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## A.G.M. Opening dedicated to Youth

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

With a huge banner reading "Youth of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow" as a backdrop, a group of young singers and dancers opened the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's 25th Annual General Meeting.

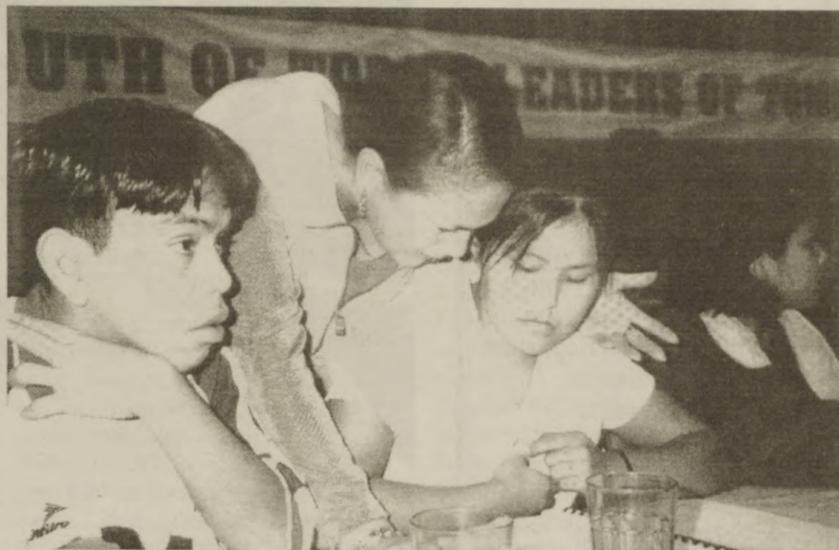
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Young voices filled the air of Maht Mahs Gym as they sang, drummed, and danced to the Nuu-chah-nulth song. An appreciative, standing-room only crowd danced and clapped along with the young people, opening the AGM with positive feelings, and hope for the future.

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Agenda items for the opening day were written by NCN youth, and were dedicated to youth ideas and issues.

Nick Watts, Ashley Watts, Matti Cootes and Reg Sam chaired the youth session, guiding initial introductions of the many youth delegates seated around the table. Hesquiaht youth, Erica Tom, recommended a N.T.C. Youth Council be formed. It was proposed the council would be made up of male and female representatives from each First Nation and a budget be provided to the representatives for travel expenses and honoraria. In a separate motion, urban youth were granted a seat at the proposed NTC Youth Council table.



Vina Robinson lends a helping hand to youth delegates

### YOUTH OF TODAY, LEADERS OF TOMORROW

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Robert Thomas said the opening prayer, and Reg Sam performed the opening chant before honoring families who had suffered a death within the past year.

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## B.C. Legislature welcomes Nisga'a

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

In a day-long celebration of Nisga'a culture and the determination of their leaders, the black, wrought-iron gates of the B.C. Legislature swung open to welcome Dr. Joe Gosnell and more than 200 Nisga'a members who had flown down from the Nass Valley to witness this historic event.

**"This is one of the most historic pieces of legislation to ever come before this chamber," said Clark.**

Inside the Legislative Assembly, Premier Glen Clark introduced Bill 51 - the Nisga'a Final Agreement Act, to the cheers of the N.D.P. government and their guests.

"This is one of the most historic pieces of legislation to ever come before this chamber," said Clark. "It is the culmination of more than 20 years of negotiation, aimed at addressing the injustices that have gone on for far too long."

The public viewing galleries around the

legislative chamber were reserved for Nisga'a members, and a sea of red and black Nisga'a shawls moved anxiously as Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell rose to speak.

"What can I say to show my respect to the Nisga'a and all First Nations," said Campbell, who has campaigned actively against the Treaty process. "Nothing will satisfy the negotiators. I am sorry. Our caucus is sorry. Regardless of how the events of the next few days unfold ... I hope my apology will put my debate in context."

**"It's time today for us to honour our word," said Wilson.**

Pacific Democratic Alliance (PDA) leader Gordon Wilson then rose to counter Campbell's words: "It's time today for us to honour our word," said Wilson. "This is not an agreement of this province. This is not an agreement of this Premier. This is an agreement for the Nisga'a people."

Wilson then turned to Campbell and said: "If not this Nisga'a agreement then what

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- Submitted photographs should include return address, a brief description of subjects and enclose a self-addressed envelope for their return.

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- Editorial space available in the paper
- Editorial deadlines being adhered to by contributors



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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.



Elders Francis Amos and Stanley Sam share in the feelings of togetherness brought out during the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Annual General Meeting.



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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!

David Wiwchar  
Editor / Manager

P.S. Our next issue is the last issue of the year. Make sure you get your Christmas wishes and Happy New Year messages in by December 11th.



The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Office will be closed for Christmas Holidays starting Monday, Dec. 21, 1998 to Friday, Jan. 1, 1999.

We will re-open for regular business on Monday, January 4, 1999.

**N.T.C. Chiefs take hard line against fish farms**

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

N.T.C. Fisheries Program Manager Don Hall came to the table to report on the many fisheries projects throughout Nuu-chah-nulth-aht, and look towards many other programs ready for implementation. It wouldn't be until the next day when Hall could leave the microphone.

Always a hot topic for debate, everything from fish farms to fishing rights were passionately debated.

Citing a number of funding partners (RAMS, FishRBC) Hall said fisheries programs employ many Nuu-chah-nulth people on a contractual basis, and add to the economic base of west coast communities.

Always a hot topic for debate, many fisheries issues were brought forward during the discussion of Hall's report. Everything from fish farms to fishing rights were passionately debated for the remainder of the afternoon.

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Don Hall said that both levels of governments have been intensely lobbied.

During a visit to Ottawa earlier this month (see related story on Page 12), Cliff Atleo reported the Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Oceans was told by NCN delegates: "we want to share your power."

"If we say it's ours, then it is ours and we can use it however we want to," said Larry Baird.

Provincial government has been lobbied to ensure environmental safeguards are in place before lifting the moratorium on fish farms, and guarantee First Nations a veto over the location of salmon farms if the moratorium is lifted.

"We need to put the collective efforts of Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations to get an injunction against fish farms who are polluting our waters," said Cliff Atleo. James Swan Jr., a former fish farm worker, spoke on the environmental damage he saw being committed by salmon farms. "Beneath the net-pen it was disgusting," said James. "There was nothing down there. Nothing could grow."

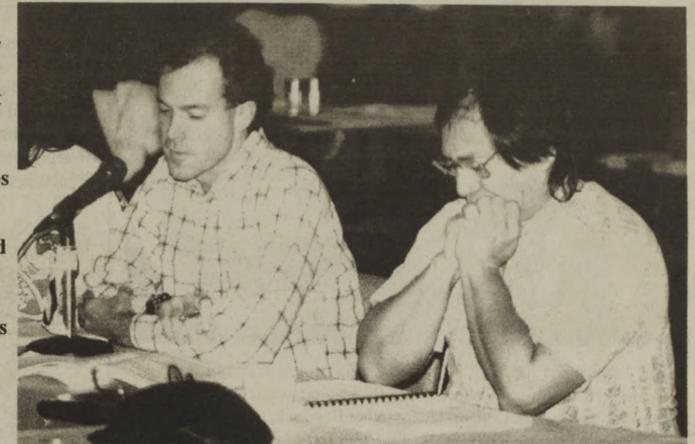
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N.T.C. Fisheries Program Manager Dr. Don Hall (left) presents his report while Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little studies the implications.



The report sparked much debate, and brought forward many new decisions and resolutions.

"What's happened to the fishing industry has affected the women, the children and the grandchildren," said Julia Lucas.

"It's heartbreaking to know my grandchildren will never ever grow up fishing."

Worried about the effect of the buy-back program on Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen and Nuu-chah-nulth culture, Julia urged more women to become involved in fisheries issues and the protection of fishing rights for future generations. "We need to join together to fight the federal government," said Vic Amos. "They are out to do us in, and we've been allowing them to do it."

"We need to develop a strategy," said Darlene Watts. "We are in the midst of turmoil, and we need to pull ourselves out of that turmoil for the benefit of future generations."

Many other issues were discussed including the rehabilitation of watersheds, and a complete mapping of Nuu-chah-nulth Hahoolthee, before the meeting was adjourned.

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Because of the passions stirred by the fisheries discussion and debate, Don Hall was only able to get through half of his report to the table, with the rest of his presentation moved to the opening of day two.

The evening was filled with dinner, dancing and congratulatory messages as Ahousaht hosted a induction ceremony

for Archie Little whose mother was from Ahousaht.

**Day Two**

The morning opened with Don Hall continuing his fisheries department report, thanking all of the N.T.C. staff and Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wihi for their guidance and support.

Hall spoke on improved communications between his department and the media. Citing a number of different fisheries articles in Ha-Shilth-Sa, Hall spoke on the importance of working with the media to ensure accurate information is being reported.

"We're watching the death of our resources around these salmon farms." Cliff Atleo

Cliff Atleo suggested the relationship go one step further, involving N.E.D.C. and the Education Department as well as Ha-Shilth-Sa.

Atleo then continued his points from the previous day, saying that Nuu-chah-

nulth have to unite to fight fish farms in traditional territories. "The pollution that these operations produce is horrific," said Atleo. "We're watching the death of our resources around these salmon farms."

Co-chair Richard Watts said the provincial government is preparing to deal with the moratorium of fish farms, and it is now the time to mobilize Nuu-chah-nulth people to ensure NCN viewpoints are represented. "We need a legal strategy to deal with that," said Watts.

Gerald Robinson from Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, said he has worked in the aquaculture industry since 1987. Admitting fish farmers have made many mistakes, Gerald reported that aquaculture operations are slowly cleaning up their act, and deserve another chance. "I think we should learn how to use it before we throw it away," said Robinson.

Richard Watts spoke on developments of closed containment fish farms, such as

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**Calendar of Upcoming Meetings**

MEETING	DATE	TIME	PLACE
NCN Planning	Dec. 7-8	9:00 am	Vancouver, Friendship Ctr. East Hastings
TSC	Dec. 9-11	9:00 am	Nanaimo
NCN Planning	Dec. 16	9:00 am	Port Alberni, Somass Hall
Land Selection	Dec. 17-18	9:00 am	Port Alberni, Tseshah Cultural Ctr.

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

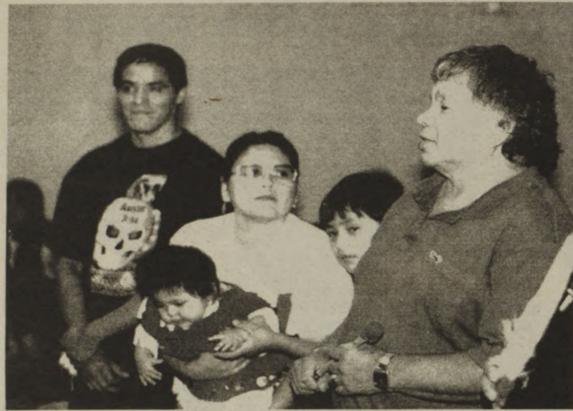
THIS IS THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TREATY NEGOTIATIONS AND OTHER PROGRAMS. WE WILL UPDATE THE INFORMATION FROM TIME TO TIME. HERE IS THE INFORMATION FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

VANCOUVER:

A FULL MEETING OF THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH TREATY PLANNING TABLE WILL BE HELD AT THE VANCOUVER FRIENDSHIP CENTRE ON DECEMBER 7, 8 AND 9, 1998. ALL NUU-CHAH-NULTH ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE THE MEETINGS. WE WILL BE WORKING ON THE CALENDAR FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 1999 SOON. WATCH THIS SPACE!

