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Sheldon Williams, 13, and Celeste McCarthy, 12, were greeted to a heroes' welcome by their Grade 5/6 class at Haahuupayak School on June 1. The two riders had travelled more than 400 kilometers to bring awareness to the growing occurrence of Type II diabetes in children, a condition that can be prevented by eating well and regular exercise.

Welcome home riders

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshaht—The riders got a police and firefighter escort as they rode the final few kilometers of their journey through Port Alberni and to Haahuupayak School where they were greeted with songs and cheers.

Leading the way were Grade 6 students Sheldon Williams, 13, and Celeste McCarthy, 12, who had peddled more than 400 kilometres in their quest to raise awareness of the growing occurrence of Type II diabetes in children. They were role models for many on their trek from Oak Bay to Duncan to Nanaimo to Courtney to Powell River to Qualicum and then home again, all in six days starting on May 27.

Sheldon and Celeste both said that the Malahat posed the biggest challenge of the trip, with 45 minutes of hills to climb. But they were well equipped for the effort, said Principal Darryl Ashdown, as they are two of the school's top athletes.

They both play hockey and basketball, and Celeste takes part in track and field

and swimming.

"She is very athletic," said her mom Nancy, who was happy to see her girl get home safe and sound. Celeste is always on the go. She not only enjoys sports, but hunting and fishing with her father and being outside in the fresh air.

But being active is only part of the way to ward off Type II diabetes, said Robin Nadig, the rider that invited the two Haahuupayak students on the trip. The other piece of the puzzle is eating well and limiting the intake of sweets.

Nadig made a brief presentation to the Haahuupayak school student body, who had gathered in the gym to hear stories about Sheldon's and Celeste's journey. Nadig displayed a small Big Gulp plastic cup and told the students that that size of soft drink would have 13 teaspoons of sugar in it. Then she showed them a clear sandwich bag that had 13 teaspoons of sugar in it. Nadig showed a medium size Gulp cup and said that drink had 25 teaspoons, and showed another sandwich bag weighed down with that amount of sugar. Finally, Nadig showed the large Gulp glass, and a bag filled with 32 teaspoons of sugar.

She said one can of pop had 13 teaspoons of sugar and one can per day of pop for a year would be equivalent to

eating 25 lbs of sugar. Triple that if you have a can of pop and a chocolate bar each day.

The demonstration seemed to strike a cord with the Haa Huu Payak students, especially as the youngest rider, an eleven-year-old from Courtney, stood in the centre of the large circle of students with a 25 lb. bag of sugar slung over his shoulder.

The awareness ride is an annual event organized by the Kiwanis Club, who put up the riders and met their needs throughout the trip. It was the fourth ride in the outgoing program. It was begun because Type II diabetes used to be an adult disease, and is now showing up in children as young as nine years old.

Type II is preventable, said Nadig. "It's our choice."

Nadig said Sheldon and Celeste were real role models as they visited schools throughout their trip, and wonderful ambassadors representing the Nuu-chah-nulth community throughout the Island.

Besides the perfect weather, other highlights of the trip included a barbeque and a water fight, learning Chinese words from one of the adult riders, and going swimming, said Sheldon and Celeste. Oh, and missing a week of school.

Be bear aware

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—Spring is here and with it comes tender new plant growth; it also brings groggy black bears, hungry from the long, lean winter.

Since early May dozens of bears have been found near and even on Highway 4 West, known locally as the Tofino Highway.

Too early to find food in the forest, the bears are attracted to the fresh growth of grasses and flowers alongside the highway. As the weather warms and berry blossoms turn to fruit, the bears will eventually retreat into the shelter of the forest.

For now, they are hungry and vulnerable.

The Victoria Day long weekend marked the official beginning of tourist season. Thousands of visitors make the trip to the West Coast every summer; attracted to the rugged scenery and the abundance of wildlife.

Many pull over to view bears grazing next to the highway. Some, however, fail to pull their vehicles entirely off of the road; others don't even bother to pull off of the road at all.

Regular commuters of the highway complain about the dangers unsafe wildlife viewing causes. Last year, a Nuu-chah-nulth family was injured when the car they were traveling in wound up in the ditch to avoid a car that had stopped on a curve in the road so passengers could view the bears.

An organization called The Friends of Banff conducted a study after facing similar bear watching problems in their community. They found that in 1998 and 1999 there were at least 375 "bear jams"; traffic jams that form when people stop their cars to watch bears in Banff.

Bear jams, especially when it involves people feeding the bears, are dangerous and can even be deadly for the bear.

According to Lynn Rogers, wildlife biologist for the North Central Forest Experiment Station, bears are attracted by sights, sounds, memories, and particularly smells.

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Tofino resident makes public photographs

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

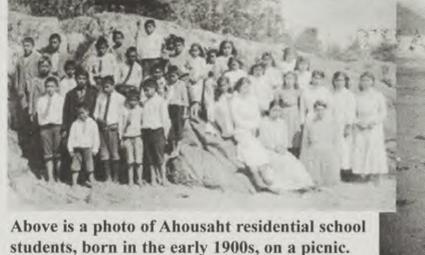
Tofino—Life-long Tofino resident Ken Gibson has a treasure trove of historic photographs taken by former Port Alberni mayor Mike Hamilton and his wife Mabel from 1919 to 1927 before the family moved from their homestead in Tofino to Port Alberni.

Gibson was born and raised in Tofino. His grandfather Robert Guppy bought the Hamilton home when they moved to Port Alberni, thereby creating the link that would connect the families for nine decades.

Years later, Marie Hamilton, daughter to Mike and Mabel, returned to Tofino and handed over a suitcase full of historic photographs taken in Esperanza, Hesquiaht Harbour, Ahousaht, Clayoquot Island, Tofino, Ucluelet, Port Alberni and Bamfield.

The photos are mostly of early settlers, nature scenes, boats and buildings, but hidden amongst the mundane are gems of Nuuchahnulth culture. There are photos of elders, of craftsmanship seen in the sleek lines of old-time canoes, and of other such wood work. There are racks of salmon eggs drying on the beach and much more.

Gibson had been working with online newspaper, The Westcoaster, which reports news from Port Alberni, Bamfield, Tofino and Ucluelet. They are uploading the photographs a few at a time to their photo archive so that others may help identify people and places in the photographs and, perhaps, be compelled to share some of their own treasured photographs.



Ken Gibson (left) is looking for help to identify the people in the photos taken by Mike and Mabel Hamilton in the early part of the last century. The photo of the men with the sea lion is clearly posed to make them look savage. Gibson points out you can learn a lot from these photos,

like how much skill went into building the sled the sea lion is on. Below right: Old Hutch taken in Ahousaht.

Above is a photo of Ahousaht residential school students, born in the early 1900s, on a picnic.

So far Gibson has 238 photographs posted on the Web, and plans to add more as time permits. He said there are about 2,000 photographs in the suitcase.

So who were the Hamiltons and why were they taking pictures on the West Coast in 1919? Gibson chuckles and said it's a long story.

"Mike Hamilton, 24, met Mabel who was only 12 on ship travelling from Ireland to North America," he explained. Mabel's family was rich and she was riding in the upper decks with the other rich people. Mabel's mother disapproved of Mike.

Later, Mike went to Homiss to help his uncle install telephone lines to Nootka and Esperanza. Mabel joined her family in Langley and the couple stayed in touch through letters.

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Atleo grandchildren given names

Ceremony welcomes children into chief's house

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—Extended family members of George and Marie Atleo's grandchildren arrived at Tofino Community Hall May 26 to witness the naming of the three young children.

An important tradition in Nuuchahnulth culture, naming ceremonies publicly demonstrate acceptance of people into a chief's house by taking names from that house; they also show the extent of connections or roots to other families and communities.

The hosts served dinner to their guests before introducing the children who would be receiving names. Standing before Ha'with Alex Frank's curtain, the Atleo's children, Nellie and Randall Atleo, were introduced as the parents whose children would receive names. Nellie held her infant daughter Georgia, while brother Randall stood with his two sons, Gregory and Randall Jr.

Speaking on behalf of Tla-o-qui-aht Ha'with Bruce Muuchinick Frank,



Hosts George and Marie Atleo stand with their children, grandchildren and the Frank family of Tla-o-qui-aht to introduce their three grandchildren.

Moses Martin said he was very glad that the people came to witness this very important event.

Each child was given a name from Muuchinick's house: Gregory received the name Nooth-thliim; Randall Jr.

received the name Taat-tah-poolth; and Georgia received the name Usma Nahni.

Toquaht Tye Ha'with Bert Mack, Ha'with Alex Frank Jr., and Ahousaht Chief Councillor Keith Atleo (on behalf of Ha'with Shawn A-in-chut Atleo), each received a gift of money and acknowledgement that they were there to witness the naming.

The hosts opened the floor to their

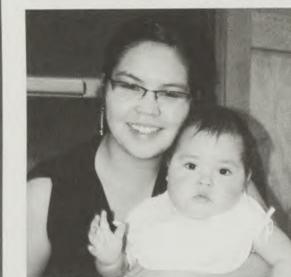
guests and the Atleo family of Ahousaht came forward led by Keesta (Keith Atleo), who were there representing the House of Kalkuskupis on behalf of A-in-chut (Shawn Atleo).

A c'i'iqqa or prayer chant was performed by Louie Joseph. Cliff Atleo Sr. said Keesta was there to show the family roots between his mother Caroline and the Atleo children. The family history, he said, includes the story of a whale hunter so great that he was said to have caught two whales in one day.

The Atleo family roots connect Kelthsmat to Ahousaht, and now to Tla-o-qui-aht. Cliff said this was an opportune time to share that bit of family history. By telling such stories the information will go from one generation to the next, and that way, it would never be lost.

The Adams and Thomas families of Ahousaht took the floor to show their love for baby Randall Atleo Jr, who is connected to their family through his mother Lacey Adams. They started off their performances with a dance that featured several headdresses. Marshall Thomas later thanked the hosts for inviting their family to the party and he introduced the two youngest headdress dancers, brothers Dominic, 10, and Shendon Thomas, 6.

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Nellie Atleo poses with baby Georgia.



Randall Atleo with his sons Gregory and baby Randall Jr.

All Huu-ay-aht Members Welcome

A SERIES OF INFORMATION SESSIONS HAVE BEEN SET ON THE FOLLOWING DATES BELOW, TO DISCUSS AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OUR MEMBERS HAVE ABOUT THE MAA-NULTH FINAL AGREEMENT.

Information/ Discussion Session

Monday, June 18, 2007 - VANCOUVER
5:00pm
Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown (1110 Howe Street)

Tuesday June 19, 2007 - VICTORIA
5:00pm
Holiday Inn Victoria (3020 Blanshard Street)

Wednesday, June 20, 2007 - PORT ALBERNI
5:00pm
Hupacasath House of Gathering (off Beaver Creek Rd.)

Thursday, June 21, 2007 - ANACLA
12:00pm (Lunch)
House of Huu-ay-aht

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April 10, 2006 the Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans introduces a three-year pilot plan for the management of the Pacific Coast Commercial Groundfish Fishery.

March 1, 2006: NTC invites the DFO minister to meet with NCN nations during his visit to British Columbia in early March. The minister did not meet with NCN nations, but he did meet with the CIC. March 10, 2006: A follow-up letter is sent to the minister, raising concerns regarding the implementation of groundfish quotas and inadequate consultation with NCN nations. March 13, 2006: Further answers to some of the NTC's 102 questions are provided. March 15, 2006: Paul Sprout writes to NTC concerning the March 10 letter to the minister stating that DFO is committed to working through the consultation process.

The Timeline

Jan. 17, 2006:

1. In an email exchange, Hall and DFO confirm a meeting on Jan. 23, 2006 between the department and NTC to discuss the protocol. 2. Later that day, Hall receives an email from DFO indicating that the department was considering implementing the groundfish reforms for the 2006. (Given that the halibut fishery commences in March, a recommendation for the implementation of the groundfish plan would need to be put the DFO minister by the middle of February.) Jan. 23, 2006: The meeting between DFO and NTC representatives to discuss the consultation protocol occurs and DFO promises to send a letter confirming points of discussion.

