Mowachaht / Muchalaht - (declined); Archie Little - Nuchatlaht - (accepted)

An Interview with Northern Region Co-Chair Candidate Louise Amos

Background Information:
Born on: July 4 in Cee Pee Cee
Education: 3 years towards Bachelor in Education
Employment:
Treaty Liaison / Technician Contract Worker for Ehattesaht First Nation
Hi shin kwas - Nuu-Chah-Nulth delegate at the Treaty Planning Sessions (Rep for Victoria Nuu-Chah-Nulth)

1) Why did you choose to accept your nomination for the Northern Region Co-chair position?

I chose to accept the nomination because there is a need for our Northern Region to be represented at the Regional, Nuu-Chah-Nulth and International levels as directed by our Ha'wiiah and Muschuum.

2) What do you feel are some of the challenges Nuu-Chah-Nulth peopleface in the Northern Region?

Some challenges include recovery from the disease of alcoholism from the individual, family, community and tribal level. Post secondary education and employment are issues that need to be addressed in a proactive manner. Northern Region Nuu-Chah-Nulth need to get more involved at each level of identified issues.

3) What do you feel are some of your strengths that will help you overcome this challenges?

I have personally been on a healing journey for 19 years. I am aware of various resources that assist in the recovery process. I have academic training and good communication skills. I am articulate and willing to network and access resources.

4) If elected what do you feel are some of your priorities?

Whether I am elected to the Northern Region Co-Chair or not, I feel some of the priorities will be to active participation of all Northern Region Ha-wiih and muschuum, Chief in Council and administration of all Nuu-Chah-Nulth First Nations in the Northern Region.

A priority will be physical presence in each of our communities and to ensure communications with those living away from home. With respective First Nations the LEA, community development and stability and economic development need to be addressed.

5) With every decreasing education dollars how would you go about bringing in more post secondary monies to enable our members to further their education?

I would ensure that the communities have the data of all published funds, bursaries and awards from corporation. I would encourage family participation in the education process and promote community fundraising events and community based businesses for contributions. I would initiate corporate solicitation of funds. I would write to the MLA: I.E. access funds (taxes) that go to Ottawa from B.C. and are not re-invested in B.C.

6) Your thoughts on the treaty process and where it is going in the next year or so?

I strongly feel that there is a prevailing apathetic attitude at community levels and there is a need for more active participation. The Treaty process has various smaller working tables and at times it seems that there is a lack of cohesiveness.

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth accommodates the First Nations and B.C. and Canada, calendars; sometimes seemingly to Nuu-Chah-Nulth disadvantage. I.M.A.'s in forestry and fisheries are slow progress.

Land Selection process (options) by Nuu-Chah-Nulth First Nations with the 2 governments has changed yet another time. B.C. and Canada need to come with a full mandate to negotiate in the land selection process.

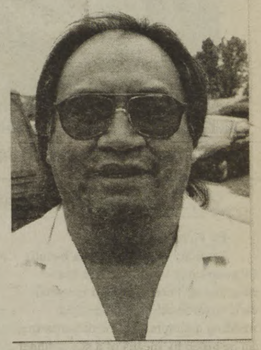
I feel that it will take more than 1 year to complete the Agreement In Principal, as the land selection unless Nuu-Chah-Nulth as a whole fast tracks this; and without losing lands and resources will take time. We must not fall to pressure to settle in a B.C. or Canada schedule.

7) Over the past year, in our Northern Region, both the fisheries and forestry sector have had a bad year, what do see as an Northern Region economic development strategy?

I see that ecotourism in cooperation within the Tri-community setting could be one avenue for economic development strategy for the Northern Region. Development of shellfish farms could be an avenue to an international market. Continual community involvement lobbying our interests to the political powers that be.

Louise Amos interview, continued on page 16.

An Interview with Northern Region Co-Chair Candidate Archie Little



Background Information
Born on: January 7, 1949
Place: Ceepeecee; B.C.
Education:
Christie Residential School (Gr. 1-8)
Mission School (Grade 9-12)
Graduated in 1969
Employment:
Gold River Pulp Mill
Fishermen most of his life.
Nuchatlaht Fisheries
Treaty Manager for Nuchatlaht First Nations
Currently Acting Interim Northern Co-Chair

1) Why did you choose to accept your nomination for the Northern Region Co-chair position?