1999 UPDATE MEETINGS:

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Kelly John (right) speaks at the A'a stumqua (Celebration of Life), welcoming 10 month-old Colleen Jones (Noss-weigh-tzuz) to the world. Named after her aunt Colleen Jack, mother Bev Jack, and father Wayne Jones (left) listen as Kelly speaks for Chief Jerry Jack, grandfather of Colleen Jones, and host of the celebration which attracted more than 150 people to the Tsaxana Gymnasium last weekend.

## Handmade doll given to N.T.C. by Wada, Japan

During the Nuu-chah-nulth whaling dance group trip to Japan we visited a seaside whaling community called Wada. Our visit included a night at a traditional Japanese hotel where we met, among others, 3 beautiful Japanese ladies who prepared a traditional Japanese dinner for us.

At the conclusion of the dinner we presented our hosts with some Nuu-chah-nulth gifts and then went to the town hall to watch some traditional Japanese whaling dances and to perform.

The next morning we were overwhelmed by 4 gifts that these ladies presented to us. These gifts were given to the 3 hereditary whaling chiefs that were on the trip and one to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

They asked that we share the story and history associated with these traditional Japanese dolls.

We promised we would. One Japanese tradition is to give a traditional Japanese doll to the mothers of

newborn babies. The dolls that we received were given to our lady hosts when their babies were born.

These dolls have spent many years greeting visitors in the lobby of the hotel so you can imagine how we felt when we were asked if we would graciously accept these dolls as a gift.

It was explained to us that the children, whom these dolls represented, were all grown up now and because of the close friendship we all experienced in such a short time they felt that it was appropriate that these dolls go home with us.

We promised that we would never forget who these dolls represented, (the children of our hosts), where they came from, (Wada, Japan), and how they came to be with the Nuu-chah-nulth (given to us during the November, 1998 Nuu-chah-nulth whaling dance group trip to Japan).

So there is a great history that comes with these dolls. A history that we promised we would never forget and a gift we will cherish forever.

## Plint applies for parole

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

Convicted pedophile Arthur Henry Plint could be walking the streets in two months if his upcoming parole hearing is successful.

Plint was convicted in 1995 and 1997, of 17 counts of sexual assault and physical assault causing bodily harm, and was sentenced to a minimum of 11 years in prison, but because of a variety of rules, regulations and exceptions in the federal parole act, could begin day parole on January 16, 1999, and full parole on July 16, 1999.

The charges originate from the 1940's, 50's and 60's when Plint was employed as a dormitory supervisor at the Alberni Indian Residential School.

"There are so many things involved in calculating parole hearings and parole eligibility that you have to be a mathematician to figure it out," said Crown Counsel lawyer Myron Claridge.

Allan Early, lawyer for many of the plaintiffs involved in the original criminal trial against Plint, was surprised to learn about the upcoming parole hearing, saying that he wants to discuss the issue with his clients before making any statements.

Early had indicated there were more people ready to testify against Plint, but because he entered a guilty plea, they were unable to add their charges to the list.

"Under what's called the Totality Principle, the court can only take a



Former Alberni Indian Residential School dormitory supervisor, and convicted pedophile Arthur Henry Plint, could be walking the streets by January 16th, 1999 if his parole application is successful. (file photo)

certain number of the same charges," said Residential School plaintiff Melvin Good. "The other charges aren't being recognized, and that's not good for the healing of our people. I think they should still charge him with more."

"Complainants can testify before the parole hearings, but we will not be pursuing further criminal charges unless there are more serious criminal charges brought forward," said Claridge. Now 83-years old, Plint is incarcerated at Mountain Institute; a penitentiary for sexual offenders near Chilliwack.

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:

- The child is covered under the parents medical plan, for only three months; and
- Once the child reaches 1 year of age 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

## Spiritual Cleansing For Treaty Negotiators

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

Ahousaht-NCN Treaty Negotiators gathered at Ahousaht for the November 22/23 session of Treaty Planning Meetings. Ahousaht leaders invited NCN leadership so that they may perform a cleansing ceremony for the leadership. Delegates were invited to the Thunderbird Hall where the ceremony was performed.

Delegates reassembled at the school gymnasium to begin two days of treaty planning. They were greeted by Maqtosiis Elementary students singing and dancing a welcome song. The opening prayer was offered by young Troy Atleo, who said the complete prayer in his own language. Murray John Sr. welcomed the visitors on behalf of Ahousaht Ha'wiih Corbett George and Billy Keitlah.

Ahousaht Chief Negotiator, Cliff Atleo, also welcomed the guests, saying, "We want to express what an honour it is to host the Treaty Planning Session here at home."

Newly elected Northern Region Co-chair, Archie Little, served as Chairman for this session. In his opening remarks he thanked Ahousaht for the cleansing ceremony, "It was a moving experience, Kleco!"

Cliff Atleo opened discussion after the formalities of adopting the agenda. He spoke of the hardships that political representatives are suffering at



Murray John, speaker for Ahousaht Chiefs, welcomes Treaty Planners to Ahousaht

the Summit level. He described some of the health problems that some of the prominent First Nation leaders are suffering. He pointed out how things that the leaders fought so hard for seemed to come almost effortlessly after the Musqueam Nation performed a spiritual ceremony for the leadership.

Atleo said that Ahousaht would like to take the leadership role in attending the Summit with the rest of NCN leadership to perform a similar

ceremony. It was agreed that the ceremony would take place pending time allowance on the Summit agenda.

Tom (Mexsis) Happyhook raised an issue that has been troubling him. Mexsis is the President for the World Council of Whalers (WCW) and has been barraged with media questions. "The trouble is that I can only give the position of WCW and not the NCN position. The media cannot seem to separate one from the other."

Mexsis requested that NCN adopt a position on whaling and that a mutually agreed-upon person be designated as spokesperson to field questions from the media.

Ucluellet Negotiator, Larry Baird Sr., pointed out that it is our right to whale, "it is our right, protected by the Constitution of Canada. It is a right that we choose not to exercise at this time."

After a lengthy discussion on the topic, a NCN whaling position was adopted by motion. The position recognizes our Constitutionally protected right to hunt whales, NCN goals in negotiating the whale hunting issue under Treaty and named the Co-chairs as spokespersons for the NCN on whaling issues.

Hupecasath Negotiator, Judy Sayers, provided the Tripartite Standing Committee report for November 5-6. One of the highlights was BC's position on land selection. Heinz Dyck, BC negotiator, responded to NCN's request for formulae and methodology with respect to land selection with a spreadsheet.

Thirteen NCN Nations are negotiating their treaty collectively, the issue of land selection, however, is being negotiated individually by each First Nation. BC is seeking an 'across-the-board approach' respecting land allocations. Other troubling issues were raised but cannot be published due to agreements made between the principles.

Shawn Atleo of Ahousaht offered a pro-active solution to the problem. Shawn, along with Tawney Lem of Hupecasath will develop a formula based on First Nations' values and objective criteria for use of all NCN nations.

On the issue of Fish and Fisheries, Sayers reported that the issue has been taken off of the TSC table in order to see how the Fisheries Interim Measures Agreement negotiations progress. NCN have been extremely frustrated at the slow pace of the IMA negotiations with respect to fisheries.

Tseshaht member, Darleen Watts, brought up the issue of lost time during treaty planning sessions. She pointed out that over the last few months, four planning days have been lost for one reason or another. She expressed concern for the lack of



Treaty Manager Vic Pearson is presented with a hand-carved canoe from Ahousaht Chiefs.

documents being sent to the TSC for negotiation due to lost time and the need to catch up with the work.

After much discussion it was agreed that the Executive would schedule in the extra required time before March 31, 1999. Richard Lucas reported on behalf of the Lands, Air, Water Mandate Working Group (LAWMG). He said that little work has been accomplished since last report. Part of the problem is that there is little, if any, response from the First Nations when requests for input are sent out. "The other problem appears to be lack of commitment, sometimes we sit here for three hours waiting for other working group members to show up," complained Lucas.

Lucas said that LAWMG is in the process of planning a workshop on the issue of NCN Constitution and needs an indication from each First Nation of how many delegates will be sent. The workshop will be held at the Hesquiaht Treaty Office on December 14-16.

Darrell Ross reported on behalf of the Revenue and Fiscal Mandate Working Group (RFMWG). On the issue of compensation, he noted that there is an element of compensation in almost every substantive issue to be negotiated. The RFMWG recommended negotiating compensation as it comes up in each substantive issue as opposed to negotiating

it as a stand-alone issue. The recommendation was adopted by motion.

The Jurisdiction and Governance Mandate Working Group reported that they have completed a draft document on NCN Governance. Tawney Lem reported that the document is 65 pages long and incorporates the vast input of the elders. Lem added that the Working Group did its best to convert the elders' input into mamulthne text while recognizing the importance of including as many NCN words as possible.

On the lighter side, Treaty Manager, Vic Pearson, was acknowledged for his tireless work for the NTC Treaty. Stanley Sam presented Pearson with a beautifully carved mask on behalf of the Elders Advisory Committee. "I think he must be taking the same medicine as Ben Johnson!" joked Sam.

Ahousaht Hawaii and leaders also presented a miniature canoe to Vic Pearson. The canoe was carved by Ahousaht elder, Sam Mack.

James Swan Jr. provided original paintings to be given away as door prizes at the two day meeting. The lucky winners are Gordon Taylor and Peter Frank.

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### "INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS: THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH EXPERIENCE" BOOK

These books have been re-ordered, and are once again available from our Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services Program Office.

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mended construction of recreation facilities in NCN communities currently lacking such opportunities. They formally agreed, by motion, to put a recommendation to the Chiefs to have facilities built in the communities that would be funded by NTC.

There were several suggestions that workshops be held for the youth. Ideas included workshops that address alcohol and drug addictions, anger management, problem solving, athletics, lifeskills, cultural development, health, abuse, education and peer counseling. Time ran out before the youth could complete their agenda. They requested their next meeting be a full day rather than a half-day.

## The table voted to empower the NCN youth by committing time and money to help form a Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Council.

The table voted to empower the NCN youth, as Judy Sayers moved for the NTC to commit time and money to help in the formation of a Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Council.

The Youth council will initially be coordinated by Reg Sam and Nick Watts, with each First Nation appointing one youth representative and one alternate.

Newly elected Northern Region Co-chair, Archie Little was endorsed by motion by the NTC Chiefs. In his acceptance speech, Little thanked all the people that supported him during the election. Jack Little provided some background on Archie, saying that he is originally from Manosah through his late mother. He congratulated Archie on behalf of his family.

Delegates from the Northern Region, led by Jerry Jack Sr. offered a prayer chant for Archie so that he begin his new role in a positive way.

The next 24 hours of the meeting centred around fisheries issues (see story 3) as Fisheries Program Manager Dr. Don Hall presented his reports which sparked many emotional debates around the table.

Hugh Braker reviewed the latest draft of NCN Constitution from a legal perspective. The Constitution affects all NCN Chiefs and Band Councillors and spells out rules they must abide by

during meetings and other official events. The most recent amendments to the NTC Constitution were outlined in a separate document and adopted by motion. The document must be submitted to the Societies Act office for their approval.