Feb. 3, 2006: The letter (in draft form) from DFO is sent to NTC. Among the discussions confirmed is that NTC and DFO should continue with the first five stages of the consultation process. The draft also indicates the groundfish plan proposal is urgent, given that the first fishery might be effected in early March. Feb. 14, 2006: Hall emails DFO and says though the NCN nations believed that all six stages of the protocol were necessary, they were prepared to proceed on the first five. (The sixth stage was the accommodation stage.) The email also indicates that the urgency expressed by DFO should not displace a proper consultation process. Feb. 16, 2006: DFO's letter in final form is delivered to NTC. It indicates that the first five stages of the consultation protocol should proceed and that groundfish was a most urgent issue. There was also indication that other news would be coming from the department regarding the proposal. Feb. 17, 2006: A memorandum is sent to the minister of DFO recommending the groundfish plan. The memorandum had been prepared in early February though no one had informed NTC about it. Feb. 20, 2006: Don Hall delivers a list of 102 questions to DFO in accordance with stage 3 of the consultation process. Feb. 24, 2006: DFO and NTC meet and answers to some of the questions are provided. Feb. 27, 2006: Hall receives a voicemail message that DFO plans to implement the groundfish proposal on a pilot basis.

Dec. 8, 2005: President Frank writes to DFO's RDG Paul Sprout to confirm some of the discussion of the Nov. 29, 2005 meeting, including the fact that DFO required time to consider the protocol. Dec. 20, 2005: Sprout responds to Frank's letter, commending NTC on developing the protocol. Sprout again indicates that DFO needs time to consider the protocol and review it with colleagues in Ottawa.

Nov. 2 and 3, 2005: NTC Fisheries Manager Don Hall, along with other NCN representatives, attends the Nanaimo dialogue session where six significant and complex topics (including the groundfish proposal) are discussed with stakeholders, both First Nations and non-aboriginal. Nov. 18, 2005: Discussion about DFO consultation is discussed at the Joint Technical Working Group. A meeting is set for consultation with NCN nations for Nov. 29, 2005. Nov. 23, 2005: In anticipation of the meeting, a six-stage consultation protocol is proposed by NTC and sent to DFO from NTC President Francis Frank. Nov. 29, 2005: A consultation meeting is held with DFO and the Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha'wiih. The same presentation that DFO had made at the dialogue sessions was presented. DFO stated that it required time to consider the proposed consultation protocol.

Oct. 12, 2005: Shawn Atleo, then co-chair of NTC, expresses concern in a letter to DFO about the dialogue sessions, saying none were to take place in a West Coast Vancouver Island community. (NTC had previously offered to co-host a session, but the offer was rejected by DFO.)

Nov. 24, 2005: Supreme Court renders its decision in Mikisew Cree First Nation v. Canada, which helps define the scope of consultations with First Nations required.

Sept. 1, 2005: Phase II of the DFO consultation is initiated with a form letter sent to stakeholders (both First Nations and non-aboriginal), informing them that four two-day "Dialogue Sessions" would be held in four locations in the province in October and November of 2005. (There were also four other meetings that would be co-ordinated by the British Columbia Aboriginal Fisheries Commission, that would be intended for First Nations solely.) Meetings include six topics for discussion, including groundfish proposal.

September 2005: A meeting between DFO and the Uu-a-thluk JTWG is scheduled. (Cancelled because NTC fisheries manager Don Hall is unavailable.) Other dates are provided, but DFO's Diane Trager is unavailable.



March 1, 2006: President of NTC Francis Frank, writes the minister seeking a meeting to discuss the reform proposal. March 10, 2006: The vice-president of NTC, Michelle Corfield, writes the minister of Indian Affairs to articulate the concerns of the NCN communities regarding the reform proposal. March 31, 2006: NCN nations write a letter to RDG Sprout.

Jan. 16, 2006: DFO sends a letter to NTC discussing the main elements of the reform proposal and NTC's concerns. The letter notes that DFO is considering implementation of the reform proposal for the 2006 fishing season. DFO hoped to discuss all of the above at the Jan. 23, 2006 meeting. Jan. 18, 2006: Dr. Don Hall responds informing DFO that the Jan. 23, 2006 meeting is intended only to discuss the department's commitment to the consultation protocol. It was too late in the planning stages of the meeting to bring representation of all 14 NCN nations together to discuss the contents of the groundfish proposal. Jan. 23, 2006: A meeting is held to discuss the consultation protocol, though the lead on the Groundfish Management Unit with DFO, Diana Trager, decides not to attend as a result of the Jan. 18, 2006 email from Hall. She attempts to set up a meeting for the first week of February.

Nov. 18, 2005: DFO reps meet with JTWG. Nov. 23, 2005: NTC President Francis Frank sends Paul Sprout, DFO's regional director general Pacific Region, a letter proposing a consultation process. Nov. 28, 2005: A meeting between DFO and NCN is held to provide a presentation on the reform proposal and answer questions. (Note: There was confusion between the parties whether this is a separate meeting or the one that NCN says occurred on Nov. 29th, 2005 where the consultation protocol is discussed.)

September 2005: A meeting between DFO and the Joint Technical Working Group is scheduled. (Cancelled because Hall was unavailable.)

Aug. 15, 2005: Dr. Don Hall, NTC fisheries manager, responds to the DFO letter with comments on the groundfish reform proposal.

June 2005: DFO sets up a Web site with information on the reform proposal. June 22, 2005: 1. A letter is sent to all groundfish fisheries license holders along with a consultation guide advising them of the reform proposal. 2. A letter is sent to all BC coastal First Nations advising them of the reform proposal.

March 2005: DFO determines that for the 2006 fishing season that 100 per cent monitoring be required on all commercial groundfish fishing trips.

January 2005: A member of the NCN nations becomes the Aboriginal representative on the CGIAC. He informs the committee that he cannot make comment on the reform proposal on behalf of NCN nations; NCN comments or concerns can only be addressed through bilateral consultations, he says.

January 2005: 1. DFO decides to delay consultations with First Nations until the CIC process is complete. 2. Nuu-chah-nulth become aware that new groundfish quotas are being considered and express a need for consultation with First Nations before quotas are implemented.

Nov. 28, 2004: 1. The Supreme Court renders the seminal case on the duty to consult First Nations—Haida Nations v. British Columbia. 2. The Supreme Court renders the Taku River Tlingit First Nation v. British Columbia decision.

Sept. 27, 2004: The Supreme Court of British Columbia renders its decision in Squamish Nation v. British Columbia.

Nov. 27, 2003: A meeting is held with representatives from DFO, industry and other stakeholders, though no representatives of First Nations are included. The group adopts the terms of reference for the CIC and CGIAC and make plans to develop a proposal for groundfish licensing reform. The CIC would develop the proposal and report periodically to the CGIAC.

October 2003: A further meeting is held with DFO and industry to review the discussion paper that makes reference to ITQs.

August 2003: A third meeting is held, attended by DFO, industry, environment and provincial representatives, where the group discusses Individual Transferable Quotas (ITQs) for rockfish.

June 2003: A discussion paper on groundfish is prepared by the CIC.

March 2003: Consultations commence between DFO and fishing industry associations to discuss solutions to problems in the commercial groundfish fishery. These talks lead to discussion papers being developed and the formation of the CGIAC.

March 2003: The Commercial Industry Caucus (CIC), with DFO's involvement, begins to work on an industry proposal to manage and monitor the commercial groundfish fishery. There is no First Nations representation in the CIC.

Submission of the Crown

Submission of Nuu-chah-nulth

The Nuu-chah-nulth: The 14 Nuu-chah-nulth (NCN) First Nations that are located along the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council: The Nuu-chah-nulth Nations have formed a tribal council (NTC), responsible for, among other things, co-ordinating aspects of relations between the NCN nations and government representatives and organizations.

The NTC Fisheries Department: Services to the NCN nations include technical and policy advice on matters related to the management of aquatic resources.

Dr. Don Hall: The manager of the NTC fisheries department. He is a fisheries biologist.

Uu-a-thluk: This is an NTC resource management organization. The word in Nuu-chah-nulth means "to take care of."

Council of Ha'wiih: This is the central forum for Uu-a-thluk. The council is made up of hereditary chiefs and their representatives.

Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG): The Council of Ha'wiih is supported by this group, made up of members of DFO, First Nations and NTC.

The Players

The department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO): The respondent in the matter before the court is the Minister of DFO.

Within the department of Fisheries and Oceans: There were three DFO representatives responsible for dealing with the Nuu-chah-nulth on groundfish issues: Ronald Kadowaki, the lead director for Pacific Fisheries Reform; Diana Trager, the regional resource management co-ordinator for the Groundfish Management Unit, a six person branch of DFO that has worked exclusively on groundfish issues since at least 2003. Trager was the lead person taking steps to implement changes to the groundfish fishery by the 2006 season; and Paul Sprout, the regional director general (RDG) for DFO in the Pacific Region.

The Commercial Industry Caucus (CIC): This is a group of 16 representatives of the commercial groundfish licence holders and processors. There are no First Nations representatives on the CIC.

The Commercial Groundfish Integrated Advisory Committee (CGIAC): This is a committee to which the CIC reports. It consists of 21 members, comprised of the 16 members of the CIC, plus one representative of five stakeholder groups. There is an allowance for one First Nations representative from British Columbia to be on the CGIAC. That representative was appointed by the British Columbia Aboriginal Fisheries Commission.

This Supreme Court of Canada decision is considered the seminal case on the duty to consult Aboriginal people and accommodate their interests when the Crown takes, or proposes to take, action that may affect the asserted Aboriginal rights of those Aboriginal people. The Supreme Court said this duty to consult is grounded in the honor of the Crown.

"The honour of the Crown is always at stake in its dealings with Aboriginal peoples...It is not a mere incantation, but rather a core precept that finds its application in concrete practices."

The Supreme Court said that the duty to consult not only arises in respect to rights and title that have been established through treaty or in court, but also to asserted, but yet unproven rights. These potential rights are protected by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

The Crown's duty to consult arises when the Crown has knowledge of the potential existence of the Aboriginal right and contemplates conduct that might adversely affect it.

The Supreme Court of Canada identified elements that may be included in the duty to consult, including putting forward proposals that are not yet

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finalized; seeking First Nations opinions on those proposals; informing the First Nations of all relevant information upon which the proposals are based; listening with an open mind to First Nations opinions; and being prepared to alter the proposal.

The duty to consult is an interim duty, requiring a compromise that sees Aboriginal concerns be reasonably balanced with the potential impact on those concerns and competing societal concerns.

In Haida, the Supreme Court also said the Crown may continue to manage land and resources pending claims resolution. There is also a spectrum of consultation, meaning the duty to consult might be minimal, depending on the limits of the right. A First Nation must set out their claimed right and the impacts of those rights with clarity. A First Nation must not frustrate the Crown's good faith attempts at consultation, nor use the consultation process as a veto over what can be done with the land or resource.

The Haida decision is about a duty to consult, not a duty to agree. It's not about the outcome, but the commitment from both sides to the process of good faith consultation.

Question:

Did the Minister of the department of Fisheries and Oceans breach his constitutional duty to consult the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations by approving the groundfish plan before completing the consultation begun under the consultation protocol as proposed by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council on behalf of the 14 Nuu-chah-nulth nations.

The Nuu-chah-nulth nations make application for:
a.) a declaration that the minister has breached his constitutional duty pursuant to s. 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982 to consult with and accommodate the applicants (the Nuu-chah-nulth nations) prior to the decision being made and the Groundfish Plan being implemented.

- b.) a declaration that the minister has breached his constitutional duty pursuant to s. 35(1) of the Constitution Act, 1982 and has failed to uphold the honour of the Crown by failing to consult with and accommodate the applicants pursuant to the terms of a Consultation Protocol agreed to by DFO and the applicants prior to the decision being made and the groundfish plan being implemented;
- c.) a declaration that the minister has breached the applicant's rights to a fair process by failing to abide by the terms of the Consultation Protocol agreed to by the parties;
- d.) an order quashing or setting aside the decision and declaring the groundfish plan invalid and unlawful
- e.) costs

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Vancouver—The 14 nations that make up the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council were in federal court on May 15 and 16 to seek a ruling on a department of Fisheries and Oceans decision (DFO) that resulted in the implementation of a three-year integrated groundfish management plan.

Their concern: The federal government had a duty to consult Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations before taking any action that might adversely affect their right to fish—a duty set out by the landmark Supreme Court of Canada decision *Haida*—and the minister breached that duty by implementing the plan before a full and meaningful consultation could take place.