We need to move forward in our communities and in the treaty process. We have to encourage the young people to move with us through eduaction and involvement in the treaty process. I would like to see good leadership both at the community and political level. I believe we have to make Nuu-Chah-Nulth one, no matter where we live everyone is important.

2) What do you feel are some of the challenges Nuu-Chah-Nulth peopleface in the Northern Region?

Mostly communication. There is a lack of communication but we are working on it now, we are trying to improve it. We need to have a strong collective voice. Small First Nations have the same concerns as some of the larger First Nations. Isolation is also a challenge, we need to look after ourselves and be strong.

3) What do you feel are some of your strengths that will help you overcome this challenges?

We have a tech team who's mandate is to put the best papers, documents and information forward for the north. We are very outspoken at the treaty table. At one time we were ahead in the treaty process, we want to accomplish that again. My personal strengths stem from support. It makes me strong and makes me feel I am doing a good job. Ha-wiih have told me I am doing a good job and we are the right thing. And that they are just glad to see me around their communities. The people also say the same thing. One other strength I have is being a good listener. Listening to the Northern issues and trying to do something about it. We are currently negotiating our Local Education Agreement and that is a big agenda item. We want to better the communication between home and the school.

4) If elected what do you feel are some of your priorities?

I believe that relies on the individual communities where they see me and where I hear them. Where I can hear their problems. I would like to be in their communities. I am not in Vancouver, I am not in Ottawa - I represent the Northern Region that is where I belong in that region. The number one priority is getting direction from the Ha-wiih. If I do not listen to them I am following my own agenda and nothing is going to change.

5) With every decreasing education dollars how would you go about bringing in more post secondary monies to enable our members to further their education?

I think we in the north, where the smaller population are, is that prior to budget meeting we really have to strategize. We can not go to budget meeting with our own personal agenda items. We have to be collective. If we strategize we can figure out what is really needed. We have to be strong and act as one because four votes is better than on vote.

6) Your thoughts on the treaty process and where it is going in the next year or so?

Up here in the North with our team we have a new commitment and that is to get information on what is going on. After our meetings one of our team members is responsible to get that information out so people will have an understanding of what is going on at the main table. We want people to be part of the process and have knowledge. I always felt that our people aren't newspaper readers so we have to figure out on how to get information across to them.

7) Over the past year, in our Northern Region, both the fisheries and forestry sector have had a bad year, what do see as an Northern Region economic development strategy?

The main fishing activities are toast. Forestry has taken a beating. The Nuu-Chah-Nulth have to look at value added mills. That is a big ticket. If we don't move on it we will miss out. We can't

Archie Little interview, continued on page 16.

Nuu-chah-nulth Nursing Program

Nuu-chah-nulth People and Community Health Nurses Working Together to Make a Difference

What Is The Blood Spot Test?

EEK..... Do I really want to know this?..... Read on.

There is a simple test for diabetes that can be given by means of a small finger prick.

It's a good idea to find out early on if you have this disease before it does damage to your body.

Then you and your doctor and family can work with you to do something about it to help you live a longer more comfortable life.

The same thing is now true with HIV, the disease that leads to the development of AIDS, if not treated early enough.

The human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) attacks certain white blood cells that protect us against infections.

These can be not just any infections, but can be ones that are life threatening or perhaps can cause a lot of suffering.

If the HIV virus is found early enough, with proper treatment, it is, at this time almost thought to be a chronic disease.

People with HIV now are on at least three medicines which help them to get on with their lives.

Because of medical advancements, there is now hope for people testing HIV positive.

One woman who has been on medication for a long time told me, "I don't think about it any more, I just have to remember to take my pills, eat well, get enough exercise, fresh air, and of course lots of support from my family helps."

Another person told me that having HIV has made her thankful for each and every day.

She knows that with her treatment she can look forward to many tomorrows.

It has made her look at her life and be thankful to the Creator for her life and also her family's.

What about this blood spot test then? Your NTC nurses and some CHRs will be trained the first week in November to do this test. It is similar to the test for diabetes.

A tiny needle is inserted into your finger and the drop of blood is then put onto a piece of blotting material and sent to Vancouver.

It takes up to two weeks for the results to come back.

There is a window period with HIV though.

That means that whoever you have had sexual reactions with or shared needles with up until six months ago can affect the test results.