### Day Three

After the singing of the Nuu-chah-nulth song, and prayers from Stanley Sam and Francis Amos, Nelson Keitlah again commended the youth delegates for their strong involvement throughout the Annual General Meeting.

"It was wonderful to see that the youth of today are indeed ready to become the leaders of tomorrow," said Nelson.

Before the meeting was called to order, Simon Lucas introduced a theme that would last through the morning session: diabetes.

Simon, who is diabetic, was forced to change his diet and lifestyle after his diagnosis, and now walks 10 kilometres a day to help stabilize his blood-sugar levels.

CHS Nurses staffed a diabetes clinic throughout the AGM, and people were urged to take the test. A television crew from the CBC show "All My Relations", were also at the AGM, putting together a production on diabetes within First Nations communities; focussing on the diabetes programs offered within Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations.

CHS (Community & Human Services) Board Chairperson Helen Dick, reported on the variety of health programs offered through their offices to NCN communities. Programs dealing with diabetes, disabilities, elder's health concerns, hearing impairment, and many other conditions.

"It's painful to see the lack of things that could be put in place for handicapped people," said Ray Samuel Sr. "This is a great concern."

Larry Baird Sr. spoke about the lack of assistance available for Nuu-chah-nulth people with disabilities. "Many of our people have no choice but to leave their communities because they have to seek special services available only in the larger towns and centers."

"Our communities need to wise up about the reality of disability. Many of our communities are remote and require boat trips, rough roads and are lacking ramps or wheel chair-access bathrooms," said Eileen Charleson. "It's hard for me to go to my community for band meetings



**Eileen Charleson speaks on the continued disabling effects Residential Schools have had in Nuu-chah-nulth territories.**

because of this. Our workers need to be sensitive to the needs of the disabled."

Simon Read spoke on the Residential School project, and the Aboriginal Healing Fund, announcing that application forms will be available on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1998.

Although recent changes to the \$350 million Healing Fund's criteria and guidelines are not available yet, Steve Charleson asked that all information be made available as soon as it's available.

Jerry Jack, a survivor of the Catholic-run Christie Residential School, said it's time Christie survivors come together to seek legal and financial compensation from the people that tormented and abused them as children.

"They should give that land to us in compensation for the abuses we lived through at that school," said Jerry.

"Plus they should make a treatment centre for those of us who suffered at their hands. It's been 40 years since I was there but it still seems like just yesterday. It's something we've had to live with all our lives."

"It's about time the government and the Catholic Church were made to pay for physically and sexually abusing us as children, and for trying to steal our language and culture in the name of

assimilation," said Eileen Charleson. "We need to do something about this so we can heal."

Simon Read spoke on how residential school survivors can begin the process towards healing; speaking to one of CHS's specially trained Residential School counselors. These counselors include: Kelly John (Northern Region), Marie Rush (Southern Region), Ray Seitcher (Central Region), and prevention workers Derek Thompson (Northern Region), Lisa Thomas (Central Region), Michael McCarthy (Central Region), Louise Tatoosh (Southern Region), and Daniel Jack (Southern Region).

Darlene Watts, Edgar Charlie, and many other delegates rose to speak on the importance of stopping the vicious circle of abuse; problems that can be traced directly back to the residential schools.

"We've lost the ability to hug our children and our grandchildren and tell them how very much we love them," said Darlene as she stood with her arm around one of her granddaughters. "To show love to our children, our grandchildren, our great grandchildren is the greatest thing we can do," added Edgar.

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## Nuu-chah-nulth Dance Group in Japan; Secret Meetings or Cultural Exchange?

By Mexsis (Tom Happynook)  
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

The Nuu-chah-nulth Dance Group arrived in Tokyo on November 11, 1998. Upon their arrival they were met at the airport by a person from the Japan Whaling Association and taken to their hotel.

I arrived at the hotel later that evening after returning from my visit to Taiji, which is one of four whaling communities in Japan which I had the good

someone got separated from the rest of us other than to say "if you get lost just TRY and get back to the hotel".

Their concern was well founded as the commuter trains are jammed packed with people going to work and I mean jam-packed.

**For the Japanese their culture, their language and their food culture comes first and is foremost in their country.**



**Sherri Cook feasts on raw Whale meat**

fortune of visiting before the dance group arrived.

**Our hosts were a little apprehensive as we started out because we had to take two commuter trains to Tokyo Station during the morning rush hour**

We all enjoyed a meal at the hotel together and then retired for the night after a long day of travel for all of us.

The next morning, November 12, 1998, we set off bright and early from Tokyo bound for Wada which is one of the other coastal whaling communities located in the south western part of Japan.

Our hosts were a little apprehensive as we started out because we had to take two commuter trains to Tokyo Station during the morning rush hour and they thought that if anyone was going to get lost then this is when it would happen.

Tokyo Station is the main train station to anywhere on the main island of Japan and home of the Bullet Trains.

Our hosts were apprehensive because they had no idea what they would do if

You only have 15 seconds to get on the train before the doors close and when you think the train is full and you are being squished and can't even move (actually it is only half full according to Japanese standards), and then another wave of people push their way on. Another factor which would complicate matters even more if someone got lost is the pride that the Japanese take in their culture and language.

There is virtually no English to be found anywhere and everybody speaks Japanese. For the Japanese their culture, their language and their food comes first and is foremost in their country.

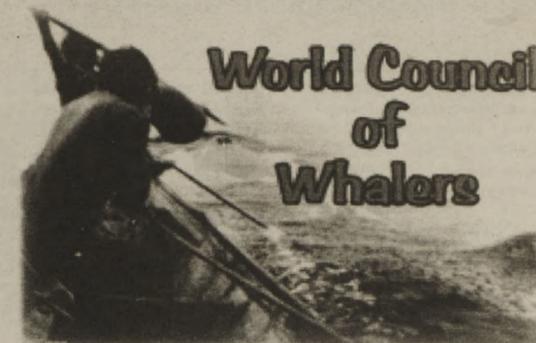
Upon our arrival in Wada we were very fortunate, and thrilled, to check into a traditional Japanese hotel.

Before entering these traditional hotels you must remove your shoes at the front door where you are provided with "one size fits all" slippers. We each got to experience sleeping on a traditional Japanese mattress, on the floor, covered with a wonderfully warm down quilt.

Everyone agreed it was the best sleep they had during our week long stay in Japan.



The Nuu-chah-nulth delegation gather for a photo before returning home from Japan.



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After our long trip we were given a traditional Japanese meal which included whale meat followed by a whaling festival which was organized for our benefit at the town auditorium. We were introduced by the Mayor of Wada and then sat down on mats to watch the show. It was wonderful to see and experience how deeply rooted whaling is in the Japanese culture through their songs, dances and food culture. We were then invited to partake in the festival and we captivated them with our songs and dances.

At the end of the evening we were all invited to join them as we all danced to two of their songs (a beautiful little Japanese girl tried to teach me how to do it properly, but I was pathetic) and then we finished the evening with everyone dancing to a Nuu-chah-nulth Hoya Hoya song.

**It was wonderful to see and experience how deeply rooted whaling is in the Japanese culture through their songs, dances and food culture.**

It was a very enjoyable evening and it truly opened our eyes to the importance of whaling to the young and old who live in these coastal whaling communities. Upon completion of an evening filled with song and dance we retired to the public bath and after a hot hot bath we all went to bed. Oh, by the way the public baths are not co-ed, there is one for the women and one for the men. One important observation that I made is that the Japanese have somehow

managed to find the balance in their very hectic working lives with a way to relax. They work hard but also take time to relax and bathing is one technique. It was a very satisfying way to end the day. The next day, November 13, 1998, we met with Mayor Nakayama at the town hall and then had a walking tour as well as a visit to a whale processing plant owned by Mr Shoji-San. Before we left, we were presented with 4 beautiful handmade Japanese dolls made and donated by Hihue Mamiya. One has been presented to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council during the recent NTC Annual Assembly (see related story on page 8) and the other 3 were presented to the 3 Nuu-chah-nulth hereditary whaling chiefs.

We left Wada with an unbelievable feeling of appreciation for the kindness, generosity and hospitality that was bestowed upon us as guests in their community. Upon our return to Tokyo the 3 Nuu-chah-nulth hereditary whaling chiefs, and soon to be chief Tommy

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## Dance group in Japan continued from page 7

Happynook Jr. went to visit the Fisheries Agency of Japan and then the Institute of Cetacean Research while the rest of the group took the opportunity to go shopping. After a good meal back at the hotel we all retired for the night to get some rest for our bus tour of Tokyo city scheduled for the next day.

November 14, we departed the hotel at 8 am and began our tour of Tokyo city at 9 am. Our first stop was at the Meiji Shinto temple where we happened upon, and had an opportunity to witness, a traditional Japanese wedding.

We then moved on to the Eastern Garden of the Emperor's estate. At this stop we walked around a very large and beautiful Japanese garden and visited the Emperor's gallery where I noticed a painting of our very own Victoria harbor which was painted in 1892 for the Emperor of that time period.

The next stop was a Buddhist temple which had an incredibly busy and crowded market area where we all had the opportunity to get lost for about 45 minutes before we headed off for lunch at the top of a hotel near the Tokyo harbor with a great view.

After lunch we boarded a large cruiser for a tour of Tokyo Bay and upon completion of the excursion we rushed off to the top of a 21 storey building which provided us with another birds eye



Hazel Cook poses with a woman dressed in traditional Japanese clothes

view of Tokyo.

**The day we had all been waiting for, and the reason we were invited, finally arrived.**

The final destination was the busiest corner in Tokyo which happens to be the largest and busiest area in the world for shopping. It is known as Ginza. After a very full day of touring we hurried to the whaling festival venue (which is where the Sumo wrestlers do their thing) to speak with the stage director to make sure there was a clear understanding about our performance.

After communicating through interpreters and believing we had everything under control we were whisked away to the official Whaling Festival reception where we presented the Japan Whaling Association with a print drawn by Ron Hamilton and donated by hereditary chief Jeff Cook.

**The Nuu-chah-nulth whaling dance group stepped on to the stage in full cedar and shawl regalia with the Happynook family curtain hanging in the background.**

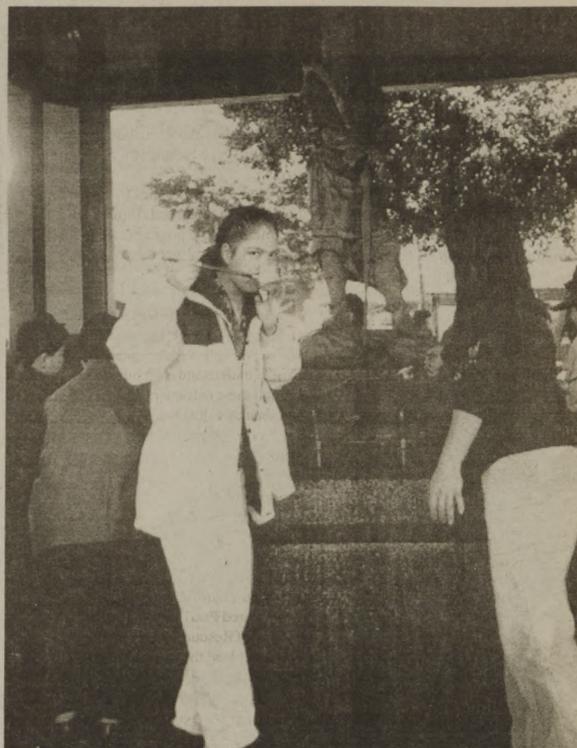
After talking with old friends and making new ones we retired for the night in anticipation of our performance the following afternoon at the festival.