The groundfish plan was developed by the commercial fishing industry at the behest of DFO over the course of two years, beginning in March 2003. When DFO received the groundfish proposal from industry in April 2005, it set about putting its own stamp on it and by June 2005 the department was prepared to go public with the plan.

It wasn't, however, until November 2005 that the DFO sat down with Nuu-chah-nulth-ah for bilateral consultations. DFO's goal at that time, unbeknownst to Nuu-chah-nulth nations, was to have the plan implemented for the 2006 fishing season.

Beginning in late November 2005, DFO and Nuu-chah-nulth nations set out on a five-stage consultation journey, which included 1. Identification of the policy proposal; 2. Explanation and initial discussion of the proposal; 3. Provision and consideration of further information; 4. The Nuu-chah-nulth response; and 5. The DFO response. (There was a sixth

stage—Accommodation—that was deferred.)

The five stages, as set out in a Consultation Protocol suggested by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, and agreed to by DFO, said Nuu-chah-nulth nations' lawyers, had barely entered the third stage

before a memorandum was sent to the minister of DFO in February 2006 to recommend implementation of the groundfish plan. On April 10, 2006, the minister announced his intentions to implement the groundfish plan as a three-year pilot project. The court action was launched by the Nuu-chah-nulth in May of that year.

Lawyers argue that DFO sought the Nuu-chah-nulth opinion on the groundfish plan too late in the game, and long after any adjustments could be made to it to address concerns that would come out of the consultation process. This is contrary to the Supreme Court's direction in *Haida*, which said the Crown must be prepared "to make changes to its proposed action based on information obtained through consultations."

The Supreme Court further said, in a case known as *Mikisew*, that the consultation process is not simply an opportunity to allow the First Nations "to blow off steam before the minister proceeds to do what she intended to do all along." Consultations must start at the early stages of a proposed project, and those consultations must engage directly with First Nations to address their particular concerns.

Central to the issue at hand is one question: Was there a legal duty to consult?

The lawyers for the Crown argue there was not. They submit that the consultations begun with the Nuu-chah-nulth did not spring from a legal duty, but from consideration for the stakeholders. It was more a matter of best practice, than of law.

The Issue

The Story

And they insist that what was at stake was the conservation of the stock; a resource under "extreme pressure" as a result of the fishing practices of the commercial industry.

There are 60 different species of groundfish on the Pacific coast, including rockfish, halibut, sole, lingcod and sablefish, and their nature is to intermingle. Licenses are awarded to catch one species, such as halibut, but in the process of catching that fish, other non-targeted fish will be caught—the bycatch.

Fishers generally retain only the targeted fish, returning the bycatch to the waters. However, there is a high probability that those fish will die. Rockfish are particularly susceptible, and were facing significant population declines.

DFO, by its own submission, had known about these declines since 1998, when they were advised by the Pacific Stock Advisory Review Committee. By 2001, the department had determined that it would be necessary to implement changes to the groundfish fishery and, in 2002, DFO implemented the Rockfish Conservation Strategy.

Because there are hundreds of individuals who fish commercially in the Pacific Coast, in March 2003, DFO sought to consult with the industry associations on solutions to the problems being experienced in the groundfish fishery. Industry, through the Commercial Industry Caucus, which does not include First Nations, set out to develop a proposal that would suit the needs of the commercial fishers, while meeting the objectives of reform set out by DFO.

DFO submits, however, that it wasn't until after June 2005, when the department began to consult with other stakeholder groups, that the magnitude of the bycatch issue in the groundfish fishery came to be fully appreciated. Integration of the groundfish fisheries plan suddenly became

urgently necessary for the 2006 fishing season.

Conservation trumps the provisions in law for all fisheries, including the aboriginal food, social and ceremonial fishery, as well as the commercial and sports fisheries. So no duty to consult was necessary as the infringement was justified, said the Crown.

It was also determined by DFO that, because the groundfish plan only applied to the commercial fishery, the Aboriginal food, social and ceremonial fishery (FSC) would not be affected. The reasoning: the FCS catch is taken off the top, before the commercial total allowable catch is set. Therefore, again, no consultation was required.

But lawyers for the Nuu-chah-nulth asked how DFO came to such a conclusion without consulting First Nations. They said Nuu-chah-nulth commercial fishers are often the same people who are relied upon by the communities for the food, social and ceremonial fisheries catch. The lawyers said the decision that the food, social and ceremonial fishery would not be affected was unilaterally made without input from the Nuu-chah-nulth people.

DFO was working backwards; making decisions without consultation and deciding, based on those decisions, that no consultation was required.

The groundfish plan was not only about conservation, say the Nuu-chah-nulth, it was about catch, and featured new terms for commercial fishing licenses, and the assignment of new individual transferable quotas (ITQs).

ITQs for rockfish, lingcod and dogfish were allocated to existing commercial license holders at no cost, but could be transferred for value between private parties at market prices. A DFO representative valued a rockfish license, with its attached quotas, at \$260,000.

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The story continued

Crown says Nuu-chah-nulth were dragging their feet

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In a presentation to the Senate Standing Committee of Fisheries in March 2005, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's Fishermens Committee described their objection to ITQs.

"The department (DFO) has continued to strongly promote privatization and push their managers to implement "Pilot" programs and initiatives that encourage private investors to accumulate fishing licenses and quotas, which are forcing out working fishermen that cannot afford these privileges."

The investor buys up blocks of the licenses and then rents them back to small operators at inflated prices, they said.

"An example of ITQ extortion...Halibut quota that traded for \$3 to \$4 when ITQs were introduced, now are being offered to government at \$44 per pound. A single boat employing four of our people would have to pay about \$4.8 million for a maximum boat quota."

This therefore affects how treaties are negotiated.

In the treaty process, the federal government has said "that cost is one of its most significant considerations in reaching settlements," reads one of 102 questions the Nuu-chah-nulth sent to DFO in seeking information on the groundfish plan. "One of the major stumbling blocks in negotiations has been the cost of addressing Nuu-chah-nulth interests in relations to fisheries access." At these prices, Canada may say they can only afford so much buy back for treaty settlement.

So surely the impact the plan would have on Nuu-chah-nulth's asserted right to a commercial fishery would trigger the duty to consult. The Crown lawyers again argued no.

The impact on the asserted right was non-existent, they said, or was minimal at best, because there were so few licensed vessels in the Nuu-chah-nulth fleet.

Nuu-chah-nulth had more than 200 licensed vessels in the 1950s, but as DFO policy and programs changed and put the fishery under the control of wealthy investors, the Nuu-chah-nulth access to the resource became less and less; and they blame this, in part, on ITQs. In 2005, the Nuu-chah-nulth had five halibut licenses and three rockfish licenses.

And the Crown submitted the duty was also minimal because the right was asserted, not proven in court. If the infringement were justified on a proven right under conservation and protection, then the duty on the unproven right was minimal.

The duty to consult is based on a spectrum as per the severity of the infringement. And in this case, said the Crown, the duty would be limited to providing notice, disclosing information and discussing issues raised in response to the notice. Which the Crown submits, in this case, was done.

A timeline of events can be seen on page 4. Readers will see that the Nuu-chah-nulth began to push for bilateral consultation in January 2005, when they learned that new ITQs were being considered in the groundfish plan. Phase one of DFO's consultation with stakeholders, both aboriginal and non-aboriginal, didn't begin until June 2005 when the department launched a Web site, and conducted a mass mail-out, including a questionnaire, sent to all stakeholders.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's fisheries manager, Dr. Don Hall, responded to the questionnaire.

"What is apparent from the comments of Mr. Hall is that the Applicants (the Nuu-chah-nulth) were concerned about impacts on commercial fisheries," reads a portion of the Crown's argument in the case. Hall's response asserts that a moratorium be placed on the further introduction of ITQs until First Nations' interests are addressed.

The Nuu-chah-nulth are historically a fishing people and are pursuing their aboriginal commercial fishing rights actively, both through litigation in the courts and negotiation in the BC Treaty Process, to which Canada is a party to both.

A key issue in a separate court action undertaken by 11 of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations "is the adoption by DFO of a multitude of license restrictions and quotas for various commercial fisheries within the overall DFO management regime, such as the groundfish plan," reads a portion from the Nuu-chah-nulth argument in the court action on the groundfish plan.

Nuu-chah-nulth nations have serious concerns about how more quotas will affect their fishing rights.

The Crown, however, submits that the Nuu-chah-nulth never clearly articulated what, if any, potential impacts the reforms in the groundfish proposal would have on their asserted rights—an obligation also set out in Haida—and therefore no duty to consult would arise.

But it is part of the Nuu-chah-nulth nations' argument that Canada and DFO had full knowledge of their concerns through the court litigation and the treaty talks, and this provided sufficient impetus to trigger the Crown's legal duty to consult.

In a most outrageous statement, the Crown submitted that even if there were consultations the parties would have ended up in court anyway, because of the Nuu-chah-nulth's philosophical opposition to ITQs.

"Regardless of how the consultation had unfolded, we would have been in court. That's my point. That's my submission... whether we started this process two years ago, a year ago, if IQs had been implemented, in my submission, we would be in court," Crown lawyer, R.S. Whittaker.

Justice J. Blais jumped on this statement, asking if it was Canada's position that the First Nations were engaging in the consultation process in bad faith. If that was Canada's attitude going into the consultation process, that it was a fruitless endeavor, Canada might have the temptation to shortcut the process, he said. "Obviously, it's much less interesting to enter a negotiation when your opinion at the very beginning is that it means nothing and nothing will sort out," said Justice Blais.

The Crown's lawyer said the opinion was not the position of DFO going into consultation, and there was no evidence to suggest "any such objective to bypass the process." Whittaker said the opinion was his own, formed from reading the record.

"I want to be very clear. I'm not suggesting at all bad faith towards anybody and I don't want anybody to take my comments to be suggesting that at all because that's not my intention," said the lawyer.

But the Crown did accuse the Nuu-chah-nulth of foot-dragging; attempting to use stall tactics to slow the consultation process so as to interrupt the timeline of the plan's implementation.

By sending 102 questions to DFO during phase three of the consultation protocol—Provision and consideration of further information—the Nuu-chah-nulth were trying to frustrate and delay the process, the Crown said.

The Crown asked that the judge dismiss the application to quash the groundfish plan, but if it is decided that Canada had a duty to consult, that the court's discretion be used and allow the three-year pilot project to continue while consultations with Nuu-chah-nulth are conducted.

At the end of the day, the judge urged the two parties to find a way to get back to the table and get consultations back on track.

"It's very difficult for me to achieve a decision that will resolve the problem and be helpful for all of you, unfortunately. I would like to. I will try to, but I'm not sure I will.

"But I am optimistic and pragmatic."

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

The Decision

Vancouver—In a decision on May 29, Justice J. Blais dismissed the Nuu-chah-nulth nations' application on the three-year groundfish integration pilot plan and has ordered that they pay court costs to the respondent, the minister of Fisheries and Oceans (the Crown).

Justice Blais said there were three issues that he considered in making that decision: 1. What the scope of the duty to consult was; 2. Were the steps taken by the minister sufficient to meet the duty; and 3. What was the appropriate remedy.

The Crown had submitted that no adverse impacts on the Aboriginal right to fish for food, social and ceremonial purposes were ever expressed by the Nuu-chah-nulth before the decision to implement the groundfish proposal was made, so no duty to consult was triggered. This submission was accepted by the judge.

The only adverse affect, Justice Blais said, was to the asserted right of the Nuu-chah-nulth to the commercial fishery, and it was his decision that the infringement would be minimal, "particularly in light of the fact that the respondent was pursuing a compelling and substantial objective of conservation of the resource in question for the benefit of all Canadians, including the applicants."

He said the limited impact on the Nuu-chah-nulth commercial fishery would put the duty to consult at the lower end of the spectrum.

The Nuu-chah-nulth position in the application was that the minister should have begun the consultation process far earlier than November 2005, when the department finally undertook bilateral consultations with them, and while the groundfish plan was in development.

Justice Blais agreed that timeliness was a valid argument, however, he said the Nuu-chah-nulth were fully aware of the direction the plan was taking long before the consultation process began with DFO. He said because there was a member of the Nuu-chah-nulth nations on the Commercial Groundfish Integrated Advisory Committee (CGIAC), their understanding of the pilot plan began at least as early as January 2005.