But if you are worried about anyone in the past six months, you will have to be tested again.

One person I know with HIV has had only one sexual partner, yet found out recently they are positive.

This person is very afraid of spreading the disease to other people, yet I have assured this person there is no way since they have not been sharing needles or having sex with anyone else.

Yet this person can get another strain of HIV from their partner if that person is still sharing needles or having other sexual partners. (Usually in these situations there are alcohol and drugs involved).

The new treatments for HIV have put a new face on the disease. Research centers are also working on a vaccine. There are new medicines coming out regularly. There is hope for people testing positive.

Partners who are both negative for HIV do not ever have to worry about this disease if they do not share needles, and do not have sex with anyone else.

If you are worried about your HIV status or have any questions about HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases call Penny Cowan 724-1281.

Gold River Foursquare Bible Camp

By *Philip LaViolette*

Friends from the First Nation of Tsaxana invited us to help organize an outing for their children. We were honored to have been asked and accepted the invitation. Kleco!

We decided to have a two day Bible Camp at Buttle Lake, a half hour drive from Tsaxana.

In total 40 children attended. If you want to find out how much high-tension stress you can handle just volunteer to help out with next years Camp. Sorry if you are not in the picture. The group photo was taken on the last day.

During the two days we sang songs, we learned about eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ, we prayed, we played games, we went swimming, we did painting and crafts, but as one boy said, " The very most bestest thing we did was when we got towed behind the boat on the tube."

It was an exiting, action-packed two days . We all had tons of fun. At one point I was watching the kids play a catching game with balloons filled with water. All of a sudden I found myself wondering why they were all running towards me. By the time I figured it out it was too late. They soaked me from head to foot.

I will remember everyone of you little rascals for that sneak attack. I also found out who put you up to it! Consider yourselves warned that I'll get you all back next year.

Thanks to the people from Tsaxana for inviting us. We are honored to serve you. Thanks to Lori Wilson for her organizing skills. Thanks to the kids for being so well behaved. The park administration said that if we wanted to do it again, just let them know. One park worker joked, " Yeah, warn us when you are coming so that we can take the day off!"

The Gold River Foursquare Church has a Sunday school program where we learn more about God. We sing, pray, tell stories and do crafts. We would be very happy if you join us at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday in the meeting room at the Aquatic Centre.

Helping Hands Healing Hands

Nuu-Chah-Nulth Community & Human Services Fighting HIV/AIDS

FOR INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS:
Referrals, Counselling, Workshops, Support, HIV/AIDS Related Information, Contact:
HIV EDUCATOR BERNARD CHARLESON at 724-3232
or NTC OUTREACH NURSE at 724-1281

DID YOU KNOW?

There is a new drug being tested in the U.S that only needs to be taken once a day for HIV?

That Doctors regularly test viral load and certain white cell counts (CD4) to see how a person with HIV is doing?

Now they have learned that other white cells (CD8) are important too. When the CD8 cells start to be affected, a person can start to become very ill quite fast, if not treated quickly.

Back to School Dance
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For more information, call Corby George at 670-9558

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Career Opportunities

M'akola Group of Societies

requires a permanent .5 Social Worker to provide services to Aboriginal families living in M'akola Housing units on Vancouver Island. The position starts on October 15, 1998 and the requirements are as follows:

- Degree in social work
- Computer literate in MSOffice an asset
- Must be willing to provide a current criminal records check
- Ability to work as a team player
- Current BC driver's license

The successful candidate will have knowledge of the Island First Nations, have an understanding of issues, both historical and current facing First Nations people. Preference will be given to persons of Aboriginal ancestry. Deadline has been extended to October 9, 1998.

Please submit a hand written cover letter and resume to:
The M'akola Group of Societies
2009 Fernwood Road
VICTORIA BC V8T 2Y8

We appreciate the interest of all applicants, however, only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

CASUAL MATH & ENGLISH TUTORS

We are accepting applications for casual Math & English Tutors.
Successful applicants will work with children, youth and adults.
Qualifications: Grade 12 or equivalent / Post Secondary training in related field. Willing to work flexible hours. Understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal Culture and values. Willing to submit to criminal record check.
Deadline: October 19, 1998 at 12:00 p.m.
Submit resumes to Cindy Stevens, Executive Director, Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 3555 4th Avenue, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 4H3. Fax 723-1877.
Sorry only those selected for interview will be contacted.