The day we had all been waiting for, and the reason we were invited, finally arrived. After going to the venue to make sure everything was in order we waited patiently for the doors to open and the 3000 people to start filing into the 10,000 person capacity forum.

**Hereditary whaling chief Jerry Jack started the performance with a whaling prayer chant**

The first performance began at 11:00 a.m. and again we could feel the importance and the legacies of whaling which is clearly woven through the basic fabric of Japanese society.

At 2:30 pm, the Nuu-chah-nulth whaling dance group stepped onto the stage in full cedar and shawl regalia



Sherri Cook drinks from the fountain of purification

with the Happynook family curtain hanging in the background.

Hereditary whaling chief Jerry Jack started the performance with his whaling prayer chant which was immediately followed by a paddle song which brought our dancers out from behind the curtain with paddles in their hands as they brought us to the shores of Japan.

We then went right into the two whaling songs which belong to hereditary whaling chief Edgar Charlie and then we sang the Nuu-chah-nulth victory song, which we asked for permission to sing, because it seemed appropriate as we felt this union of two whaling nations was a victory in itself.

**We left the stage to a huge round of applause only to be whisked to the front entrance of the forum for photos.**

The last song was wheela which was led by Kelly John and was our way of saying farewell to the people who had welcomed us into their lands and their lives.

We left the stage to a huge round of applause only to be whisked to the front entrance of the forum for photos.

What an experience. We ended the day by eating another traditional Japanese dinner at the Ryogoku Station.

We all had a great time with the Karaoke machine which can be found anywhere and everywhere throughout Japan.

We all felt so comfortable with our Japanese friends that most of us took a turn to sing.

I would have to say Hudson Webster, Edgar Charlie and Kelly John stole the show with their heart felt renditions of their favorite songs which dated back at least 30 years.

Sherry Cook and Hazel Cook (cousins) were a close second. A great time was had by all.

November 16, was another early trip on the commuter trains as we made our way from Tokyo to Kyoto and Osaka.

We were met in Kyoto by Mrs Ohnishi who is the owner of a world renowned whale cuisine restaurant in Osaka.

She was our hostess for the last two days of our stay in Japan. She graciously covered the costs for our two days in her company which included our tour, hotel and food. We visited two of Kyoto's temples which are over 5000 years old and had an opportunity to, again, get lost in a very crowded market area as we shopped.

We left Kyoto bound for Osaka and Mrs Ohnishi's restaurant for an incred-

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## Bamfield Community School includes community in education

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

The new principal of Bamfield Community School has invited Huu-ay-aht members into their children's education. Incorporating culture into education, Principal Wade Gemmell is piloting numerous First Nations education



Bamfield student Candace Clappis puts the finishing touches on her eagle painting

projects at the school, including painting, language, weaving, storytelling, and carving.

"It's so important for kids to understand their own language and culture," said Gemmell. "These programs are in their infancy right now, but the potential is huge."

Approximately half of the students at Bamfield Community School are from Anacla, and Gemmell hopes that both Native and non-Native students will learn to understand each other better through these cultural programs.

"I'd seen this stuff happening in Hartley Bay," said Gemmell, who came to Bamfield from the northern Tsimshian school.

Working with Spencer Peters in preparing First Nations programs for implementation, Gemmell combined his direct experience with Spencer's ideas in developing the projects for Bamfield.

Last week, Bamfield Community School hired Pearl Johnson to the position of Resource Worker.

Pearl will lead the cultural programs, teaching the art, language and storytelling programs, and arranging for Huu-ay-aht elders to come in to the school to share their teachings with the students.

"Pearl brings culture into the classrooms," said Bamfield teacher Debbie

ible meal of whale meats, blubber and other delicious foods.

**We were met in Kyoto by Mrs Ohnishi who is the owner of a world renowned whale cuisine restaurant in Osaka.**

Hereditary whaling chief Jerry Jack and Kelly John ate everything within their reach. It was great fun. After the meal there were a number of gifts presented to Mrs Ohnishi which included a cedar, cape, feather headress, whale design vest, cedar shopping basket, silver bracelet, one of the small paddles we used to get to Japan and a number of other gifts.

We asked that these gifts be hung in her restaurant for all time. We then made our way to the Osaka Chamber of Commerce reception where we received a warm welcome.

To end the evening, hereditary whaling chief Edgar Charlie and his wife Jenny presented Mrs Ohnishi, in front of all her business colleagues, a handmade full size paddle. What a day!

We left Japan at about 6:00pm Tuesday, November 17, and arrived in Vancouver

at 9:30 am Tuesday morning November 17. No I have not made a mistake, we left Japan Tuesday night and arrived in Vancouver Tuesday morning. You figure it out... another phenomenon.

**Our introduction to the beautiful homelands of Japan and the people of Japan was filled with kindness, generosity and unbelievable hospitality.**

In closing, our introduction to the beautiful homelands of Japan and the people of Japan was filled with kindness, generosity and unbelievable hospitality. We were all fortunate to experience how courteous, honorable and honest the Japanese are, and these attributes must never be forgotten and in fact shared with everyone we meet.

When we hear negative remarks being spoken against the Japanese and their whaling, our group will now be able to set them straight because we all left Japan with a clear insight on how important whaling is to the Japanese and how deeply rooted whaling is within their culture and indeed woven into the basic fabric of their society.

## Tseshahht seeks Clam Pilot Project for Equis Beach

Last Week, Tseshahht Chief Executive Officer Mich Hirono went before the Regional Clam Management Board to apply for a First Nation Clam Pilot Project on Equis Beach.

DFO had rejected two previous applications for a Clam Pilot Project on Equis Beach, and on this day, the DFO representatives quashed the program before it even advanced to the application stage.

**"So DFO won't approve a clam pilot unless it's in front of a reserve and on a shitty beach?" said Roger Dunlop.**

DFO Representative Randy Webb said the beach is of great importance to commercial clam diggers, and could not be held by one owner.

After further discussion, Board chairman Roger Dunlop turned to Webb and said: "So DFO won't approve a clam pilot unless it's in front of a reserve and on a shitty beach?"

Under this program, a First Nation selects one of its clam beaches for designation and then must complete a

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Pearl Johnson helps Jay Nookemus research his next project

Hamilton. By bringing speakers into the school and taking students on field trips to Anacla, Hamilton says Pearl really adds to the quality of education students receive at Bamfield Community School. "It (Huu-ay-aht culture) is part of the community," said Hamilton. "It's what Bamfield is."

**The Japanese dance groups showed us, through their songs and dances, how important whaling is to the young and old throughout Japan.**

We also all experienced and tasted how important whale products are to their food culture which is a major part of their lives. And the Japanese dance groups showed us, through their songs and dances, how important whaling is to the young and old throughout Japan.

It was with many emotions that we prepared to leave. First, we felt sadness because we knew it was time for us to leave Japan. Then we felt inner peace and contentment because of the respect that we were shown and the insight into the Japanese way of life which we attained.

Some of us got to see old friends and we all got to meet new ones. We felt happiness because we were on our way home to see our loved ones and family's again and to an opportunity to share our experience with all those who are willing to listen.

**The Nuu-chah-nulth dance group want to extend our heart felt Kleco, Kleco to:**

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Mrs Ohnishi and her Whale Cuisine Restaurant, the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, The Japan Whaling Association, all those who bought raffle tickets, the Japanese Small Type Whalers Association and, all those who personally helped get us to Japan in your own way.

The most significant outcome from this experience, for the group, was the reminder of how important is for us to strive to be Nuu-chah-nulth, to reclaim our language, live our culture, eat our traditional foods and be proud that we are whalers.

For this the Nuu-chah-nulth 1998 Japan dance group will be forever grateful to those who made this trip possible.

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## Hard line against Fish Farms

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the PVC bag system used by FutureSEA Technologies in Nanaimo.

Made of the same materials as inflatable boats, the closed containment system channels waste down a pipe, preventing diseases from escaping the pen, and into wild populations.

Cliff Atleo then made a motion to, "seek funding to start a legal challenge against the expansion of fish farms within NCN territory, and preventing the renewals of any aquaculture tenures in NCN territory."

Chief Mike Maquinna declared that the Mowachaht Ha'wiih had decided to oppose salmon farming in their territory. "When we march down this road, we have to make sure we all walk together if we're going to win," said Larry Baird Sr. "If we stick together we can change and move things. But our argument can't be based on emotions, it has to be based on fact."

"We don't have a problem with fish farming," said Cliff Atleo. "What we do

have a problem with is their pollution destroying the environment and the food chain."

"Our objective is to start cleaning up that industry by stopping expansion, stopping new fish farms from coming into our territories, and stopping them from polluting our waters," said Cliff. Roy Alexander, Advisor to Nuuchah-nulth Fishermen reported on the economic devastation happening in NCN communities because of the reverse buy-back scheme where only the lowest bids are accepted by the federal government.

Robert Dennis motioned for the N.T.C. to endorse a statement from Nuuchah-nulth Ha'wiih declaring the west coast an economic disaster area, caused by governmental policies.

Darlene Watts urged immediate action from the board to form a 6-person Fisheries Survival Team, to follow up on the recommendations of



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the table, working together with other like-minded west coast organizations. "Our Kwagiuth neighbors are experiencing similar problems," said Darlene. "We need to start dealing with these

issues right away." "This is a fight for the survival of a way of life," said Larry Baird. "And I'm not prepared to let it go. Let's make this a fight. Let's go get 'em."

## Fisheries Resolutions

That the NTC Chiefs declare the West Coast of Vancouver Island Fishery an economic disaster area brought on by Government policies.

That NTC Chiefs commit appropriate human and financial resources to help in relieving the effects of the economic disaster. The funds will come from, on the short term, the NTC Community Initiatives, and the longer term financial resources will have to be negotiated from D.I.A.

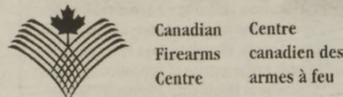
That NTC commit financial resources to develop a legal fishing strategy around Delgamuuk'w, Gladstone, JJJ, Sparrow, etc.. NTC would support a six-person fishery survival team mandated to deal with the crisis on the west coast fishery; three political leaders and three fishermen. The NTC approved up to \$50,000 to be spent on developing and implementing the survival plan.

This Fisheries Survival Team will develop and implement a survival plan for the coastal communities and fishermen until there is reasonable access to the fishery.

They will also negotiate a compensation package for lost opportunities for the fishermen, because of over reaction by government and past policies that expropriate access.

They will also develop a link between N.E.D.C. and the team to develop strategies and interim economic opportunities.

NTC work towards securing a West Coast of Vancouver Island allocation for all species, identify targets, and introduce this to the IMA negotiations, leading to the establishment of a WCVI Regional Fisheries Management Board.



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## Conference raises Awareness

By Sharon Bird  
for Ha-Shilth-Sa

"The heart doesn't know the colour of the skin" was the theme for the recent conference that is part of the Cross-Cultural Community Development Project.

**The goal of the project is to promote greater cross-cultural awareness, understanding and equality in the Ucluelet and area communities.**

The project is an initiative of the Westcoast Women's Resource Society and the Native Families Circles Program; it is an event that specifically responds to the issues and concerns identified by a local survey that was conducted earlier in the year.