Justice Blais said the Nuu-chah-nulth were familiar with the main issue of their concern in the groundfish plan—ITQs. These had been in place in the majority of commercial groundfish fisheries since the late 1990s, and the Nuu-chah-nulth were generally opposed to them.

He disagreed that the minister was under the obligation to conduct bilateral consultation, and referenced the Supreme Court of Canada Taku River Tlingit decision, where, Blais said, "the court rejected the notion that the duty to consult meant that the consultation process must always be tailored to the First Nations...and thus that consultation must always be bilateral."

He said given that the duty to consult was on the lower end of the spectrum and that the applicants were represented in the multilateral process through the CGIAC, "I am satisfied that there was no need for the minister to take any extra steps to consult the applicants while the Reform Proposal was being developed."

Though not intending to conduct bilateral consultations with the Nuu-chah-nulth, the department, nonetheless, agreed to pursue some form of them, said the judge. The Nuu-chah-nulth

complaint is that those consultations were not completed prior to the minister deciding to implement the groundfish pilot plan, and the reason for this was that the department waited until the end of the process before engaging the applicants.

The Crown, however, submitted that the Nuu-chah-nulth attempted to frustrate the consultations. They refused to discuss issues surrounding the groundfish plan until their proposed consultation protocol was agreed to, and then submitted 102 questions in an attempt to delay the process, the Crown said.

And the judge seemed to agree. "It is clear from the timeline of events that the applicants share a lot of the blame for delaying the process to the point where there was no time for them to present their official submissions before the minister adopted the pilot plan," said Blais in his decision.

He said that Nuu-chah-nulth cancelled a planned meeting in September 2005, and they didn't submit their consultation protocol until Nov. 23, 2005, even though the Nuu-chah-nulth member of the CGIAC called out for bilateral consultation as early as January of that year.

"More importantly, they insisted that DFO agree to their protocol, before they proceeded to discuss the substance of the issues." Blais said it was clear the minister didn't want to agree to a protocol that would postpone the adoption of the proposal.

Yet, ultimately, DFO did agree to the protocol, at least the first five stages, and Nuu-chah-nulth nations argued that this created a legitimate expectation that the minister would hold off on his decision until the consultation was concluded.

"I am not convinced that such is the case," said the judge.

He said the minister did not agree to be bound by the protocol; that no decision could be made until the five stages were completed.

He said the proposed timetable was "clearly problematic."

Under the target completion date as set by Nuu-chah-nulth nations, "the applicants simply wrote: 'as required to complete the consultations process.'" Justice Blais said by refusing to participate in the consultation process until DFO agreed to the protocol, "the applicants destroyed any possibility that meaningful consultations of the type they sought could be accomplished by the beginning of the 2006 fishing season."

Blais agreed that the Nuu-chah-nulth nations' "strong philosophical objection" to ITQs, would have made it unlikely that they would agree to their implementation, even if extensive consultations would have taken place.

The judge seemed satisfied that DFO did respond to Nuu-chah-nulth concerns that came out of the first stages of the consultation process completed.

The plan was adjusted to a three-year pilot project, he said, and there were additional quotas of lingcod and dogfish provided the Nuu-chah-nulth.

"It is clear that a measure was introduced in the pilot plan to accommodate the potential adverse effects of the reform proposal identified by the applicants."

In the final paragraphs of his decision, Justice Blais encouraged both parties to "seize the opportunity presented by the remaining two years of the pilot program to engage in meaningful consultations."

He said keeping in mind the direction of the Haida decision that consultations be undertaken in good faith.

Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations will have to decide within 30 days of Justice J. Blais' decision whether they will appeal. Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council President Francis Frank took time to provide his thoughts on the results of the judicial review.

The Response

"We are very disappointed with the ruling because through our proposed consultation protocol we felt that as Nuu-chah-nulth we were acting in a

proactive manner that would benefit both Nuu-chah-nulth and DFO."

The DFO officials involved at the time seemed to receive the protocol quite well, so when Canada's lawyers argued that the Nuu-chah-nulth development and use of the Consultation Protocol was obstructionist, "it was difficult because of the conflicting messages coming from Canada.

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You are invited to join us



CBT Board Meeting
June 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
District of Ucluelet Chamber Office

* As lunch will be provided, kindly advise our office to ensure we have adequate catering arranged & information packages available.

Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you there.

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NOTICE OF VOTE

YUUFU'IT'ATH (Ucluelet) FIRST NATION CONSTITUTION

Notice is hereby given to all Yuufu'it'ath members, and those Yuufu'it'ath individuals enrolled under the Maa-nulth First Nation Final Agreement (the Treaty), that a vote will be held to approve adoption of the Yuufu'it'ath Constitution on

Friday, June 15, 2007

All enrolled Yuufu'it'ath voters will be mailed a copy of the Yuufu'it'ath Constitution dated 4 May 2007, along with the Notice of Vote. According to the Treaty, the Yuufu'it'ath Constitution must be approved by 50% plus one (1) of eligible voters that vote. The ballot question will be:

"Under the Treaty, Yuufu'it'ath First Nation must have a constitution. The Yuufu'it'ath First Nation Constitution Committee has drafted and recommends the Yuufu'it'ath Constitution dated May 4, 2007.

Do you approve the May 4, 2007 Yuufu'it'ath Constitution?"

Yes or No

How and where to vote: There are two ways to vote. You may vote in person between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on June 15, 2007 at one of these locations:

1. Yuufu'it'ath Administration Office Hall, Ittatsoo
2. Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 3555 4th Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

You may also vote by mail-in ballot. A mail-in ballot will be automatically mailed to all enrolled Yuufu'it'ath members who do not live in Port Alberni, Ucluelet, at Ittatsoo, or in Tofino. Any enrolled Yuufu'it'ath who do live in these locations but who will be unable to vote in person may request a mail-in ballot by contacting the Chief Electoral Officer. Mail-in ballots must be received by the Chief Electoral Officer by Friday, June 15, 2007. Please use the return envelope provided, and please write your full name and address on the outside of that envelope. No mail-in ballots will be accepted at polling locations.

Eligibility to Vote: Application for enrolment should be made by contacting Christina Klotz at the Yuufu'it'ath administration office in Ittatsoo (250-726-7342 or toll-free 1-877-726-7342). You may also apply to enrol in person—and vote—on the day of the vote by providing the electoral officers present with a complete enrolment application.

Voters List and Ballot Counting: A list of currently eligible voters will be posted at the Yuufu'it'ath Administration Office in Ittatsoo, the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office. All ballots will be counted on Saturday, 16th June, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Cedarwood Lodge in Port Alberni, and the results will be posted at those locations.

Questions about the Constitution: Members of the Yuufu'it'ath Constitution Committee are available to answer any questions you may have about the Constitution. Contact the Yuufu'it'ath Administration Office in Ittatsoo at the numbers given above for their contact information.

Voting will be conducted according to the applicable Rules of Procedure in the Treaty. For information about the voting process, please contact the Chief Electoral Officer.

Dated at Port Alberni, British Columbia, this 10th day of May 2007.

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In Memory of

In Loving Memory Darrell Darren Jack
November 15, 1984 - June 08, 2006

My heart still aches in sadness,
And secret tears still flow.
What it means to lose you,
No one will ever know

If tears could build a stairway
I would walk right up to heaven
and bring you home son.

My son I Love you and miss you.

From Dad (Leo Jack Jr.)



Gone but Not Forgotten
My Sweet Daughter Jane Maria-Lee Frank
April 5th, 1996 - May 26th, 1996

It broke my heart to lose you,
But you did not go alone
part of me went with you,
the day God called you home.

A million times I've thought of you
A million times I've cried.

If loving you was not enough
to save you my sweet baby
Forgive me lord, I'll always weep
For the daughter I loved so much but
could not keep...

she is forever in my heart & soul my
sweet **ANGEL**

JANE MARIA-LEE FRANK
missing you lots my daughter
I'll always love you Jane
Love from your mom Sharon

Honk if you love black bears

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"Bears can smell garbage from a mile away and if they are rewarded with an easy meal they learn very quickly to repeat behaviors," she said.

Bears not only face death by collision with a vehicle, but a bear that has been conditioned to expect food from humans can wind up shot.

The British Columbia Conservation Foundation launched a program called Bear Aware. It is their goal to educate the public in order to reduce conflicts between humans and bears. They coined the phrase, "A fed bear is a dead bear," as part of this initiative.

They say food-conditioned bears are also known as problem bears. They return to campsites, garbage cans or they may approach vehicles and people expecting easy food. Conservation officers will first attempt to trap and relocate such bears. Sadly, some return and are put down as a last resort.

Roadside bears can die at the hands of humans in several ways. They can be struck by passing vehicles or they can die indirectly through human interference.

According to the Bears and Roads Web site, food-conditioned bears may prefer to stay near roads even when other bears have returned to the forest; other dangers these bears face include exposure to hunters, and other humans, that are potentially lethal to bears.

If you see a bear on the road during your travels, scare it off the road by honking at it. Maggie Paquet of the 'Get Bear Smart' Society said she honks at bears all the time, not only for their protection but also for the protection of the people.

"It's sad to say some people are getting out of their cars to look at the bears. It's just a matter of time before someone gets hurt," she said.

Health fair dishes up the goods on wellness

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The 2007 Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) Health Ability Fair was a resounding success as Nuu-chah-nulth people from all over the island took in the educational displays and health presentations at Maht Mahs on May 30 and 31.

Tseshah's Helen Dick, Disability Access Committee (DAC) Chair, said the opening prayer, and Les Sam, Tseshah Chief Councilor, welcomed visitors to the home of his people. He also extended a welcome on behalf of the directors of NTC.

Dick said she was happy to see the Ability Fair back after missing a year due to the BC Elders Gathering. She thanked Richard Watts for volunteering his time to assist with emcee duties, and then introduced DAC committee members Dolores Bayne, Mae Taylor, Ida Mills, and Pat Nicholay.

Dick noted a number of stations offering health and esthetic services to participants over the course of the next two days. Participants were invited to enjoy massages, free hair cuts and mini manicures, acupuncture, reiki therapy, and paraffin dips.

Amongst the health information tables was Shopper's Drug Mart and with staff who offered blood sugar testing and blood pressure checks. They also provided samples of health foods and information on other products and services they offer in their store.

One little known free service offered is special prescription packaging for customers that must take several medications daily. Their prescriptions can be dispensed in blister packages marked with the days of the week, conveniently allowing the customer to see if they remembered to take their medication.

The health fair theme for 2007 was



Lavern Frank (right) assists people with soothing warm paraffin hand dips.



Jan with Shopper's Drug Mart shares information about new products and services with a northern region elder.

hishuk sa nish tsawalk which, Dick said, translates to 'one family, one community, one nation.'

"It was chosen because it encompasses you as an individual, to your family, community and Nuu-chah-nulth as a nation," she explained.

In order to improve the health of our communities, Dick said, we need to not only think about our own health, but also that of our family, our community and our nation. Health, she pointed out, is not only physical, but also mental and spiritual.

Florence Wylie, the co-ordinator for DAC and the NTC executive director, said her background includes working with and for people with special needs. Because of this she is keenly interested in doing her part in improving health for Nuu-chah-nulth people.

DAC members, she said, would talk about a secondary gathering to be held, hopefully, later this year. In the meantime she asked that people living with special needs to contact her with suggestion on how the committee may help them.

Participants enjoyed nutritious snacks while speakers made their presentations.

Dr. Riff Kamii is a psychiatrist that has worked his way west across Canada,

finally settling in Vancouver Island three years ago. He's worked with First Nations people from the Victoria area and is fascinated with traditional wellness practices.

The focus of Kamii's presentation was depression in First Nations people and how it can be treated. First Nations people, he said, have many reasons that make depression a major issue. Going back in time, large numbers of the people were lost through small pox and other diseases the Europeans brought, political and economic oppression, and the suffering brought on by the assimilation

tactics of the residential school system.

It's important to achieve balance when embarking on your healing journey, he said.

"Depression is not only a mental illness, but it can also lead to physical illness, as your body weakens due to stress," he explained.

Kamii first came to Nuu-chah-nulth territory after learning of the rash of suicide attempts and completions that occurred in Ahousaht a few years ago.