RELIEF OUTREACH WORKERS

We are accepting applications for Relief Outreach Workers.
Successful applicants will work w/ at risk youth, adults and families in crisis. **Qualifications:** B.S.W. or minimum Social Service related degree. Communication, interpersonal skills, street smarts, understanding and experience in lifestyles of youth, adults and families in crisis. Understanding and knowledge of ethnic groups and aboriginal peoples culture and values. Ability to work w/ people including those w/ low income, physical/emotional disabilities, limited literacy, or otherwise disadvantaged. Ability to work under pressure, recognize and defuse stressful situations, dealing w/ clients in a sensitive manner. Knowledge of resources available, effective contact w/ agencies, organizations and community in general. Willing to submit to a criminal record check. Posses valid DL and reliable trans. Hours of work 8:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.
Submit resume to Cindy Stevens, Executive Director, Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 3555 4th Avenue, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 4H3. Fax 723-1877.
Deadline: October 19, 1998 at 12:00 p.m.
Sorry only those selected for interview will be contacted.

Regional Fisheries Biologist

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is seeking an experienced Fisheries Biologist who will be challenged to approach fisheries management issues from an integrated, ecosystem perspective, and to assist the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations in achieving their goals of increased participation in fisheries harvest and management, and improved management of fisheries resources and habitat.
The NTC represents the fourteen Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The successful candidate will be responsible for providing fisheries management technical assistance primarily to the First Nations of Clayoquot Sound and northwest Barkley Sound. The position will be based in Tofino or Ucluelet.

Qualifications: Minimum requirements are a B.Sc. in biology or resource management and two years experience in fisheries management; a keen interest in integrated, ecosystem oriented fisheries management; and an appreciation of aboriginal cultures and systems of government. Ideally, candidates should have experience working with First Nations governments and an advanced degree in biology or resource management.
Salary: A starting salary in the range of $42,400 to $48,200 is anticipated, depending on qualifications and experience.

Applications (resume with cover letter) should be sent to:

Dr. Don Hall
Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
P.O. Box 1383
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2

The deadline for applications is Monday, October 26, 1998. Original documents are preferred, but faxed applications will be accepted at (250) 724-2172, and email applications accepted by "gailgus@island.net". Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.

Fish Farms hire NCN Liaison

By *David Wiwchar*

Three Clayoquot Sound salmon farms joined together in hiring Tom Paul for the position of Ahousaht Liaison Officer.
Blue Tornado Enterprises, Pacific Aqua Salmon Farms and the Pacific National Group are hoping the appointment of Tom Paul will smooth relations between Ahousaht and area fish farms.
"This is about the future," said Paul. "I see this position as a means of helping the Ahousaht First Nation and local salmon farmers come together to build trust and develop a working relationship for the benefit of generations to come."
After evicting a fish farm whose license has expired, there have been lasting tensions between Ahousaht and the many fish farms within their traditional territory.
Other west coast fish farms are now following suit, as Creative Salmon of Tofino recently announced the hiring of a Tla-o-qui-aht Liaison Officer for their aquaculture operations.

Louise Amos interview continued from page 14.

8) How can you improve the communication lines between our Northern Region and the central Port Alberni Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council office?

I can do this by actual contact by phone fax and in person between the North and the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council office administration and staff I can physically be in our Northern Region communities and actively commute and communicate in an accountable manner to the people.

9) Others / Acknowledgments to supporters?

I would like to acknowledge the Amos, John, Billy and Smith families of Ehattesaht both in the Ehattesaht territories and those living away from home for their support. I would also like to say Kleco to the Ehattesaht Hawiih and elders.

Archie Little interview, continued from page 14.

8) How can you improve the communication lines between our Northern Region and the central Port Alberni Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council office?

We have to get our message across and heard that we can handle some of the things Port Alberni can do and in some cases even better. We aren't scared. I think we have to open the lines of communications.
I think they are starting to know we are here and that we aren't going to be silent. We are making progress

Lillian Howard was unavailable for an interview before deadline.

The birds they sang at the break of day
Start again. I heard them say.
Don't dwell on what has passed away
Or what is yet to be
We too can welcome each new day with a song
One that comes from our hearts
And is filled with the joy of knowing
That yesterday's troubles are gone
And today is a clean slate on which
We get to write a new chapter

Submitted by Kateri John (Kyuquot).