The goal of the project is to promote greater cross-cultural awareness, understanding and equality in the Ucluelet and area communities.

The "Celebrating and Understanding Racial Diversity Conference" held on November 13 and 14, in Ucluelet was well attended.

The Steering Committee was pleased to listen to the many positive comments about the level of cultural awareness participants have gained throughout the two days.

The seven workshops offered on Friday and Saturday created a forum for participants to ask questions and to learn about different perspectives relating to cultural and racial topics.

The participants and facilitators ex-

pressed their appreciation for the opportunity to come together to share experiences.

The conference events included workshops on spirituality, traditional foods, healing testimonies, historical perspectives of cultural oppression, lateral violence and its expression in families and communities, information about local treaty negotiations, and inclusive participatory activities.

The evening entertainment consisted of cultural expression through food, dances, and music.

The conference concluded with a discussion between conference participants and a panel of workshop facilitators.



On-site counselors Agnes Tom (left) and Eileen Charleson

## NCN Offers Spiritual Inspiration to First Nations Summit Leaders

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

Vancouver - A Nuuchah-nulth delegation led by Ahousaht went to the First Nations Summit meeting with a special purpose in mind. Ahousaht leaders were concerned about the high number of health set-backs suffered by British Columbia's First Nations political leaders and the resulting negative effects. They wished to provide inspiration and praise to the leaders in the form of a ceremony.

The Nuuchah-nulth delegation was given the first time slot on the agenda for this purpose. Nelson Keitlah, Central Region Co-Chair, explained that the NCN's intention is to express our pride in all First Nations leaders and to recognize the important work that they have done. Keitlah recently returned to work after recovering from a mild stroke.

Hudson Webster of Ahousaht performed a prayer chant for all at the Summit meeting. The Nuuchah-nulth song was shared with the other First Nations. It was explained that the Nuuchah-nulth song unites our fourteen nations and gives us spiritual strength. Other songs were shared including the Kleco Hawii (Thank you, Creator) Song, led by Tim Sutherland of Ahousaht.

Cliff Atleo of Ahousaht said that each First Nation, no matter where they are on the map, has their own way of seeking spiritual guidance and strength. He hoped that the leaders would seek that



Cliff Atleo and Nelson Keitlah enjoy the Nuuchah-nulth cultural presentations at the First Nations Summit meeting in Vancouver

guidance and strength through their cultural beliefs and practices when they return home.

Atleo pointed out that the Musqueam Nation held a ceremony for all Summit delegates, and that things seemed to have flowed smoothly and in a positive way for BC's First Nation leaders after the ceremony. In recent months, however, leaders have been struck with maladies such as heart attacks, strokes, and aneurysms.

The Nuuchah-nulth leaders gave prints to the leaders of Burrard, Musqueam and Squamish First Nations and to some of the more prominent political leaders.



Panel discussion with (left to right) Delores Seitcher, Daniel Jack Sr., Silva Tenenbein, Cliff Atleo, and Michael McCarthy.

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Participants expressed the need for

people to come together more often throughout the year. The conference sparked interest and possibly a momentum for this type of forum to become an annual event. Participants were inspired to the level of speaking about the need for a multicultural centre. This type of facility creates opportunities for people to share diverse forms of cultural expression on a continual basis.

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The presence of the youth and the high school drama class had a big impact on the success of the conference.

Participants acknowledged their participation as important; the youth are indicators of hope for a more tolerant and understanding society.

The elders were acknowledged for their healing and for their leadership.

More opportunity needs to be created for elders and young people to spend more time together.

It is obvious that the conference had reached its goal of promoting a greater awareness and appreciation of the cultural diversity in our communities.

The next challenge for the informed participants will be to act on promoting the same to their families, friends, neighbours, and the less informed.

**Networking can work miracles.**

individual First Nations, in order to carry out the proposed conference. According to Geraldine Tom, the proposed conference would cost an estimated \$25,000.

They have sought financial assistance from other organizations, three of those organizations have promised sums of money to the Committee but require a letter of support before they will consider making a contribution.

The Chiefs agreed by motion to provide the letters-of-support that would allow the conditional donations promised to the committee to be released. They will also provide \$4000 from the NTC Donation Fund and assured the Committee that the NTC would cover any shortfall if they are unable to raise the full \$25,000.

Planning Committee members are Ina Seitcher, Marie Rush, Charlotte Seitcher-Rampanen, and Geraldine Tom.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual N.T.C. AGM closed with singing a dancing to lift the spirits of all the people who had listened to painful Residential School testimonies throughout Saturday afternoon, and all of the passionate debates of the past three days.

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As lunch was served, many other testimonials were offered on the importance of healing the self-perpetuating ills borne out of the residential school experience.

Roman Frank brought the discussion together, saying that the residential school experience has left First Nations with a huge disability that can only be overcome with love and compassion.

"I didn't go to a residential school, but I grew up with many of the stories," said Roman. "The youth have grown up in the shadow of residential schools, and they too are unable to say 'I love you', or to share true feelings because they were not taught these things by their parents, who were not taught by their parents because they were taken away to these terrible residential schools."

The three-day Annual General Assembly wrapped up with a number of draws for a few of the many raffles that had taken place throughout the meeting, before representatives from the Women's Planning Committee announced a proposed conference next year.

Strengthening NCN women from within is the purpose of the proposed conference to be held during Spring Break in March 1999. The idea for the proposed conference was borne out of NCN Women's Declaration.

The Committee is seeking financial assistance from both the NTC and the

## B.C. Legislature welcomes Nisga'a continued from page 1

Nisga'a agreement? And if not now, then when?"  
In Premier Clark's opening statements, he spoke on the significance of the day, and his pride in playing a role in "setting things right".

**The Nisga'a Final Agreement Act is expected to be ratified in January 1999.**

"In February of 1887, a canoe paddled all the way down to Victoria from Nisga'a Territory seeking Aboriginal title and the negotiation of a treaty. They were turned away at the steps of the Legislature. Today is a tribute to the people of the Nass Valley who 111 years later have returned seeking justice. I hope their patience is about to be rewarded today," said Clark.

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The day was filled with hope and joy, as Nisga'a singers, dancers, and drummers filled the Victoria air with their powerful voices. The Nisga'a danced and sang on the lawns of the Legislature in the morning, led a joyous parade down Government Street in the early afternoon, and then filled the Legislature Rotunda with music immediately after Bill 51 was introduced in the house for its first reading.  
"The symbolism of today with the

opening of the Legislature Gates, the Premier welcoming the Nisga'a and leading them up the steps, the mighty procession of people, I was moved to tears," said Dale Lovick, BC Minister of Aboriginal Affairs.  
"It's a great day," said former lawyer and judge Thomas Berger, who along with Frank Calder and Joe Gosnell, began the modern-day Nisga'a Treaty. "The Nisga'a have blazed a trail that has led them here to the legislature, and next year to Parliament in Ottawa." Nuu-chah-nulth Chiefs and political leaders came to Victoria to support the Nisga'a, and add their voices to the celebration.  
Numerous Nuu-chah-nulth marched with the Nisga'a during their parade to the Legislature, a parade that featured a large Nisga'a canoe carrying many Nisga'a Chiefs, and Nisga'a President Dr. Joe Gosnell.

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Ahousaht's Roman Frank held up the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council sign as the Nisga'a and all other First Nations were welcomed by Esquimalt leaders, and the BC Government.  
The Nisga'a Final Agreement Act will be debated in the Legislature for the next few weeks, with an expected ratification ceremony happening in January 1999.



Premier Glen Clark greets Dr. Joe Gosnell on the steps of the Legislature in Victoria

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## Nuu-chah-nulth delegation lobbies Ottawa

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

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Richard Watts, Cliff Atleo, Roy Alexander from the N.T.C., were joined by Tofino Mayor Scott Fraser, Ucluelet Mayor Bill Irving, Alberni-Clayouquot representative Rose Davidson, West Coast Sustainability Association director Dan Edwards, Coastal Communities Network executive director Eric Tamm, and fisherman Rick Nookemus.

**The Nuu-chah-nulth representatives presented the Committee with what Senator Perrault called "constructive ideas and thoughtful considerations".**

The Senate Committee has been conducting an inquiry into the privatization of Canada's fisheries and the individual quota licencing (IQ / ITQ) program. Roy Alexander, Advisor to Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen, led the opening discussions, explaining to Senators the devastation being caused on the west coast by new licencing systems and buy-back programs.  
"Our coasts are dying," said Alexander. "We need a fresh look at things. What is going on now is not working. We are not here today just to oppose the privatization and licencing regimes that are being forced on our communities. We are here to present to the Senate what we see as a very positive alternate that makes both social and economic sense."

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The Nuu-chah-nulth representatives presented the Committee with what Senator Perrault called "constructive ideas and thoughtful considerations". Suggesting a regional management board be formed to handle community fishing quotas and regional quotas, the

representatives suggested a new approach to fisheries management that would solve the problems caused by individual quotas and industry privatization.

**"Regional management boards empower communities to manage the fisheries resource for the sustainable benefit of all communities and all the resources and not for corporate profit alone."**

"The concept of regional management that we are proposing is as old as the Nuu-chah-nulth," said Cliff Atleo. "In our tradition, it is said that the chief has the responsibilities to look after all within his domain. Coastal community management follows this traditional concept precisely. Regional management boards empower communities to manage the fisheries resource for the sustainable benefit of all communities and all the resources and not for corporate profit alone."

The Senate presentation also caught the attention of the Ottawa Sun's National Affairs Columnist Michael Harris who focussed the Nuu-chah-nulth proposals in his column, "A city fishing for answers" (November 19, 1998, page 14).

Writing that Ottawa, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans pretend to have all the answers as an excuse not to listen to people and communities who really know the answers, Harris wrote: "no power is as jealously guarded here as the power to screw up."  
Watts, Atleo, and Alexander returned from Ottawa hopeful the positive feedback they received from the senate committee may translate into benefits to Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen and fishing communities.

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Atleo reported that, at this time, it is difficult to gauge the impact of their presentation on the government officials. He said they will have a better idea of the impact when they next meet with DFO in two weeks.  
"These fishermen do not wish to be servants in a feudal system any longer," said Alexander as he concluded his presentation. "If this current drive to privatization is not checked, there will be nothing left to manage."

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## poet's nook

TICK ... TICK ... TICK ...



Time.  
It's a precious gift from God.  
Today I heard that a friend had died.  
I remembered the good times.  
I reflected on the fact that my time will come.  
What am I doing with my time?  
How am I spending it? Carefully? Carelessly?  
Tick ... tick .... Tick ...  
Another second, minute, month, year, decade rushes by.  
The stream will one day run dry.  
The average American will spend 18 years  
Watching TV during this lifetime.  
That's a bunch of bad plots. That's a ton of commercials. What a waste!  
What a lie ... we buy.  
Tick ... tick .... Tick ...  
The psalmist asked God to "teach us to number our days aright,  
That we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12)  
One writer suggests that we live our lives as if we have just 30 days left.  
That's good ... but time for us could end today.  
How did I spend the last 24 hours? How will I carefully,  
Prayerfully use the next 24 - if God chooses to give them to me?  
"With the Lord a day is like a thousand years."  
Yes. God gives time by His grace. He's patient.  
Some guy sings, "Time is on my side." Not really.  
You never know when the hands will freeze.  
Tick ... tick .... Tick ...  
Sometimes you can't remember the last 5 miles you drove in your car.  
Sometimes you can't recall the significant things you've  
Done with your time the last 5 years.  
What is time for? To be used and tossed in the trash?  
Sorry, you can't recycle it.  
"The day of the Lord will come."  
It could be today. It could be now.  
Tick ... tick .... Tick ...  
You don't have to do anything to waste time.