"Ahousaht has a population of approximately 900; in 2003 there were over 100 reported suicide attempts," he said.

Health experts from all over came to Vancouver Island to try and find a solution to the problem. "They later went away, but I couldn't get Ahousaht out of my heart and didn't feel right just walking away," he explained.

Consumption of high levels of alcohol can show up in whatever part is developing at the time the fetus is poisoned. Binge drinking (long periods of abstinence followed by a night of heavy drinking), according to Hughes, can cause brain damage which could manifest itself in learning or behavior problems.

With advice from the community, Kamii hopes to develop a process to help First Nations people, one that is holistic



Dr. Riff Kamii

and incorporates culture and the teachings of the elders.

He is committed to work with the people of Ahousaht before branching out and extending his services to other Nuu-chah-nulth communities.

Invited to ask questions, individuals shared painful memories and tears with the gentle-mannered Kamii. He praised them for their courage and gave them a hug before they returned to their seats.

One woman told of a deep depression she suffered after losing her grandparents. She said she had an out-of-body experience where she 'felt love like she's never felt love before.'

She was told she had to return and share these messages of love.

"I'm here to tell you the love I felt there is possible to achieve here," she said.

Dr. Rhiannon Hughes is a pediatrician and geneticist who teaches about genetic conditions. Her goal is to educate people about genetic conditions so that they can better understand and better manage their conditions.

She started her presentation with a crash course on basic genetics.

"We get our genes, 40,000 of them, from our parents. Each parent contributes 23 chromosomes to their child, so we are half of each parent blended in a unique way," she explained.

"Sometimes there are problems with the blending of the chromosomes, which could result in a miscarriage. This is especially so if there are multiple miscarriages for a couple," said Hughes.

Other genetic problems include birth defects like Down's syndrome and cleft palate, which are passed through the parents' genes.

Sometimes birth defects are not genetic, but can be due to damage created by exposing a developing embryo to toxins, like alcohol and some medications.

"The effects can show in the baby's eyes, limbs or whatever part was affected during the developing fetus' exposure to alcohol or drugs," said Hughes.

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KLECO! KLECO!

FROM THE NTC DISABILITY ACCESS COMMITTEE

The NTC DAC would like to thank the following guest speakers, who contributed to another successful Health-Ability Fair: Matilda McCreath, Dr. Brent Manson, Omar Alasaly, Karen Frank, Margaret Koren, Louise Tatoosh, Dr. Charmaine Enns, Dr. Rif Kamii, Dr. Rhiannon Hughes, and Don Burnstick. Special thanks to Richard Watts for chairing the event. Thank you to the self-care service providers: Marie Lafortune, Lavern Frank, Trudy Tate, Sara Durocher, Mattie Cootes, Charlotte Elliott, Rhiannon Lessard, Stephanie Selva. Thanks to Betty Barney for providing native design appliqué, and to Dolores Bayne hosting a cedar-weaving table. Thanks to Jan,

Good medicine for the heart and soul

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The best defense against Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Effect is complete abstinence from alcohol during pregnancy.

Health issues common to Nuu-chah-nulth (and other First Nations people), include diabetes, but that, she said has more to do with the change in diet from seafood to processed, fatty and sugary foods.

One thing she has noticed is that some children in the Tofino and Ahousaht areas often experience convulsions or seizures during fever.

Parents that are aware of this problem in their own children should give their child Tylenol early in an illness, she advised.

Dr. Charmaine Enns, Medical Health Officer with the Vancouver Island Health Authority was at the Ability Fair to share information about tuberculosis (TB) after recent reports of local outbreaks of the disease.

The crux of her message as that prevention is the key to eradicating the disease. She listed five steps to preventing TB:

- Prompt diagnosis
- Increased awareness that TB is out there
- Treatment support
- Decreased stigma
- Completing the course of medication

Enns reported that one-third of the world is infected with TB; it is caused by infection with a bacteria that can live dormant in the lung.

Only about five to 10 per cent of those affected actually develop TB disease during their lifetime. Yet, every second someone in the world is infected with TB.

A skin test shows if a person has TB germs in their body. There is also the chest x-ray. Anyone with symptoms of TB should have a chest x-ray.

Contact your public health nurse or your family doctor if you wish to be tested for TB.

Karen Frank of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation has extensive knowledge of local plants and how they can be used to make traditional medicines.

"I learned a lot from my late grandmother Carrie Mickey," she explained to participants at the fair.

Frank started making medicines 13 years ago when her daughter had a bad car accident. The injuries to her knees were so serious that the doctors said she may never walk again.

Frank took immediate action, making a batch of medicine that she started her daughter on right away. She healed well and is walking today.

Frank described some of her medicines and what they were used for and how she makes them. She avoids polluted places like areas near mills when harvesting her raw materials. She seeks out medicines from places that are clean both on the ground and in the air.

"It is really important to pray when you're picking it, processing it, packaging it and when it is being handed over to the patient," she advised, "and the person taking the medicine has to really believe in it and should also pray when they take it."

Some of her liquid medicines are very strong and she always stores them in glass containers. They should never be stored in plastic bottles because they will collapse.



Rick Thomas and Robert Cluett get clipped by some stylists from the Alberni School of Cosmetology who were on hand for the participants of the health fair.

Frank invited people forward to sample some of her crab apple bark medicine. She had lichen known as old man's beard, which is used for skin ailments.

Several people tried the lichen for their eczema and psoriasis. Frank said her medicines have also been used to treat stomach ulcers, headaches, weak bones, arthritis, and other conditions.

Used medicines, she said, should be returned back to the forest.

Gord Taylor of Ucluelet thanked the organizers of the event saying he likes to come to the fairs because he learns a lot and can take the information home to his community.

The event ended with a comedy show by Don Burnstick, followed by acknowledgements.

Comedian shares life's ups and life's downs

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—Popular First Nations comedian Don Burnstick arrived at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) Health Ability Fair May 31 to share his message of healing and to bring laughter to the community.

Burnstick took part in the fair by first making a presentation about the methods to achieve wellness that he discovered on his own healing journey.

He hails from a reserve north of Edmonton. Burnstick, 44, said he was born in a dark time for Native people. The youngest of 15 children, Burnstick was often left with relatives while his siblings were off to residential school.

"When they came back, they were mean, they were sexual, they were unloving, and they brought it back to the home and to the community," he said.

Not only did Burnstick grow up with dysfunction and abuse, he and his people also faced a lot of racism.

Burnstick experienced the alcohol and drug addicted life in his teens and early 20s, but gave it all up after being kicked off his reserve for drug dealing. He went for treatment, then went to school so that he could help others.

A certified alcohol and drug abuse counsellor, Burnstick spent that last 20-plus years helping others on their road to sobriety.

Incorporating First Nations beliefs and concepts into his presentation, Burnstick first talked about the circle of life.

"When we're born, we're helpless. We need to be fed, cleaned and cared for. When we get old, we grow weak and helpless and we go out the same way we



Don Burnstick

came in, completing the circle," he explained.

Everything in between is life and it is hard. Among the hardest years are the seven spent as a teenager. In Burnstick's culture this period of time is known as the 'seven sacred steps.' Sadly, he said, some teens want to run through them and grow up too fast.

Young teenagers sometimes think they know all about love and want to start making babies early. "Our kids are very sexual," he said. "It's all over television and the Internet and I know of a 12 year old girl who got pregnant. She made her 27-year-old mother a grandmother."

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On holistic health approaches

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—Dr. Brent Manson is a chiropractor who believes that a holistic approach is the way to true health.

"If you can achieve a holistic or optimum state of health early on, you should have fewer problems as you get older," he said. "You will not only avoid disease, but you will also be stronger and have more energy."

According to Manson, more money and better technology is not the answer to better health.

"We're pouring more and more money into healthcare yet health overall is getting worse; we're losing the war against diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, osteoporosis and more," he said to the participants of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's Health Ability Fair held May 30 and 31 at Maht Mahs gym.

Manson believes that as a society we're getting more unhealthy, because we've lost the holistic connection.

"We eat processed foods, we watch television and sit in front of a computer; we've made massive improvements in how to treat disease, but not in improving health," he said.

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A mother's success

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—Matilda McCreath of Ahousaht shared what it's like having family members living with special needs with participants at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) Health Ability Fair held May 30 and 31.

She's spent her adult life advocating, confronting challenges, and reaping the rewards after giving birth to a son with a congenital heart defect.

Born 24 years ago, McCreath's son has faced a life of pain, fear and many surgeries. She's spent many days holding him in the hospitals.

"These things affect the entire family," she said, adding she's grateful for the tremendous family support she has.

McCreath's father, Archie Frank Sr., was a pillar of support, but he passed away six years ago. The family was able to turn to his brothers and sisters and their families for help.

"My uncle Louie told me I'd never be alone and that was so true," she said.

"My son had another surgery in December and I was amazed to see my aunts, uncles and cousins come to Vancouver to support us," she said.

The family has had difficulty accessing funds and services for the disabled son over the years.

"Canada," she pointed out, "is one of the richest countries in the world, yet it does little to support its disabled people."

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An INAC primer to wills and estates

A representative from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada was on hand at the Nuu-chah-nulth tribal Council's Health Ability Fair held at Maht Mahs gym on May 30 and 31 to deliver information about wills and estates for First Nations people.

She pointed out that there are differences between wills and estates for First Nations people living on reserve and for those living off reserve.

Estates of those living on reserve at death fall under the jurisdiction of the department of Indian Affairs while all others fall under the jurisdiction of the provincial courts.

The following is information for First Nations who are registered and living on reserve. This does not cover customary law or self-governing First Nations law and/or any treaty related matters.

- An estate is all property that the deceased person owned at the time of death; it also includes debts that the deceased owed, including car loans, credit card balances, and cable, phone and funeral expenses.

- Items not included in the estate include any registered item jointly owned by a person who is still alive; a life insurance policy with a named beneficiary, traditional land holdings and trap lines.

- Jointly owned property goes to the survivor under the right of survivorship rule.

- When someone dies, someone must be appointed to deal with or administer the estate; debts have to be paid, vehicles have to be transferred, bank

accounts closed, and money distributed.

- A will is a written statement setting out what you want done with your estate when you die.

- The benefits of having a will are: to ensure that the people *you* want will share in your estate. (If you don't decide then the law will) to help avoid family disputes and confusion concerning your estate; to allow your family to look after your personal affairs.

- A will must be in writing, signed by you and states your wishes with respect to the disposal of your property.

- Cassette taped, video taped or any other recordings are not valid and will not be accepted.

- You must be of sound mind when making your will. Adults are encouraged to make their wills now rather than wait.

- You should choose an executor you trust, is healthy, has respect for your beneficiaries, and should be willing to do the job.

- Witnesses to the signing of your will is a requirement under provincial law, but not under the Indian Act, but it is recommended.

- Circumstances may require that you change your will, especially if you have more dependents, acquire more assets, or change your marital status, for example. Wills can be changed at any time.

- You do not need a lawyer to change your will, but you may want one if you have a sizeable estate.

- It's important to name a guardian in your will if you have minor children.

- You must take steps to ensure your will is stored for safekeeping from theft, fire and flood. You may want to file a

wills notice with Vital Statistics.

- For people living on reserve: If there is no will, the Indian Act determines for the deceased who gets the estate and how much they get.

- The Indian Act has a strict set of criteria for defining who the heirs will be. If the estate is less than \$75,000, the legal spouse or common-law (living together in a conjugal relationship for at least one year) is the beneficiary.

- If the estate is greater than \$75,000, children are entitled to a portion of the estate.

The department of Indian Affairs defines a child as any biological or legally adopted child and those children adopted through custom law. Step-children are not included.

- When DIAND has no immediate family to which to award the estate, they search for the next closest kin.

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Notice to Maa-nulth First Nations Youth.
You are invited to the Maa-nulth Youth Forum
on July 13 and 14 at the University of Victoria.
The focus is Maa-nulth
First Nations' Constitutions and Treaty.

If you have questions or are interested in attending,
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Thank You for Another Successful Year

Uu-a-thluk would like to thank everyone that has helped make Uu-a-thluk's past year a success. We are grateful and appreciate the work everyone is doing toward the vision and goals set out by the Ha'wiih. Uu-a-thluk strives to manage aquatic resources for the future of Nuu-chah-nulth with a foundation of traditional knowledge, respect with caring, and integrity.