Announcements

Attention *Ahousaht* Band Members

If you have any events that happen in your life such as marriage, divorce, birth, death, name change and especially "transfers" please notify the Ahousaht Band.
When you submit your documents to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office it is just as important to submit these documents to the Ahousaht Band.
My office hours are Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00: noon.
You can contact Robert Atleo at the Ahousaht Band Office.
Phone (250) 670-9531 or fax (250) 670-9696.

AHOUSAHT TREATY ACCESS NUMBER:
1-877-246-8728 (1-877-AHOUSAT)
TOLL FREE FOR AHOUSAHT TREATY INFORMATION.
This number can also be used for faxing or call 670-9566.

Important Notice To All People of Ditidaht (Nitinaht) Ancestry

The *Ditidaht (Nitinaht) Nation* is in the process of negotiating a Treaty. It is important that all persons of Ditidaht Ancestry identify themselves in order to participate and benefit from the Treaty.
Anyone who is not already a Registered Member of Ditidaht should immediately contact the *Ditidaht Treaty Coordinator* in Nanaimo.
Tel: (250) 755-7824 or toll-free at 1-800-997-3799.

To All Ehattesaht Membership

The Ehattesaht band Office would like you to phone or mail in your current address and phone number in order to keep you updated on any band business or meetings to be held. Thank you. Our address is:

Ehattesaht Band Office
P.O. Box 59
Zeballos, B.C.
V0P 2A0
Phone: (250) 761-4155
Fax: (250) 761-4156

To All Ehattesaht Membership

Hello to you all. I am the Ehattesaht Secretary and the Ehattesaht Membership Clerk. Please get all your new babies registered. If you would like your children registered, I will need your child's large birth certificate, and you will need to sign a consent form that you are requesting your child to be registered under your band number. I hope to be hearing from you. *From* Lorraine John

CRISIS LINE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The KUU-US CRISIS LINE is looking for both fundraising volunteers and phone line operators. The training for the phone line operators is sixty hours in length. The training will be in-depth and will cover many areas including: Family Violence, Suicide, The grieving process, Mental Health Disorders, Addictions, Child Welfare, as well as many others. After you have completed three hundred hours of phone line work, a certificate in Crisis Intervention will be awarded.

The KUU-US CRISIS LINE is a confidential twenty-four hour service which problem solves with its callers and gives the appropriate referrals based on the needs of the caller. The Crisis Line operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. For the past 3 years the Crisis Line has serviced a wide geographical area which includes Port Alberni, Bamfield, the West Coast, etc. The Crisis Line is manned by both adult and teen volunteers. The Crisis Line Operates both a **Teen Line** which can be reached at **723-2040** and an **Adult Line** which can be reached at **723-4050**. The Crisis Line also offers a toll free number for long distance callers.

The next class will begin September 14, 1998 and will run until September 29th. The classes will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:00pm – 10:00pm.

To book an appointment for an interview or for more information call the **Crisis Line Business Office at 723-2323**, Monday-Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm. Ask for Tanya or Kris.

INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA INFORMATION

ALL CERTIFICATES OF INDIAN STATUS, WHICH DO NOT DISPLAY AN EXPIRY DATE, MUST BE RENEWED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2000

It is very important that all registered Indians visit their Band office or the BC Regional Office of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to renew their Certificate of Indian status card if their status card does not contain an expiry date. It should be noted that all previous versions of the status card will only be valid until January 1, 2000.

The purpose of issuing Certificates of Indian Status cards is to verify that the cardholder is a registered Indian. Status cards are only useful if the photographs are current. It has come to our attention that some registered Indians have been denied services because some service providers have questioned whether their status cards are still valid.

To remedy this situation, it has been decided that all status cards issued to individuals under the age of eighteen will have an expiry date of two (2) years and all status cards issued to individuals over the age of eighteen will have an expiry date of five (5) years from the date of issue.

This policy is effective immediately.