Submitted by Priscilla Jack

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you.

Love from your children, Rita Ann, Tricia, Barb, John,  
Jeanette, Marion, Bev, and your grandchildren.

## Kleco's

I would like to "Thank" the many people who had been there for my brother, Alec Cootes, Joni Amos, who had lost their house in a fire on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank people who graciously donated food and clothing to them. I'd like to thank the following: Ucluelet Band for helping out, my Granny, Grandpa, Aunts, Marlene, Doreen, Rose Touchie for stopping by. To Rose for donating clothes to Joni. Cindy Thompson for getting donations of clothes and for the homemade bread. Joni's family for being there for her. Angie and Warren Lauder for food and clothing. The Women's Centre in Ukeke for helping out. The Ucluelet Fire Department for toys and stuff for the kids. I'd like to thank those who responded to my ads on the radio for clothing. To Aunt Mamie and Peter Wilson for towels and blankets. To Deb Little for 2 coffee tables. To the UNN office for clothing, shoes, bed sheets. To sis Marlene Dick for putting up signs

at the Tshahat Band Office. To niece Marria Jimmy for putting up signs at the NTC. To the NTC office for the box of donations, you had at the office. If I had missed anyone it is not intentional. It is greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Thanks for being there for Alec, Joni and kids. I'd also like to thank my bro Dan for giving up his bedroom for Alec and Joni, my Dad for the loving father you are. I'd also like to thank my Mom, you're simply the best, for your love and devotion for being there for Alec and taking Brandon to the doctor every day to get his bandages changed, for the countless hours on the phone to get things organized for Alec "you know you never realize what you have until you've lost it all." I'm just so grateful everything will work out for my brother, Joni and kids. Last but not least to my husband Sid, for bringing me and my kids home (Ucluelet) for the day. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart. Kleco Kleco. *Sharleen Dick*



**Deb Botting** and her daughter, Sheena Charleson would like to wish all their friends, relatives and past/present clientele a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Deb is the proud owner of **Deb's Hair Boutique in Tofino**. She would like to thank all the people that have taken the time to give her support over the past year. She sends a special thank you to Darlene Choquette for all her support and kindness over the past sixteen months.

Deb's winter hours are now in effect.

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday - 9am to 5pm,  
Monday - Closed. Appointments outside regular hours are available upon request.

### SEASONS GREETINGS

### KLECO! KLECO! KLECO!

From Good Samaritan Fund

The Good Samaritan Fund was established to assist First Nations students who are in need of financial assistance for such things as: school supplies, rewards, field trips, extra curricular activities etc.

It is through raffles and donations that this funding is possible.

This year we received donations for our raffle from:

- Hugh Sam - Mask
- Patrick Amos - Mask
- Deb Atleo - Wreath with cedar roses & a silver carved necklace
- Gloria Dennis - Beaded glass ball
- Julia Landry - Wreath with cedar roses
- Gordon Dick - T-shirt
- Tla-o-qui-aht 1<sup>st</sup> Nations - Print
- Lavern Frank - Cedar Rose Basket
- Mary John - Doll dressed in cedar clothing

Cliff Atleo won the wreath, generously donated it back and auctioned it for the highest bid. Kleco Kleco!

The Native Education Workers and the Home School Coordinators would like to thank all these people for their generous donations.

**KLECO KLECO  
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## Health

### A MESSAGE ON DOWNS SYNDROME

By Jackie A. Watts, Infant Development Program

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a Down syndrome Conference in Vancouver on November 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 1998. Down syndrome is a congenital condition. It is also called trisomy 21 syndrome because the disorder is concerned with a defect in CHROMOSOME 21. The causes of Down syndrome are not known. There is however a relatively high rate in children whose mothers are of older childbearing age - especially those 40 years and over. There is no cure for Down syndrome. Depending on the level of intelligence, the child often can be helped to live productively.

This conference had several speakers who offered valuable information regarding Down syndrome. The first speaker was Dr. Naj Bhani. He spoke of his background experience and the reasons he chose to work with Down syndrome infants and children. The following are notes of his expertise. The most critical time frame, he said, when working with Down syndrome children happens in the first 2 years of their life. Four important items to know are:

1. The need for a careful history and a physical examination by a Pediatrician or a Family Physician.
2. A developmental assessment - which will impact on the family and their needs
3. A careful search for congenital anomalies i.e. cardiac, stomach, hearing and visual assessments.

Genetic Counseling (it is more likely to repeat having another baby with Down syndrome).

4. The importance of being involved with an Infant Development Program for encouragement and support and to advocate for quality services.

Dr. Bhani also talked about reviewing current resources/services/supports. For example keeping up on: developmental issues, level of functioning, school issues, behavioral issues, sleep problems.

\*Sleep problems - it's important to know that sleep patterns may reflect

on sleep apnea. The next presentation was done by Cathy Anthony titled "Circle of Friends". She talked about getting families out of isolation. What may happen is that an infant or child with Down syndrome is surrounded by physicians and all kinds of services that forming family and friendships may not happen. Cathy talked about the importance of forming friendships which form critical personal relationships and can be enjoyed across the life span.

Some barriers leading to isolation include the following: attitude and beliefs, expectations, lack of opportunities, lack of time and continuity to know one another, lack of experiences, lack of information/understanding, an overly intrusive "helper" who wants to fix things, equating "paid support person" with "friendship", payment - making money the reward instead of the relationship, being rigid and inflexible, discouragement, fear of harm, making a mistake, of failure, discomfort in asking and inviting, lack of reciprocity and contribution, access - physical space, support to attend to help prevent and inclusion/isolation.

Cathy explained that what people need are strategies for support! Why Friendship? "Interactions with others enrich our lives and give us the chance to develop friendships and critical personal relationships which we will enjoy across our lifespan. We typically regard these interactions relationships and friendships as central to our personal well-being. It is time for children with disabilities to share these experiences, so that these individuals will no longer be isolated from what is perhaps the most essential component of what we elusively refer to as "quality of life".

This conference was both informative and enjoyable. In the next issue of Ha Shilth Sa I will be discussing my attendance at the "Head Start" information Meeting I attended in Nanaimo December 27, 1998. Chu.

### DAILY SURVIVAL KIT FOR SERIOUS ILLNESS

By: Thomas L. Mc Dermott

Today I am going to try to live through this day only, and not dwell on or attempt to solve all my problems at once; just focus on the piece that is today. I can do something for several hours that would be difficult to even think about continuing for several months. Just for today, I am willing to accept the possibility that there is a purpose to this suffering; that it can be a source of meaning and growth for myself and others, though I may not always recognize the ways. And it seems possible that this suffering will not be in vain, because of what may be some kind of existence beyond.

Just for today, let me remind myself that I am basically a worthwhile person, worth loving, despite my faults and limits. I deserve the efforts of others to help me through my illness.

Just for today, I want to be aware that it is all right to want too much from others at times. Illness brings

out and intensifies the small child in all of us. And if I feel hurt when those who care for me cannot be there, it may help to remember that they have needs, frailties, and limitations of their own. A lack of response does not mean that they are personally rejecting me.

Today I may feel the need to complain a great deal; I may have little tolerance; I may cry; I may scream. That does not mean that I am less courageous or strong. All are ways of expressing anger over this mess, of rightly mourning my losses. Endurance itself is courage. It is my life at stake now. So maybe

today I can allow myself to be a little less concerned about the reactions or impressions of others. Maybe I can allow myself to feel a little less guilty or bad about what I did not accomplish or give. Perhaps today I can be a little more gentle toward myself.

Surviving this is all so difficult. At times it seems impossible—that I have had enough. Down the line I will know if and when I have had enough, when I cannot push the limits any further. I will have the right to choose to stop, without feeling that I am "giving up." but today I think I can deal with this illness. Sorrow runs very deep, but I think I can rise again.

Just for today, maybe I can give healing "the benefit of the doubt." The drugs are powerful; the natural healing capacity of my body is powerful. And who knows, perhaps there is healing power in my will to struggle, and in the collective love and will of others.

Just for today, perhaps I can take heart that we are all connected. And I may still have some things left to contribute to the family of man; some light to add to the light. Even now my endurance (however imperfect) is a gift, an inspiration for others in their struggles.

It seems reasonable that there is a season for everything, and a time for every purpose. Pain, weakness and exhaustion may distort my senses and spirit. Today, however, I can at least find some hope in nature's way, if not in some master plan. The chances are fairly good, and it seems worthwhile to hope that I will have some cycle of wellness yet.



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### Mothers Support Group

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\* For more information contact Delavina @ 723-8281 \*

## SPORTS

### Andrew David bowls over competition

Andrew David, a member of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, has qualified for the National Youth Bowling Championships.

He placed third in the Nanaimo section of the tournament. This earns him the right to compete at the Vancouver Island section of the championships to be held in Victoria on December 13, 1998.

A good showing there will propel Andrew to the Provincial section of the tournament and from there a chance at the National Youth Championship.

Andrew has been a member of the Youth Bowling Council for five years now and is becoming a force to reckon with in the 5-pin category. Also six years of steady golfing has developed astounding whipping muscles in Andrew's physique. He is on his way to the next NAIGs as a golfer.

This combination of athletics makes for a fast, hard bowling throw and fabulous pin action. Such dedication in two sports is a joy to behold. It's a privilege to watch the joy on this 15-year-old's face as the training pays off and his successes grow.

He inspires the younger ones in our family to get involved and excel in something they love. That is priceless.



Andrew David displays some of the hardware earned as a champion bowler.

Good luck the rest of the way young man. We will be cheering for you. From all your family and friends; Mom La

### 1999 JUNIOR ALL-NATIVE TOURNAMENT

Tournament Committee  
Box 61, Ahousat BC, V0R 1A0

At the request of the organizing committee and the people of Ahousat we would like to announce the upcoming Junior All-Native Basketball Championships in your newspaper. The annual tournament is making its first appearance in Port Alberni during this year's spring break (March 15 to 19, 1999) at A.D.S.S. gymnasium and the Athletic Hall. Hosted by Ahousat, with grateful acknowledgment to the Opechesaht and Tseshaht people, it is expected that the 30 teams and their supporters will bring about one thousand people to the valley for the week.

The Queen Charlottes, Prince Rupert, the central coast, the interior... there will be teams from all over the province. This is the highlight of the year for hundreds of youth from across BC. Everyone who wishes is invited to participate as we look forward to an exciting week with the young people.

We will have more information as the tournament gets closer... thank you for your help.

For the Tournament Committee,  
Harvey Robinson, Chairman  
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### Lafortune helps Nanaimo team to the top

Danielle Lafortune, member of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation recently competed at the 1998 B.C. High School Provincial Swimming Championships held at Commonwealth Pool in Victoria on November 21st.

She swam for Nanaimo District Secondary School (NDSS). There are over 370 high schools in BC. This championship swim meet puts grades 8 to 12 against each other.