What is Uu-a-thluk?

In March of 2005, Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih and Chiefs gathered at a historic meeting to launch Uu-a-thluk, a new approach to aquatic resource management within Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-houlthee: an approach that is based on the Nuu-chah-nulth principles of Hishukish tsa'walk - everything is one, and Iisaak - respect with caring. Uu-a-thluk is a

unique co-management framework that assists communication and connections between Nuu-chah-nulth and other governments and groups.

Uu-a-thluk is:

• Council of Ha'wiih:

The Ha'wiih or representatives such as the Chief Councilor, Councilors and fisheries managers of Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h', Nuchahtlaht, Ehattesaht, Mowachaht/Muchatlaht, Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, Tla-o-quiaht, Ucluelet, Toquaht, Uchucklesaht, Tseshaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay-aht, Ditidaht and Pacheedaht.

• Joint Technical Working Group:

First Nations fisheries managers, Uu-a-thluk, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans staff working together to solve problems and take advantage of opportunities.

• Staff:

Consisting of the regional biologists, managers, outreach, capacity development, fundraising and economic development: conducting the day to day work under the direction for the Council of Ha'wiih and First Nations.

Uu-a-thluk's vision and goals are:

- 1) The aquatic resources of the Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-houlthee are being managed consistent with Nuu-chah-nulth principles and values.
- 2) Ecosystems and species in Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-houlthee are healthy and resilient to change.
- 3) Nuu-chah-nulth rights and title are recognized, exercised and respected.
- 4) Nuu-chah-nulth, Federal, Provincial and Local governments are managing the use of resources through an integrated ecosystem approach that includes the knowledge, experience, commitment, energy and resources of communities and other persons and bodies affected by aquatic resource use.
- 5) Nuu-chah-nulth are accessing and benefiting from diverse local aquatic ecosystems and species; and generating enough wealth that our families and communities are healthy, while achieving sustainable social, cultural and economic benefits for other Canadians.

For more information about Uu-a-thluk please visit our website at www.uuathluk.ca

Uu-a-thluk Activities

Here are a few examples of the activities Uu-a-thluk has undertaken this past year.

www.uuathluk.ca

Healthy Environment

- Restoration of stream habitat
- Discussions with DFO about Nootka Sound log spill clean-up
- Clayoquot Sound sea lice sampling
- Government project referrals
- Sea otter surveys, management planning and participation in recovery teams
- Effect of bottom trawling in Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-houlthee
- Salmon stock assessment mapping project and catch monitoring

Access

- Assistance with First Nation's shellfish and hatchery operations
- Support for Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Development Corporation
- Collaboration with Turning Point First Nations
- Rockfish Conservation Area assessment and monitoring

Relationships

- Presentations and visits to Nuu-chah-nulth communities
- Aquatic Management Board oceans proposal and ongoing issues
- Big Eddy conference and initiative
- Contributed to design and implementation of province-wide First Nations fisheries organization
- Articles and profiles in the Ha-Shilth-Sa, Gold River Record, Westerly, AV Times, and Westcoaster.ca
- Participation on various advisory committees

Culture

- Ucluelet Youth and Elder outdoor trip
- Elder's cultural exchange, boat trip in Barkley Sound with DFO
- Elder's advisory luncheon for the Raincoast Education Society's rockfish conservation project
- Initial stages of a Nuu-chah-nulth cookbook project
- Salmon Mapping, to collect and map information on past and present salmon streams, including Nuu-chah-nulth names

Capacity Building

- Created "Paddle Your Own C'apac," a job and opportunities manual for Nuu-chah-nulth high school students
- Over 55 Nuu-chah-nulth people received training in various courses
- UVic's Science Venture program delivered a week-long science camp in Tsaxana
- Produced and distributed a series of three Nuu-chah-nulth role model posters
- Coordinated DFO Aboriginal Initiatives SARA Intern Project

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The grades 3 to 6 song and dance group from Haahuupayak School at Tseshaht near Port Alberni, performed, upon the invitation of Clarence Louis, chief of the Osoyoos Band, recently during the Entrepreneurial Conference. In the morning of May 16, the students performed at SenPokChin School in Oliver. Then they did a show in the evening at the Sonoma Dunes for the conference delegates. The students shone brilliantly, and they were very excited about their new desert experience. Highlights included the fine accommodations, the desert (beware of rattlesnakes) walk, the great pool and waterslide, the performers, and horseback riding. Thanks to Clarence Louis, Darryl Ashdown, Linda Watts, Jean Thomas, Delores Seitcher, and many others for this fun trip.

Hamilton photographs

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In 1919, Mabel, now 19, took a trip to the West Coast. She boarded the Princess Maquinna to see Mike, despite the disapproval of her parents. She took photographs of what she saw along the way; the breath-taking scenery and the canoes that met the Maquinna at the various ports.

She returned home to her parents after her visit with Mike. Fearful that their daughter would marry Mike, the couple sent their daughter to Europe 'to cool off.'

It didn't work. Twelve years after they met, she married Mike; the couple built a house on the Tofino waterfront and had four daughters.

In 1926 or 27, the Hamiltons sold their house and moved to Port Alberni. The home, still standing to this day, was sold to the Arnets, then the Guppy family eventually bought it.

Gibson said Mike took several scenic photos of Nootka Sound and Hesquiaht Harbour while he was there. When the suitcase of photographs was handed over to Ken and Dot Gibson by Marie, one of the two remaining Hamilton sisters, she asked the Gibsons to help sort the photos and identify the people and places.

Gibson has successfully identified many places, based on his extensive knowledge of the landscape of the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The Aboriginal people, however, would be hard for him to identify since he never knew many of them.

Some of the photographs have been printed and published by others, he said. MacMillan Bloedel, for example, paid to have 90 photographs reproduced. The photos they selected focused on Port Alberni and industry.

The photos posted on the Westcoaster are predominantly scenes of early

settlement in Clayoquot Sound and Ucluelet with several photos of boats. There are a few photo albums devoted to Ahousaht.

In a strange coincidence, Gibson had the privilege of sifting through another suitcase of old photographs that was discovered in an attic at Old Christie. Unfortunately, he said, he didn't know any of the Native people at all and turned the case over to the offices of the New Christie Residence (now the site of Tin Wis Resort). He said he never knew what happened to those photographs.

Tofino and surrounding communities were fortunate to have had three photographers recording local scenes in a time when photography was a rare and expensive hobby.

Gibson pointed out that Reverend Stone was the first good photographer who lived near Opitsaht from 1902 to 1916. He was followed by W.W.S. Drader, Tofino's first school teacher, who lived in the area from 1912 to 1914.

"By having the works of all three photographers together you can piece together our history from that era," he said.

The Gibsons will be showing some of the photographs at an upcoming heritage fair in Ucluelet. Ken says by showing the photographs publicly, he hopes to get people interested in history and in sharing their own collections.

"It's a great way to see a way of life that's now gone," he said.

The original prints will eventually be handed back to the Hamilton sisters. Gibson said they are happy that he's keeping the memory of their father alive and they may donate the photographs to a museum in Mike Hamilton's name.

To view some of the photographs in the collection go to [www.opposition.bc.ca](#) and click on the Photo Gallery link.

NTC Grad 2007 fast approaching

Ka:yu:'k't'h'/Chek:tes7et'h' First Nation is very busy planning and preparing for our guests. There are a few things we would like you to know before you journey up to Kyuquot. We will have Water Taxis up in Fair Harbour on Friday June 15 at 3:30 p.m. For those of you who will be arriving on Friday. We will have water taxis in Fair Harbour on Saturday at 10:30 and 11 a.m.

For billeting arrangements please contact Devon Hansen (250) 332-5982.

We are setting up hair stylists for Saturday. We will have a station set up

at the school for those who would like to have their hair and/or make-up done. Please bring your own make-up.

Our community does have an alcohol and drug by-law. We remind people that there be no alcohol or drugs at this wonderful event.

We hope that many Nuu-chah-nulth graduates plan to attend. We will take care of each and every one of you. We look forward to seeing you.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Hanson at the Kyuquot Band Office (250) 332-5259 or 1-888-817-8716.

Family pitches in for son

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The disability support her son gets, she says, is not enough to live on.

She said he couldn't get special low-income housing in Nanaimo, because he didn't meet one of their requirements; he has to have children.

Parenting, she said, doesn't end when your kids turns 18 or 19. Archie Frank Sr. used to say 'Once you're a parent, you're a parent right to the end.'

McCreath is grateful for the assistance she receives through the NTC. Finding support and services for the disabled, she said, is a full-time job.

rest of the family provides financial support for Daniel to help out with food and the difference in rent. Both she and her husband have to work full time in order to support their three children.

"That's your solution?" she asked, "Get married and have kids? He's not well; the last thing he's thinking of is having kids."

Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Important Notice

This is a notice to all Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation members both on/off reserve. Would you please contact our office and give us your current contact information and status number information. I am currently working on updating the data information for our members and would appreciate updating this information for all of our members. If you have any questions or concerns about Medical Travel or Membership, please do not hesitate to contact me through our toll free number: 1-800-238-2933 or (250) 283-2015, extension 1138.

Thank you,
Barbara Dick, Medical Travel/Membership

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Birthdays & congratulations

Atleo party

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The family is very proud of the boys, said Thomas, adding they practice regularly and will lead future dances. The boys, sons of Travis and Cora Thomas, are connected from Ahousaht not only to Hesquiaht through Cora's mother, but also to Tla-o-qui-aht, through Cora's father Bruce Martin.

Pleased with the dancing skill and enthusiasm of the young boys, Moses Martin presented them with money on behalf of the host chief.

In their finale, the Adams and Thomases danced again, this time with young Jeffery Frank, who danced out with the grandson they share with the Atleos, baby Randall Atleo Jr.

Roberta Adams, Lacey's mother, gave a woven cedar bark hat to Marie Atleo; a symbol of the grandmother title they share with baby Randall.

Toquaht Tyee Ha'wilth Bert Mack stood to say he's closely related to the Frank family of Tla-o-qui-aht and that he's always admired the way they and Ahousaht always use proper Nuu-chah-nulth names.

"I was always taught you show respect by showing how you're related to others; and you respect them more when you know you're related.

Mack said he was happy to help George Atleo with his party because he is proud to be his friend. "Thank you to everyone that came to witness the naming of these new people that came into this world," he said.

Tla-o-qui-aht dancers continued the celebration of song and dance late into the night.

To Doug Robinson
Happy 80th birthday, 2007

They don't make them like my daddy anymore
You showed us hard work, with love from your heart
As you would go hunting, right after dark

To feed your whole family, while others joined in
You opened your door to all of your kin
Never once...asked your band for anything

When the house you built got too small, you readily traded
For a bigger and older and ruggedly faded

You just kept on longshoring, and hunting and fishing
And singing and guitaring while you were wishing

To go to Nashville...you were scouted
But declined, to be with your family
Sacrifices were big but complain you did not

And then we moved to the McCoy Lake lot
You taught us to clear the land, burn bush and to build

We became quite the carpenters, ready and skilled
You built the house with your own muscles and money

The doors always open, the jokes always funny
You kept up on hunting, playing guitar and to nurture

But you started to practice Indian songs for our future
Dedicated to learn, you spent many, many hours

Drumming and singing to get inner powers of
Love, gratitude, humility and more
To heal and awaken your deep inner core

That was shattered...in the residential school
Today you are blessed with grandchildren galore

Who love and adore you cause of who you are
There is Cody, Honey, Shaney-Boy, Kory, Baby Mary, Marilyn, Brittany, Dougie, Guy, Chrissy, Howie, Sonny, Richard, Dawn, Terrel, Ander, Lana, Chubbs, Tammy, Blossom, Gert, Delaine, Frado, Theresa, Samson, Schnecky, Xavier, Peyton, Elijah, Quade, Trevor, Huumis, Kwastim, Tracey, Taylor, Mackenzie, Gordy, James, Thomas and Shane.

Then there's your children who have learned so much from you. We are grateful that you still are with us today and cherish every day you are
Kathy, Irene, Joyce, Ann, Jessie, Margaret, Wilfred, Erma, Wanda, Amelia and Tracey and many more who call you DAD.