It should be noted that the five-year expiry date does not mean that the cardholder ceases to be a registered Indian at the end of the five-year period. It only means that if the cardholder intends to use the status card to obtain certain services and benefits, it must be renewed every five years.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Band office [or the Membership Clerk of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council] or the Indian Registry and Band Lists Program, at (604) 666-2059. You can also visit our office in person at 120-1550 Alberni Street, Vancouver, BC. Our office is open between the hours of 9:OO AM and 4:OO PM, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

ATTENTION HUU-AY-AHT BAND MEMBERS

We need your address.
Please call the Huu-ay-aht Band Office at
1-888-644-4555
or
Huu-ay-aht Treaty Office at
(250) 723-0100

ATTENTION

TO ALL MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT FIRST NATION BAND MEMBERS :
WE ARE ALWAYS UPDATING OUR MAILING LIST AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU ADDRESS!
IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR HAVE NOT UPDATED YOU ADDRESS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE GIVE THE BAND OFFICE A CALL AT (250) 283-2015 TO LEAVE YOUR ADDRESS OR YOU MAY WRITE IT IN TO: **BOX 459 GOLD RIVER, BC V0P 1G0** .
PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE ON TO OTHER BAND MEMBER WHO MAY NOT GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ THIS.

MAILING HA-SHILTH-SA TO NUU-CHAH-NULTH MEMBERS

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Happy Birthday and Congratulations

Happy Birthday Sis!
Happy Birthday to our sister Gloria Ross on Oct. 10! From Annie, Dave & nephews David & Nate & niece Jen Watts.

To All the family Of Pam Wafts, Al Williams & Daughter Rebecca

Through the years
There have been a lot of tears
Yet, we always pull together
And get through the rough times
We always find the bright side
And never let it get us down
We find ways to fight back
We find ways strong
We find humor in the silliest things

We find laughter in all that we do
We are a strong family
Filled with LOVE for one & all
For this I am grateful and
Give thanks to our creator
For allowing me to be part of
Such a wonderful family

Thank you all
For the life we have
Is the best anyone could ask

HAPPY THANKSGIVING,
ALL OUR LOVE FOREVER

To Rebecca Williams

For October 3rd, 1998

One day alone,
The next day there was you
A miracle happened
I found out I was carrying a child

Wow, what a blessing
We couldn't be happier

You are the dream of all dreams
You are the gleam in our eyes
Your are our treasure

Never did I expect to have such
A wonderful gift in life
That gift to us is YOU!

We want you to know
That mom & dad love you
Very Much!

Happy 10th Birthday to our girl "Babs"
Love, Pam & Al

Julia Landry is "40"
Annie and Rosie are next! Lordy! Lordy!

(But Cathy & Charlotte started it!)

I would like to wish my son Patrick A.T. Dick a happy 7th Birthday on Oct. 5th. Hope you have a really good and fun day. Love Mom.

I would like to wish my baby Tristan M.U.B.A. John a happy 2nd birthday on Oct. 2nd. Hope you have a wonderful day. Love Mom.

I would like to wish my honey James Ross a Happy 23rd Birthday on Oct. 17th. Many, many more to come. I love you lots! Love Marie A. Dick.

Happy Birthday to our daughter Gloria Ross on Oct. 10th. Love from your Mom & Dad (Rose & Allan Ross).

Happy 30th Birthday to my love of my life Donald Mickey on Oct. 27th. From your wife.

Happy Birthday Wayne Curley on Oct. 31st. From your cousin Cecilia.

I would like to wish my grandson Patrick Dick a happy 7th Birthday on Oct. 5th. Love you. Love Gramma Marie, Uncle Wayne, Uncle Sonny and Auntie Theresa.

I would like to wish my grandson Tristan John a happy 2nd Birthday on Oct. 2nd. Love you. Love Gramma Marie, uncle Wayne, Uncle Sonny, Auntie Theresa.

Happy 18th Birthday to our granddaughter Jen Watts on Oct. 8th and Happy 23rd Birthday to our grandson Jim Ross on Oct. 17th. Love from your grandparents Allan & Rose Ross.

I would like to wish my nephew Patrick a happy 7th Birthday on Oct. 5. From Auntie Jeannine, Richard, Cassandra and Brandy.

I would like to wish my nephew Tristan a happy 2nd birthday on Oct. 2nd. From Auntie Jeannine, Richard, Cassandra and Brandy.

Happy Birthday to my niece (cousin) Jennifer Watts on October 8th. To my sis (Auntie) Gloria Ross on October 10th. To my nephew James (Jimbo) Ross on October 17th. Love from (Auntie) sis Gina and (Uncle) Cyril Livingstone, cousins (nieces and nephews) Carrie, Sherry, Melanie, Tia, Vincent, Carlito and Kristen.