**Their first event was the 400-metre freestyle relay where they finished an astounding 6th overall in the province.**

The NDSS girls "A" relay team consisted of Danielle in grade 8, Valerie Pomeizl in grade 8, Allison Carruthers in grade 9 and Tabitha Carroll in grade 11.

They swam in three different events and earned a top ten finish in each one. Their first event was the 400-metre freestyle relay where they finished an astounding 6th overall in the province.

The second event was the 200-metre medley relay where the girls placed 10th overall.

The third event was the 200-metre freestyle relay where they finished 9th overall.

The next day Danielle competed along with her winter swim club, the Nanaimo Riptides, in a swim meet held at Echo Pool hosted by the Port Alberni Tsunami swim team.

The whole time at these swim meets, Danielle found time to do her science homework. She even practiced on her

clarinet as a school Christmas band concert is coming up that she will perform in.

This young 13-year-old Tla-o-qui-aht girl has an extraordinary perspective on life. She tells us her goal is to achieve a swimming scholarship at a major university.

Danielle realizes it will take hard work and dedication. However, do not think she is all work and no play. Danielle finds time to socialize as she frequents all the school dances.

She also enjoys going to the movies and hockey games with her friends. If that isn't enough for a full time table, she finds time for a steady boyfriend who happens to be dedicated in judo.

Danielle is watching me type this and says to tell everyone to have a **MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

She plans to be in Tla-o-qui-aht territory for Christmas and is looking forward to seeing relatives and friends she hasn't seen all year.

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It is hard to describe in words but I truly believe just meeting this girl in person influences people's minds in the proper direction. There is a special spirit inside Danielle Lafortune.



N.D.S.S. swimmers Danielle Lafortune in front, and from left to right Valerie Pomeizl, Tabitha Carroll, and Allison Carruthers. photo submitted

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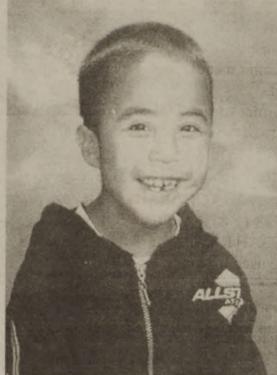
# Happy Birthday and Congratulations



I would like to say Happy Birthday to my nephew Alex Amos who turned 7 on Oct. 18, to my niece Felicia Amos who turned 9 on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>, to my other nephew Eugene (Chunky Boy) Mark Jr. who turned 3 Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, also my sis-in-law Nadine Charlie. We would like to say a big "Happy Birthday" to Mauriah Curley on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. Love from Sis Julia M. and Auntie, Winston.



I would like to welcome my new niece Selena Nicole Erin. Born on October 18, 1998, weighed 6 lbs 11ozs in Campbell River. Her proud parents are Alicia Mark and Frank Ermineskin JR. and a proud big brother Baylee.



### Chance of a Lifetime

We are all deserving of unconditional love and acceptance. All the people in our lives, past and present, deserve our unconditional love and acceptance, too. However, it's doubtful that we either feel it all of the time from others or give it away.

It's human for us to find fault - to have expectations that are too high. But for this we pay a price. Instead of experiencing our lives serenely, contented, flowing with what is, we often criticize, judge, and feel generally disgruntled throughout the day. What a waste! We do have another choice, fortunately. We can let go and live and let live. Also can recall, today and everyday, that we are all special individuals in this world who are loved, fully, by our creator. The greatest contribution we can make to the lives of others is to be affirming. We can let our friends, family and children know we care about them. That we love and accept them. The love that we also long for will come back to us. We thrill at being affirmed. And we thrill at affirming.

Agnes Jack

Happy Birthday to Mom Cathy Mark and niece Leah Ashley. Love Jo, Mike & kids.

We would like to wish the following a Happy Birthday for December: Dec. 2 - nephew Michael Cootes - 12 years; Dec. 3 - Auntie Marilyn Touchie - 34 yrs; Dec. 4 - Granny Touchie; Dec. 7 - nephew Richard Sam - ?; Dec. 11 - Sister Marlene Dick - 47yrs; Dec. 15 - Sister Mary B - 38 yrs; Dec. 15 Brother James Dick - 38 yrs. We would like to wish Ron & Marlene Dick a Happy Anniversary for Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and many more. Love from Sid, Sharleen & family.

We would like to wish two special people in our lives (Art) Dad & (Val) Mom Cootes a happy 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. Love always, Sharleen, Sid & family, Danny, Michael Cootes, Alec, Joni & family, Cheryl Cootes.

We would like to wish our son Sheldon Dick a very special and happy 8<sup>th</sup> birthday for Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Love you a whole bunch. From Mom, Dad, bro's & sisters.

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my little Brother John Ross on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Love from Rita, Martin & Family.

A very Happy Birthday Wish to our daughter, sister, Auntie Melanie Livingstone on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Love from Mom and Dad, Aaron and your Princess Kristen, sisters Carrie and Sherry, niece Tia and nephews Vincent and Carlito.

Happy Birthday also to the following in December: John Ross on the 10<sup>th</sup> Dawn Ross on the 12<sup>th</sup> Darrell Ross Jr. on the 14<sup>th</sup> Konowich (Al Ross Jr) on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>. Love from Gina and Cyril Livingstone and Family.

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to a very special nephew Shane Fraser on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. Love always Auntie Estelle & family.

Happy Birthday Aaron Edgar Jr. on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday Bradley on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. Love Auntie Estelle and family. Hope you have a great day.

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday to John Ross on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Dawn Ross on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, Happy 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Darrell Ross Jr. on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, and Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Melanie Livingstone on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, Happy 47<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mrs. Marlene Dick on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, and Happy 43<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to Mrs. Maggie Gus on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. From Annie, Dave & family.

Happy Birthday to a very dear Auntie Hilda John on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your day. Love your niece Claudine Webster.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Melinda Swan on Dec. 21. We're still young hey! Your coz Claudine.

Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> I would like to wish my Special Dad George E. Frank a very Happy Birthday. We love you; to Grandma Nellie on Nov. 19. I hope you have a great day; to my niece Kaylee Miller Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Hope you have fun; to my nephew Glenn Frank on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Happy Birthday, have a great day; to my auntie Lena, happy b-day to you on Nov. 23, to my auntie Cathy, happy b-day to you on Nov. 24; to my uncle Elmer, Happy birthday on Nov. 27, hope you have an excellent day; Happy b-day Grandma Rose on Nov. 29, have a good day; Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday to my cousin Wesley Frank, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. We miss you son, come visit soon; to Mrs. Naomi Frank on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, you must have fun ok!; to John F.K. Frank on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, I love you! Hope your day goes great!; to Richard F.D. Frank on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, you must have fun on your special day! From Joenella, Brandon & Kennedy.



I would like to welcome my new nephew Felix Anthony Michael Jr. Born Saturday, Nov. 7, 1998 at 3:30 a.m. weighed 9 lbs 4 ozs in Campbell River. Proud parents are Felix Michael Sr. and Roseanne Billy and proud big brother Julian.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR NANAIMO NUU-CHAH-NULTH

Sunday, December 20, 12 - 4pm  
John Barsby Cafeteria, 765 Bruce Street, Nanaimo  
Free Craft Tables, Door Prizes, Entertainment for Kids

To reserve tables and seats please call:  
Evelyn Corfield: 754-4830  
or  
Mabel George: 741-1554

## Career Opportunity

### WEST COAST TOURISM ASSOCIATION

Requires a Consultant for 4 - 6 weeks to work with our joint management committee to create a vision and business work plan for the Junction (Hwy. 4) Information and Interpretive Centre.

We are seeking a person with excellent facilitation skills to work with a cross community group with diverse perspectives and interests. Other duties will include report writing and identifying potential funding sources. Knowledge of tourism/business development and First Nations and other local communities an asset.

Please forward resume outlining qualifications and experience to:  
**HIRING COMMITTEE**  
WEST COAST TOURISM ASSOCIATION  
Box 428, UCLUELET, BC V0R 3A0  
By noon Monday, December 14, 1998

Funding for this position provided by Forest Renewal BC, Alberni Clayoquot Economic Development Commission, & Districts of Tofino and Ucluelet

## 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-AHOUSAHT)  
**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 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 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

### ATTENTION HUU-AY-AHT BAND MEMBERS

We are updating our membership addresses. Please call us and let us know your address. If you move please contact one of the offices "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE".

- Huu-ay-aht Administration 1-888-644-4555  
- Huu-ay-aht Treaty Office (250) 723-0100

### ATTENTION

TO ALL MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT FIRST NATION BAND MEMBERS: WE ARE ALWAYS UPDATING OUR MAILING LIST AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOUR ADDRESS! IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR HAVE NOT UPDATED YOUR 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

Ha-Shilth-Sa is looking for addresses of Nuu-chah-nulth members who are NOT receiving the paper. Ha-Shilth-Sa is free for all Nuu-chah-nulth membership. If you want to receive Ha-Shilth-Sa please send name (including your middle name) to:

Ha-Shilth-Sa  
P.O. Box 1383  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
V9Y 7M2



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Nation: \_\_\_\_\_

(You must enter your First Nation to be on our list)

## Career Opportunities



**HA-SHILTH-SA  
NORTHERN REGIONAL  
REPORTER**

The Ha-Shilth-Sa Newspaper requires a reporter for the Northern Region of the Nuu-chah-nulth Council. The area to be covered will include First Nations of Ehattesaht, Kyuquot, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Nuchatlaht. The Ha-Shilth-Sa Northern Region office is located at Tsaxana, near Gold River. The position will be under the direction and supervision of the Ha-shilth-sa Manager.

**Duties will include:**

- Reporting and photographing within the region, as needed outside the region.
- Assisting in keeping an up-to-date mailing list of Nuu-chah-nulth members.
- Other duties as required.

**Qualifications:**

- Good writing and communication skills.
- Good computer skills.
- Must have a car and valid drivers licence.
- Knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth issues, with emphasis on treaty making process.

This will be a term position of approximately 12 months at which time further evaluation will be made as to whether or not the position will be extended.

Send resume to: David Wiwchar, Ha-Shilth-Sa Manager  
Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 1383  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
V9Y 7M2

Closing date: January 29, 1999

Applications for Employment are being accepted at  
Tsawaayus Multi-level Care Facility.

We are interested in hiring a

## Registered Nurse

to work on-call.

Submit completed application forms or your resume at  
Tsawaayus, 6151 Russell Place, Port Alberni, V9Y 7W3

## TFN Rainmakers Take Shorty Frank Memorial BB Tournament

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

Members of the late Joe 'Shorty' Frank proudly resumed the annual tournament in their late father's name on the weekend of November 13-15 at Tofino.

Ten teams took part in the tournament, representing Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Ahousaht, Nanaimo, Hesquiaht, Tofino and Makah.

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The Makah team from Neah Bay, Wa. also showed up to defend their championship title from the last Shorty Frank Memorial Tournament.

Makah was off to a shaky start, however, in their 107-78 loss to Nanaimo. They came back in their second game, beating Hesquiaht Braves 98-82. It looked as though they would beat Nanaimo in their third game, maintaining a lead up to the last four minutes. Nanaimo dug deep and came from behind to win the game.

It must be pointed out that a majority of the Makah team are in the 40+ age bracket, with some players well into their 50's. Their skill and sportsmanship were greatly appreciated by the cheering audience.

In the end, it was the battle of the two T's, TFN and Tofino. In a fiercely competitive and very close game, TFN Rainmakers narrowly beat Tofino Blue Magic by a score of 71-70. The Rainmakers went undefeated throughout the tournament.