You taught many people to sing their own songs
Opened the hall and set the chairs out, without any pay
Because that was the Indian way
You taped the songs and made learning more fun

Not just for us but for everyone
I am grateful for all you have done
You've given and given to everyone
Without hesitation when thanks were not given

You gave anyways, your kindness was driven
To help our culture not die
You and mom are still active in this

Calling All Caterers

Are you interested in catering the NTC Post-Secondary Graduation Ceremony and Dinner Thursday June 28th 2007 @ the Maht Mahs Gym?

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2006 / 2007 Post-Secondary Graduation & Scholarship Ceremony

Thursday June 28th 2007, 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Maht Mahs Gymnasium, Tseshaht Reserve, Port Alberni

If you are planning to attend this event - please send in your graduation confirmation form (available in this edition of the Ha-Shilth-Sa or at the P/S Department) and official university/college transcripts OR photocopy of your degree or diploma by Friday June 15th 2007 @ 4:00pm.

Forms can either be faxed to (250) 723-0463 or emailed to Maria Gomez at mariagomez@nuuchahnulth.org or Holly Massop at hmassop@nuuchahnulth.org



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Confirmation Form

Attention: Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations
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First Nation Education Workers

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Post-Secondary Graduation & Scholarship Ceremony and Dinner will take place on Thursday June 28th 2007 at the Maht Mahs Gymnasium on the Tseshaht Reserve in Port Alberni from 3:00pm - 7:00pm.

The deadline to submit your confirmation of graduation with the NTC Post-Secondary Department is Friday June 15th 2007 @ 4:00pm.

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The response

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As Nuu-chah-nulth, we developed the protocol to assist government," so that it could exercise true consultation in accordance with all court rulings, Frank said.

Canada also argued in court that one Nuu-chah-nulth member, or NTC employee, participating in the DFO advisory process met the requirement of consultation, said Frank, even though the NTC employee is repeatedly on record saying that consultations needed to take place bilaterally with the First Nations.

"This aspect of Canada's argument is particularly troubling, as it calls into question why any First Nation would participate in any DFO advisory process, if participation for information gathering can later be used against the First Nations as meeting DFO's consultation obligations."

He said the recent ruling now forces NTC to reassess our continued role in those advisory bodies.

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Burnstick wraps up health fair with popular routine

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He attributed the problems in our communities to what he calls SAD: sex, alcohol and drugs. These things, he said, are bringing our people down.

"Alcohol is the number one killer of our people, and drugs and sex are bringing our people down," he declared.

It's important for our people to develop a sense of pride in who they are. He joked about all the young native men who like to act black.

"They dress in baggy pants, wear their caps to the side and they disrespect women by calling them bs and hos; I've never seen a black man trying to act native!" he laughed.

"Instead of trying to be something we're not, we should be honoring ourselves as First Nations people," he said, adding, "Life is a struggle. There are trials and tribulations, but the Creator gave us tools to deal with that. It's up to us to learn how to use those tools."

Burnstick talked about the road to "wellbriety;" and the four things people should do on their healing journey: Share your pain and your joy, pray, cry and laugh.

"You have to do all four," he said. "This is what healing is and I'm a walking testament of that."

Taking pride in his heritage, Burnstick talked about what he sees as the

differences between natives culture and white culture.

"When white people get old, they're put in homes; when our people get old, we hang onto them. We treasure them and tell them we need them to teach us."

"When they get paid, they go to the bank and save, save, save. They get old and someone else spends their money. When we get paid, it's gone," he laughed, adding, "Indians are always giving. We feed people, we give gifts and we give money."

He concluded his presentation by reminding people that "your kids are not your own; they are gifts from the Creator and it's our responsibility to look after them."

Burnstick is best known for his comedy routine, but he pointed out that it wasn't his intention to make comedy the focus of his career. His goal, he said, is to share a message off healing and he does it by making people laugh.

In his personal life, Burnstick had sad news for the ladies; He's been snagged, he and his sweetie are expecting twins this November.

Burnstick's wildly popular comedy show was the grand finale of the ability fair. T-shirts, posters and DVDs were sold to appreciative fans. Burnstick said proceeds from the sales would go to help out an elders' centre in his home community.

Teeth were the root of problem

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To illustrate his point he told the story of a First Nations man from northern BC who was having a host of health problems. He went through a battery of sophisticated tests and treatments, but nothing worked.

The man returned home and met with a traditional healer who told him his problem was his bad teeth.

The man argued that he had had thousands of dollars of work done, including root canals and crowns. The healer insisted the problem stemmed from the infected teeth, which were

poisoning the man.

When the man returned to the city, he had his bad teeth removed and, immediately after, his health started to improve.

Dr. Manson said he doesn't know whether or not it was the removal of the teeth that caused the man to feel better. It could have been the good medicine for the soul the man got when he returned to his people.

It could even have been the move away from processed foods in the city to whole food his people eat back home, Manson speculated.



Job Opportunity Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

We are seeking a full-time reporter with sports reporting experience who would take on the unique opportunity of reporting on events within the Nuu-chah-nulth territory. Our Reporter has primary duties for covering First Nations sporting and cultural events, and will assist with general news coverage from the Northern Region communities of Kyuquot, Ehatesah, Nuchlatlaht, and Mowachah/Muchalalt.

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Grade 12, plus proven skills in writing and applied communications. Diploma in journalism is preferred. Good computer and camera skills. Must have a car and valid drivers licence. Knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth issues, culture and sports.

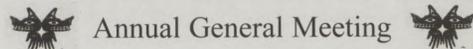
For further information contact Debora Steel at (250) 724-5757.

Send applications by June 22, 2007 to:

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
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TSOW-TUN LE LUM SOCIETY



Annual General Meeting

The Tsoow-tun Le Lum Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday June 23, 2007 at 12:00 Noon at the Tsoow-tun Le Lum Treatment Centre beginning with lunch; at 699 Capilano road, Lantville. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call (250) 390-3123.

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Birthdays & congratulations

Happy Father's Day to our dad, Stephen Tom Sr. We love you dad. Love always, Stevie and Kyra. Happy Father's Day to my husband, Stephen Tom Sr. Love from your wife, Carrie.



June 17: Happy 14th birthday to our handsome son, Stephen Tom Jr. You have grown up to be a responsible and respectful young man who takes pride in everything you set out to do. We are extremely proud of you and know that you will accomplish anything that you set your mind to. Love always from your dad and mom (Steve and Carrie Tom) and your one and only sista (Kyra).



Congratulation to our daughter Alanda Atleo who graduated from U.S.S on June 2. Way to go girl, we are so proud of you! Dream Big. Love Mom, Dad and Taylor.



Announcing the engagement of Derrick Manson and Glenda Frank. The weeing will take place on Aug. 18, 2007 in Ahousaht.



June 12: I love you to the stars babe. Happy sixth birthday to you. You have been counting down the days and it is finally here. Enjoy your Day, Dorian Cashes Malachi Sutherland. xoxo



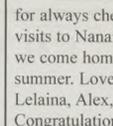
Happy birthday to my husband Alexander Jules on June 3. I hope you have another great year. I also hope you have a good Father's Day. You deserve it. You are a wonderful father to our two beautiful children. Love you always, Lelaina



Happy father's Day to my Father Steve Charleson! Thank you



for always cheering us up with your visits to Nanaimo. I can't wait until we come home for a visit this summer. Love you real lots. From Lelaina, Alex, Wayne and Tiana. Congratulations to my brother Josh. Thank you for inviting us to your awesome grad in Whistler. We had a blast. Wishing you all the best next year at UVIC! From Lelaina and Alex.



We would like to wish our lil princess Victoria Gallic a very special 19th birthday for June 6. We are so proud of you and we all miss you. Love always Mom and Dad, Kameron and Roman Gallic and Allison.



mom, Jackie, step-dad Wilson and lil bro, Matt Jack.

A very special day for a special father. Happy Father's Day to Chief Wilson Tim Jack. We love you as big as the ocean. We love you bigger than the sky. We love you with all of our hearts. You are the best that the best can be. You are the best thing that ever happened to us. We thank the lord. Enjoy your day. All our love, Jackie and son, matt jack.

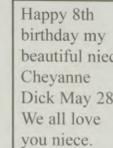
Happy Father's Day to my son, Kenneth Louis Lucas. I love your babies. I am so proud of them. Your brother is proud to be their uncle. We are so proud of you. You have come a long way son. We love you...noodles. Love, your mom, Jackie, Wilson and lil bro, Matt.

Happy birthday to uncle Donald Sabbas on June 8. We love you uncle. Have a good one. Love, your niece, Jackie, neph Wilson and grandson Matt.

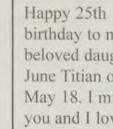
Happy birthday to Ralph Titian on May 24, Grace George on June 18 and Daisy George on June 19. From Corby George.

Would like to take this time to wish the following happy birthday: June 2: Devan Chester. Happy 18th birthday Neph. June 4: Desean [In Cali] Happy 14th birthday Neph. June 6: Sharon Bond. Happy 37 birthday my friend. June 8: Ashleigh Williams. Happy birthday Niece. June 13: Frank Charlie. Happy birthday Uncle. June 14: Lana Olsen. Happy birthday Sissy Pooh. Calvin Charlie Happy 18th birthday Neph. June 15: Makayla Mack. Happy birthday Niece. June 16: Josh Wheeldon Happy birthday Neph. June 18: Parker

Happy 8th birthday my beautiful niece Cheyanne Dick May 28. We all love you niece. Hope you have a wonderful day. Love auntie and family.



Happy 25th birthday to my beloved daughter, June Titian on May 18. I miss you and I love you lots. Hope you had a wonderful day. Mom.



Mack Sr. Happy birthday Bro. Kobe [In Cali] Happy 4th birthday my lil birthday present *Smilez.* June 21: Connie Charlie. Happy birthday Cuz. June 23: Reese Mack. Happy birthday Bro. June 26: Amy-Rose Thomas. Happy birthday Niece.

Would also like to say Happy Father's Day to all you fathers out there, including the single mummies for you are both mother N father to your wonderful children.

Also Congrats to Kalvin Charlie. Chad Charlie, Aaron Charlie, Devan Chester on graduating 2007. Lotsa luv from Sugar Thompson-Adair.

Hello we would like to send birthday wishes out to our family members for the month of June. Baby Sandy, Auntie Lana, Grandpa Frank, Auntie Sugar, Uncle Parker, Auntie Connie, our Brother Dallas...Sorry if we missed anyone. Hope you all enjoy your day! Lots of love from Jaelyn, Norman, Joe.

We would also like to acknowledge our cousins who are graduating, Aaron Charlie, Devan Chester, Chad Charlie, Kalvin Charlie...way to go guys! Very proud of you guys for all your hard work and determination. Wishing you the best of luck in your future endeavors from your lil cousins Jaelyn, Norman, Joe.

Would like to wish my oldest bro and his beautiful wife (my sis) a very happy anniversary in the month of June. I believe this is number three for Buster and Angel Charleson. Love you guys and miss you. Your sis Allison Howard

Happy anniversary goes out to my other older bro and my sister forever, Shawn and Jacquie Mack up in Bamfield. We have to get together. Give my three nieces a big hug for me. pulleezze and thank you. Your sis Allison Howard

This month also brings a happy birthday to my bro Shawn Mack. What is it a big 3? I know but we are the same age so I can't reveal it. Love you bro. Your sis, Allison Howard

Happy Father's Day to our husband/dad Steven Howard. We love you. Love Alli and your eight beautiful children.

Happy Father's Day to some special men in my life also, first to my dad Randy Fred. I love you and the kids love you. Francis really enjoyed your last visit Dad. He wants to know when "Grandpa Randy is coming again." As well to my very special Uncle Tim Sutherland who has been there for me all my life. Love you Uncle. My other Dad Leo Sabbas. I love you. Sorry I missed your last visit. Next time pack a bag and stay a night. My uncles Clinton Fred, Daniel Fred, Sam Haiyupis, Moy Sutherland...Happy Father's Day.

I also think often of and would like to wish a Happy Father's Day to my

Grandpas Chuck and Andy in Victoria, Uncle Bill Morris in Port Alberni, Uncle Rocky Titian in Ahousaht, Uncle Harold Little in Ahousaht, and Mr Eddie Jones in Port Alberni. Love you all. Allison Howard. I know Grandpas in Vic. You're wondering who I am. One of the "lil Loretta's (Lot)".