Happy Birthday my Mom Rose Ross on Oct. 30th, my sis Gloria Ross on Oct. 10th, my nephew Jim Ross on Oct. 17th, my niece Jen Watts on Oct. 8th, belated Birthday wishes to Dad Allan Ross Sr. on Sept. 30th and to my favorite sis Annie on Nov. 1st. *Special Happy Birthday to my "sweetie" Luxy Fred on Oct. 2nd.* Love you all! From Lanny.

This is dedicated to my daughters, Jenn and Irene for being so wonderful, caring, loving and respectful to those around you and especially for loving me. This is what raising daughters is about, and the end result is what people notice about our daughters. Love from your Mom.

Daughter Child of Mine

It is time for changes,
Changes in your life of learning,
That is a life long process,
Of which you will become a Teacher
From what you are about to learn,
And you will have been a part
Of reserving our culture
And been a part of making
History to be told more many moons,
Or as long as the rivers run, and the
Sun returns, and the oceans shall be
deep Daughter Child of mine,
Soon you will be a Woman Child of
mine, With your head held high, as you
carry Yourself with Honor, Dignity and
Pride, In who you are and who you
will become, Over the years as you
mature, I pray Dearest Child of Mine
that only, Good things will come to
you, In this what can be a cruel world
sometimes, And that the Spirits of all
your Auntie's, Who have guided and
supported you Through this change in
your life Will always be by your side
and watch over you, So if you fall,
their voices will come back to you,
To help you back on your feet.
Daughter Child of mine,
You are so fortunate to have led,
A happy healthy child life,
With so many Aunts and Grand Aunts,
Who have given so generously,
With love in their hearts in helping,
Me to raise you to be the wonderful
Young Lady you have become,
Proving you have been taught well,
Of Life Skills, Sharing Sadness,
Knowing that it's ok to shed tears,
Embrace in friendship, Hold a hand,
Try to understand, and Most
Important,To give Love and receive it
back. The world is a lucky place to
have you in it.

For a Special Mother Mar Webster

Mom, I Love You
You are always here
For me,
I want to say a Special Thank You!
For your loving, support, encouragement, patience, warmth, care and most of all your time you took out to make those delicious meals, while I was at my first "Core Training Module.
Thanks Mom!

Love your daughter Gena Swan

A special Happy Birthday to Coburn Webster on Oct. 6, Lil Webster on Oct. 18, Bonnie Frank of Oct. 20, Jenna Webster on Oct. 24, Gary Swan on Oct. 22, Edward Lucas on Oct. 25, Kim Frank on Oct. 28, Charity Mack on Oct. 31. From Larry, Gena, Eugene, Warren, Kellie & Christian.

Way to go Larry! Congratulations to my husband Larry Swan for completing Choices, Givers I and Givers II on Oct. 4th. I love you Larry. Love your wife Gena Swan.

Congratulations to the proud parents "Charles & Julia Joseph" On the birth of Charles Nelson Joseph Jr.
Born September 13, 1998 @ 2:34 am

Lots of love
Molly & Christopher

Winston James Curley Jr. who turned 4 on Oct. 9th. Happy Birthday Son! We love you lots, from Mom Julia and Dad Winston and bro. & sisters.

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A heart dances in the night
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Love lingers throughout the air
Never thinking about despair

Two hearts in love, play as one
Like the children, having fun
Nothing matters, except they're together
And the love, will last forever

But, love can change, like any season
Two hearts at war, charging the other with treason
Now a soul is haunted, from a past love
You're no longer floating, in the clouds above

Not even a touch, will send a shiver down your spine
Because your heart, was never mine
Now the days are long, and the nights are lonely
As your heart, cries for it's only

Now you must be strong, as love turns to stone
With a broken heart, that's all alone
When you close your eyes, you can hear her call
But life moves on, like summer to fall

Willard Gallic Jr.

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LOST

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NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Director of Vital Statistics for a change of name, pursuant to the provisions of the "Name Act" by me: Marlene Gloria Dick, #290 Anacla Reserve, General Delivery, Bamfield, B.C., V0R 1B0. To change my name from Surname – Dick, Given names - Marlene Gloria to surname – Clappis, given names: Molly Gloria. Dated this 5th day of October 1998.