The final results were provided by Thomas George.

1st Place: TFN Rainmakers  
2nd Place: Tofino Blue Magic  
3rd Place: Nanaimo  
4th Place: Ahousaht

MVP: Andrew Greig  
First All-stars:  
1st Bjorn Banke  
2nd Jack Greig  
3rd Russell Maithers  
4th Eli Blake  
5th Ben \*last name unavailable

The Tofino Blue Magic (top photo) took top spot in the Shorty Frank Memorial Basketball Tournament in Ahousaht, with the Tofino Rainmakers (right) finishing second.

Second All-stars:  
1st Devin Robinson  
2nd Burrell Harris  
3rd Thomas Sawyer  
4th Graham Greig  
5th Steve Sparger

Most Sportsmanlike Player: James Frank  
Most Sportsmanlike Team: Makah Nation  
Most Inspirational Player: Corey Charlie



Photo by Thomas George

## INTERFOR

PUBLIC VIEWING

Notice is hereby given that International Forest Products Limited (Interfor) invites you to a public viewing of the proposed Forest Development Plan for the Chamiss Bay operating area of Forest License A19232. The plan will cover the period of 1999-2003. This draft development plan shows the location of proposed harvesting, road development, maintenance, and deactivation for the period of 1999-2003. The plan also includes information on measures to protect other forest resource values in the plan area. Relevant resource agencies, First Nations, and the public review the development plan before the Ministry of Forests considers approval. Upon approval, the plan forms the basis for silviculture prescriptions, cutting permits, and road permit applications. This plan complies with the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia. Information on requirement and completion status of assessments is available for viewing with the plan. Assessment status on terrain stability, riparian management, visual impact, pest incidence, and gully management is included in the plan. The Forest Development Plan will be available for review at the following locations, dates and times.

Location	Date	Time
Interfor Port Hardy Office	Mon. Nov. 30	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
6990 Market St.	Tues. Dec. 1	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Port Hardy, BC	Wed. Dec. 2	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
(250) 949-2900	Thur. Dec. 3	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
	Fri. Dec. 4	8:30 am - 5:00 pm
	Fri. Dec. 4	10: am - 7:30 pm
Hoopsitas Motel - Kyuquot Village		
Coast Discovery Inn	Wed. Dec. 2	12:00 - 7:00 pm
975 Shoppers Row		
Campbell River, BC		
(250) 287-7155		

A representative of Interfor will be available to discuss the proposed plans and receive comments.

If any interested parties are unable to attend at the times or locations listed above, a mutually convenient time can be arranged to review and explain the plan. As well, a copy of the plan is available for review at any time throughout the year at the Port Hardy Office.

Your comments on this plan are welcome and form an integral part of the final submission. Comments should be submitted in writing to Ian Ross, Area Engineer: International Forest Products Limited  
P.O. Box 20,000  
6990 Market Street  
Port Hardy, B.C. V0N 2P0  
Telephone: (250) 949-2900 - Fax: (250) 949-7496

The deadline for comments on this plan is January 26, 1999

## Clam Pilot continued

comprehensive stock assessment survey of the intertidal clam resources on the beach.

Tseshah has chosen to develop a mile-long beach that fronts their reserve at Equis.

Tseshah First Nation has been eager to participate in the Clam Pilot Project, as it is an opportunity to further develop fisheries stewardship and management skills, as well as employment for members.

People of Tseshah originate from the area of Barkley Sound, now known as the Broken Group and Pinkerton Islands. These origins are reflected in the number of Tseshah reserves located on these islands. Equis Reserve Beach is located in Sechart Channel, near the Pinkertons in Barkley Sound, and is the only Tseshah Reserve in the outer Barkley Sound area that is not within the Pacific Rim National Park boundaries.

"Area 23 has a much smaller number of active commercial clam diggers because of license limitations. The concern of a pilot beach at Equis negatively impacting large numbers of commercial diggers is no longer an issue," said Hirano. "Tseshah First Nation is requesting that Equis Beach be approved for a clam pilot, and would like the support from the Area F Clam Board for this project."

Despite recent clam tenure announcements from the provincial Minister of Fisheries, Dennis Streifel, there is no resolution to this issue in sight, and Hirano vows that he will continue to push for a Clam Pilot Project at Equis.

## Nuchatlaht Community Development Workshop

The Nuchatlaht community members have expressed a desire to work towards healing and a healthy future. The goal of the two day workshop is for the community members to decide how to move towards sharing, discussing and reaching goals as laid out in the workshop. Ultimately a healing path.

What: Community Development Workshop  
When: December 7 & 8, 1998  
Place: Oculcje Community Hall

Lunch will be provided on both days! Special celebration planned for Dec. 7th.

Guests will include: Louise Tatoosh; Mental Health Coordinator  
Rosanne Billy; CHS Board Member  
Fedilia Hayupis; Native Education Worker

As well as the Northern Region Co-chair, Northern Region CHS Staff, Local RCMP, and Oculcje Community Members

For information about this important workshop, please contact either Chief Walter Michael or Lydia Mickey at (250) 724-8609

## CLASSIFIEDS

### FOR SALE

'93 Sunbird, 4dr, A/C, ABS, P/S, Fr. WD, new water pump, new radiator hoses, needs a little work on oil gasket, 174,000 kms. Otherwise runs good. Offers from \$6,000.00. Also Pioneer stereo \$500. OBO, Kitchen Table \$200 (No chairs). Call 724-5757 ask for Liz.

### WANTED

Herring Gillnet Licences for lease. Phone Paul Robinson (250) 741-8839 or cell (250) 741-6988

### FOR SALE

"Upskwee" - (Smoked Fish Jerky) - \$15. & \$30. bags (250) 723-0413 or 724-6341

### Wanted

14 - 18 foot canoe or dinghy. Will buy slightly used or fixer-upper for good price. (250) 723-4454

### THE FOLLOWING "A1" LICENSES ARE FOR SALE

CFV 27727 38.45 FT  
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CFV 24162 37.99FT

If anyone would like to purchase any one of these "A1" salmon licenses, please mail or fax a written offer to:

Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation  
P.O. Box 1384,  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
V9Y 7M2

### For Sale

1992 Ford Explore XLT fully loaded, well maintained. Call 726-2613 \$14,750.00

### PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED

Thomas Martin of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations is searching for any photographs 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. Peter Martin Sr. of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and passed away April 1973.

ALL OCCASIONS CATERING  
CALL: RENEE NEWMAN  
(604) 723-2843  
PORT ALBERNI, B.C.

### BOARDROOMS FOR RENT

In Port Alberni located at Maht Mahs. For more information contact Margaret Robinson, Tseshah Band Office at 724-1225.

### Lahal Sticks for Sale.

Made by Vernon Ross. Phone 723-3892

### FOR SALE

Carvings made to order. G. Nookemis. Phone 723-4404.

### FOR SALE

For sale or made to order; rings, bracelets, pendants, brooches, earrings & bolo ties. Tim Taylor, 1034 Ecoole Place, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7L7 Phone: 723-8170.

### FOR SALE

Native designed jewellery on gold or silver; rings earrings, bracelets, pendants by Gideon Smith. Phone 923-3550.

### FOR SALE

Native designed jewellery; silver, copper, gold engraving, stone setting. Contact Gordon Dick by phone 723-8611 or Cell 954-9404

### NUU-CHAH-NULTH NATIVE LANGUAGE

Transcribing in phonetics - for meetings, research projects, personal use. Hourly rates. Phone Harry Lucas at 724-5807.

### FOR SALE

Carvings for sale. If you are interested in native carvings such as: coffee table tops, clocks, plaques, 6" totems, canoes, leave message for Charlie Mickey at 724-8609 or c/o Box 40, Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0

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### FOR SALE

Authentic genuine basketweaving grass, 3 corner grass, swamp grass. Contact Linda Edgar at 723-3889.

### FOR SALE

1 cell phone for sale or take over contract. Call 723-4484

### FOR SALE

Totem Pole - \$3,000, 5 feet high, 12" by 12", Figures on totem - Eagle, whale, bear, and sunmask. This totem pole is the last one carved by the late Arthur Nicolay of Kyuquot. Arthur became a famous carver in Tahsis, B.C. For information contact Betty Nicolay or leave message at (250) 830-0677.

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The Great Whale House Gallery  
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## N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



# Marc Masso named N.E.D.C. Economic Development Officer

By *David Wiwchar*  
Southern Region Reporter

Marc Masso has successfully climbed the ladder, completing his N.E.D.C. internship, and now being promoted to the position of Economic Development Officer. The 23-year old Marc recently completed his Bachelors degree in Economics at the University of Victoria, and has a strong background in customer service and business research.

A customer service representative at the Bank of Montreal for three years, and N.E.D.C. researcher while home for the summer from

school, Masso has spent many years building towards the Economic Development Office position.

Marc is the son of Dan and Barb Audet, and grandson of Alex Masso and Nancy Frank.

Marc will serve people throughout Nuu-chah-nulth Territory.

"The work is really gratifying," said Masso. "It's very satisfying to know that the work I'm doing is affecting communities in really positive ways."

Always approachable and considerate, Marc spends a lot of his time out in the communities, visiting existing Nuu-chah-nulth businesses and encouraging the development

**Masso's hard work, education, and dedication to NCN businesses, have led him to his new position as Economic Development Officer.**

**"It's very satisfying to know that the work I'm doing is affecting communities in really positive ways," said Masso.**



### Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation

## Loan Review Board

**Nominations are now being accepted by the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation for positions on the Loan Review Board.**

Interested persons must be nominated by:

- Two persons of Nuu-chah-nulth ancestry; OR
- By letter or band council resolution from a Nuu-chah-nulth Tribe.

#### Duties

To meet periodically to review loan applications received by the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation. Loan Review Board members are responsible for approving loans that meet the criteria of the Corporation.

#### Requirements

- Have the ability to review and evaluate financial information and business plans;
- be interested in the business affairs of the Nuu-chah-nulth;
- business experience or training is preferred.

#### Submissions

All submissions to the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation must include the following:

- Letter(s) of nomination.
- Personal resume' including employment, educational and personal background.

Loan Review Board members travel, meals and accommodation costs are paid by NEDC. An honorarium is provided to Loan Review Board members for each meeting.

**Please forward your submissions to the attention of the Manager, Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation, P.O. Box 1384, Port Alberni, BC. V9Y 7M2. If you would like additional information, please contact Al Little at (250) 724-3131.**

**The deadline for submissions is January 31, 1999.**

of others.

Nuu-chah-nulth businesses can move from idea to reality by placing a phone call to the N.E.D.C. office.

Marc, or one of the other Economic Development Officers, will listen to your idea, send you an application, and together, you'll begin piecing together a comprehensive business plan.

"Getting Nuu-chah-nulth businesses established is our objective," said Masso. "We're here to help people attain their goals and their dreams."

Marc is already working on a number of business projects. From Oyster Farms and Fishing Charters to restaurants and Tourism Development Strategies, Marc enjoys the challenge of putting business plans together, and doing "the number-crunching".

If you have a business idea and aren't sure where to start, give Marc a call at the N.E.D.C. office at (250) 724-3131. From helping businesses start up, through the business plan development process, Marc Masso's enthusiasm and experience will be a great benefit in helping Nuu-chah-nulth enterprises succeed.



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