LOST: Black Adidas pack sack at the NTC Games. Phone Rueben Thomas or Lorena Frank at 725-2715.

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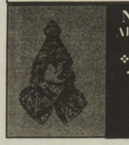

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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS

NEDC sponsors "First Host" training

Now that Tourist Season is over, it's time once again to look at staff Development.

NEDC Community Futures is pleased to be able to offer:

FIRSTHOST: A FIRST NATIONS CUSTOMER SERVICE WORKSHOP FOR FRONT-LINE SERVICE - GIVERS

This training program was developed by the Urban Native Indian Education Society, Human Resource Development Canada and the Ministry of Education Skills and Training in co-operation with the Pacific Rim Institute of Tourism and Tourism B.C. to meet the demands of a fast growing First Nations Tourism Industry.

This is a one-of-a-kind experience. The only, one day customer service workshop developed specifically to address the needs of the First Nations business and service communities.

FirstHost is a one-day (8-hour) course, designed to be delivered on site to all First Nations people working with the public.

The cost is $50 per person, with a minimum 13 people per session.

Therefore for a group of less than 13 people the workshop cost is $650.

The curriculum includes first impressions, promoting your community, sharing cultural and historic knowledge, problem solving, communications and much more. It is a very full eight hours.

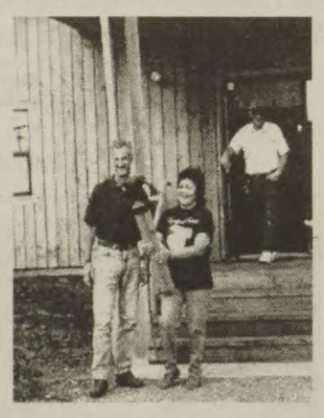
There are eight (8) trained First Host leaders, serving B.C. Katherine Robinson, NEDC Community Futures Co-ordinator is the leader for the North and West Coast of Vancouver Island.

If you require further information, please contact Katherine Robinson at 724-3131.

Kyuquot Celebrates opening of new school

Congratulations to the Kyuquot First Nation on the opening of your new school!

Here, teacher Florence John officially opens the building for the 1998-98 school year.



Taxation Workshop a success

On August 18, 1998, NEDC hosted a workshop to look at the changing face of First Nations taxation and assist Nuu-Chah-Nulth entrepreneurs in decision making.

To discuss and analyze the issues resulting from recent court cases we brought in some of the most knowledgeable people in Western Canada:

- Hugh Braker and Bob Freedman from Braker & Associates
- Bill Maclagan from Blake, Cassels and Graydon
- Peter Ranson from KPMG

For eight hours they talked to the audience of 65 Nuu-chah-nulth and non-Nuu-Chah-Nulth businessmen and women, describing the reality of First Nations taxation today.

It is where you pay for your purchase that dictates whether or not you will pay tax.

Darleen Watts, NEDC chairperson, opened the workshop and welcomed the four presenters and the participants.

Hugh Braker began the workshop by laying the foundation on which First Nations taxation has historically been based – section 87 of the Indian Act.

He also introduced and discussed recent court cases in which Revenue Canada has successfully re-interpreted section 87 to their benefit, narrowing the window for First Nations people.

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Bob Freedman discussed Commodity Taxation, that is; GST, PST, cigarette, gas and Tribal.

He stressed *point of sale* as the deciding factor for purchasing goods and services.

It is where you pay for your purchase that dictates whether or not you will pay tax.

Bill Maclagan discussed business employment and investment incomes and discussed the fact that even though your Bank branch may be on reserve you are not automatically or necessarily tax exempt.

Revenue Canada looks at each case individually and that you need to be aware of the impacts of recent court cases on your situation.

He discussed the potential impact this has for Treaty negotiation trust situations.

Peter Ranson, the only Accountant on the panel discussed non- section 87 (Indian Act) exemptions and their potential for First Nations entrepreneurs.

He also spent time discussing Revenue Canada's narrowing of section 87, which he believes is permanent.

As a panel, they particularly stressed that Revenue Canada looks at each case individually and that you need to be aware of the impacts of recent court cases on your situation.

That last 1 ½ hours were spent working through case studies with Bill Maclagan and Hugh Braker.

This was particularly valuable because it clarified and brought home the information and discussions of the day.

NEDC would like to thank Hugh Braker for recommending the workshop and for all his help in developing and delivering the finished product.

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