Happy birthday to Kaylee Jacob, Evelyn (Gracie) "Lot" Charleson, and Jonathon Sabbas in the Month of June. Love you guys.

June 2007: Greetings from our home (Molly, Chris and Dorian): June 10: Cuzzin Scooter. How the heck are you doing? Happy 29 (forever) birthday. Still think of you on your born day. Hope you and the family are doing great. June 12: Birthday greetings go out to Derek Peters Naassissimis. Happy birthday uncle. Let's eat lots of cake!

June 17: Oh oh, who's turning 13 this year? Would that be my fave neph Collin Russe!! Wow, where does time go? We must be haven fun eh? Have an awesome day. Happy Father's Day to my dad papa Benny Ryan Clappis! I hope you kick back, read the newspaper, enjoy your coffee, take control of the clicker, maybe go fishing, do whatever you want today. This is daddy's day. We love you so much.

We would like to extend a happy 17th birthday to our son Kalvin Foster Charlie on June 14. We wish you the most wonderful day possible.

Also we want to congratulate Kalvin in his efforts in completing his high school; We want you to carry on with your education to ensure you have something to fall back on. Again congrats to our son Kalvin. We love you. Mom, dad and Shanny!

Also, happy birthday to Parker and Lana and Sugar. We hope your night at club cal is nothing but fun! Freda, Daniel, Kalvin and Shanny.

Congratulations to Doug. Love your sis Dorothy, Dick, Pearl and family.

Congrats to Marvin on graduating from Grade 12 and Violet to middle school. Love Mom, Dad, Lisa, Danny, Michael, Doug, Dorothy and Dick. Happy Father's Day to all my uncles and cousins.

Happy ?? Birthday to Brenda Johnson. Enjoy your day and many many more to come. Just think pension soon. Lol. Love your family and friends.

Happy birthday to Jacob Johnson, aka Thongs. Hope you have a great day. From Tanya and Mel.

(High Pitch Voice) ha ha Happy birthday to my nephew Jacob Johnson. Love you. Love Auntie Shirley.

Happy 19th birthday Francine, aka sunshine on June 26. I hope you have a good and fun day. Congratulations of grading high school. I am so happy for you. Keep heading in the right direction. Keep it real. Love Queen Chug#22. Tanya Megan Mark. (I love you long time).

I'd like to wish my Uncle Alvin a very happy Father's Day from your niece Allison Howard.

I would also like to wish my Grandson Dorian Sutherland a very happy birthday. Miss you and love you handsome. Hope you have a good day. Love Grandma Allison Howard, Steve and your uncles and aunties.

Editor's Note: Due to the holiday on June 21, Ha-Shilth-Sa asks that you get your greetings in early. June 14 is the cut-off date for submissions.

School spirit runs high at Sports Day

By Denise August Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter



Ahousaht—Community members gathered at the school track May 28 to cheer on their children participating in the annual Maaqutsiis School Sports Day.

Children, ages three and up, competed against one another in sporting events in their quest to win coveted ribbons.

Principal Greg Louie oversaw events led by his teaching staff. Younger children took part in ring toss, running races and long jump, while the older ones tried their hand at Bocci (shot put) and high jump.

The school sports day in Ahousaht is not only a school event, but involves the entire community. Children are invited to compete in all events for their age groups while proud parents and grandparents cheer them on, sometimes running with their children.

A hot lunch was organized by Karen Adams and Interpreter Chelsea Badger. They sold hamburgers, hotdogs, cold drinks and other treats in order to raise funds for a trip for Alicia Seitcher, a Maaqutsiis student living with Usher Syndrome.

So many children took part in the fun and games that the school ran out of ribbons well before the end of the day. School staff says the day's events were just for fun and no records were kept of the winners in each event. Judging by the happy faces and enthusiasm shown, everyone was a winner.



Above: Shawn Jack shows off his prizes for the day's activities.

Top left: Kindergarten student Elliott Mack powers through during the ball throw event. Middle left: Grade 1 student Oceannah Robinson catches some air during her turn at the long jump competition.



Bottom left: Braeden Johnson takes careful aim in the preschool ring toss event.



Photos by Denise August Titian



Above: Sierenna and Mercedes put heart and soul into their pre-school race. Above middle: Marietta Kalouckavale, 5, takes flight over the bar.

Community & Beyond

Youth Career Fair Ucluelet

June 7

The Career Fair will focus on the possible employment opportunities in our region and provide youth with a framework for options and goals to work towards. The career fair will also introduce a variety of post-secondary education choices, career and employment options from all over Vancouver Island. For more information and to book your spot, please call Krys at West Coast Community Resources Society - 726 2343 ext 55 or 725 8415 or Krysland101@yahoo.ca

Urban Aboriginal Forum Vancouver

June 13 and 14

The conference will provide an opportunity to explore the experience of Aboriginal people living in urban centres and seek out ways to overcome the struggles and address the specific needs that come with urban life. Issues to be addressed include empowering youth and women, providing access to adequate housing and healthcare, strengthening community and creation more opportunities for education, employment and economic development.

J.C.'s Crew Slo-Pitch Tournament Tofino

June 16 and 17

To be held at Wickaninnish School, Entry fee is \$300. Based on 10 teams: First place \$1,000 and keeper trophy, second place \$800 and keeper trophy, third place \$500 and keeper trophy. To register please contact Hazel CVurley or Joe Curley Jr. at work 725-3233/home 725-3842/cell 266-0568.

Nuu-chah-nulth Grad Kyuquot

June 16

Begins at 1 p.m. and is hosted by ka'yu:k't'h'/che-k'tles7et'h Grad application forms can be obtained from the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council or your band office. For further information, please contact Eileen Haggard at 724-5757 or Angie Miller at 723-6251.

Loonie Twoonie Auction/Flea Market Hupacasath

June 16

At the House of Gathering, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables available. Contact P.J. Little at 735-0604. Beerwolves Slo-pitch Fundraiser.

Child Health Fair and Screenings Gold River

June 22

Three and four year old kids (born 2002/04). Hearing, speech, vision, dental and safety. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Allow one hour for screening. Call 283-2462 for appointments.

June 24

To be held at the House of Gathering. The auction will have a summer theme: camping stuff, barbecue items, etc. 50/50 draw. Table rentals are \$5/table, or by donation of items for loonie/twoonie. For information, please phone Jennifer McCarthy at 720-2254 or 730-1609.

Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha-wiith Tofino

June 26 and 27

The focus of the meetings will be current aquatic resource issues, including but not limited to: DFO's "adjacency" policy, upcoming food fishing needs, clam licence transferability and presentations about habitat restoration work taking place in Nuuchah-nulth Ha-houlthee.

National Day of Action Canada-wide

June 29

The day is intended to bring focus to the issues facing our communities and to generate greater awareness, understanding and support for the need to act. Thru peaceful demonstrations across the country, First Nations will reach out to Canadians by putting their issues and their solutions front and centre.

Golf Tournament Port Alberni

July 7

At Hollies Gold Course. \$40 buy in. For more information, call Ron at 723-8340 or 731-5118.

Flea Market and Loonie Twoonie Hupacasath

July 7

Treasures galore. House of Gathering. Grand prize: One night's stay for two at Coast Bastion Inn, plus cash. Call Lind Gomez at 724-7152 or 730-0677 or gomezl@shaw.ca.

Andrew David's Slo-Pitch Tournament Tofino

July 20 to 22

To be held at Wickaninnish School. Entry Fee is \$400, based on 14 teams. Fir place \$1,800, second place \$1,200, third place \$1,000 and fourth place \$500. Based on 12 teams: Only first, second and third will be paid. To register, contact Vickie Amos at (250) 725-3233 or email xxdrew19@hotmail.com.

Flea Market-Craft Fair-Loonie Twoonie Hupacasath

July 21

Fundraising for PAFC Elders to attend Elder's Conference in Vancouver, August 2007. Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.? At the House of Gathering, Hupacasath Hall (off Beaver Creek Road). Tables at \$10 each. Call John or Amy Barney to reserve a table 724-0139. Concession available. Come and check out the entertainment. Call John or Amy for more information. 724-0139.

Celebration of Life Hot Springs Cove

July 28

Come and celebrate the life of Sennen Dominic Charleson. Family and friends together in Hot Springs Cove. Come and enjoy a fresh seafood feast and lots of chumus. For information call Bernard Charleson at (250) 670-1133.

Yu-cluth-aht Holistic Celebration of Health Ucluelet First Nation

Aug. 10 to 12

The cultural music and health fair will include traditional First Nations culture groups, as well as musicians that are more contemporary. In addition, there will be a number of workshops on alcohol and drug education/awareness. Traditional teachers will address spiritual practices, traditional medicines, and cedar bark basket weaving. The Web site is <http://musicfest.ufn.ca>.

Symposium: Preserving Aboriginal Heritage Ottawa

Sept. 24 to 28

Technical and Traditional Approaches. An opportunity for Aboriginal people and conservation specialists to learn from one another - in an atmosphere of mutual respect - about traditional, technical, ethical and intangible aspects of the conservation of Aboriginal material culture. For more information visit the CCI web site at: www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/index_e.aspx.

Memorial potlatch Port Alberni

Sept. 29

Tony Marshall and his children are holding a memorial potlatch for their late wife/mother Evelyn Marshall. It will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall at noon sharp. Contacts are: Grace Marshall (723-0782) and Faith Watts (724-2603).

Coming of Age Party Tseshaht

Nov. 3

From Hiima?yis of Hesquiaht, for Ahmber Barbosa and Brook-lyn George. Kla-kisht kei-iss (Simon Lucas) alongside Brook-lyn's partent (Lloyd and Claudette) and Ahmber's parents (Shayne and Lynette) invite you to attend this celebration Nov. 3, 2007 starting at 10 a.m. at the Maht Mahs gymnasium.

Potlatch Ahousaht

Nov. 11

With great advice from elder, speaker Stan Sam, mother Josephine, Uncle Neslon, brothers Bill and Corby. I have decided that we will dry our tears Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 at Maaqutsiis new gym beginning at noon, and celebrate what my late father gave me. It was our late father's wishes that we continue on practicing our culture and to remember that he did go full circle in a very special life that he shared will all of us. Choo, Maquinna.

Christmas Dinner Ahousaht

December

The Georges will be hosting the Christmas dinner in December 2007. Thank you. Lewis George Maquinna

Also

National Aboriginal Day activities

June 21

Vancouver

Love, light and healing hosted by the Spirits rising Memorial Society in the Downtown Eastside, bringing together traditional aboriginal elders and healers. For information contact (604) 254-1139.

Ahousaht

Celebration to be held at the Thunderbird Hall from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Contact Julia Atleo at (250) 670-9558.

Bamfield

Celebration to be held at Pachena Bay Beach from noon to 4 p.m. Contact Marena Dennis at (250) 728-2021 for details.

Port Alberni

Celebration to be held at Nitinaht Lake from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Joanne Pearson at (250) 745-3223 for details.

Port Alberni

Celebration to be held at Dry Creek Park from noon to 9 p.m. Contact Wesley Guiboche at (250) 724-9866 for details.

Gold River

Celebration to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Jesus F. Santa Cruz at (250) 283-2015 for details.

There are many other events scheduled. Check online at www.ainc-inac.gc.ca

Nuu-chah-nulth Registry and Treaty Information ...

Registering events are very important!

- Birth Registrations:** It is important to get baby registered as soon as possible. You must complete the parental consent for Registration/Statement of Band Affiliation form and provide the LARGE form birth certificate, these consent forms can be obtained through your Band Office or at the NTC Office. Registration takes 6 - 8 weeks.
- Transfers:** Are you wishing to transfer to another Band? Write to the Band you want to transfer into. Once accepted you will need to complete a consent to transfer form, also, notify the Band you are currently in and let them know your intentions.
- Marriages, divorces, name change, deaths:** Please provide appropriate certificates to update the Indian Registry Lists. A consent form needs to be completed for any name changes.
- Are you turning 18 soon?** If you would like your own registration number then you have to submit a letter of request. Process also takes 6 - 8 weeks (no longer automatic).
- All documents are to be submitted to Rosie Little** - Indian Registry Administrator at the NTC Office, with the exception of Ditidaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht and Tla-o-qui-aht. Contact these First Nations directly. To have a status card issued through NTC from these four First Nations please have your Indian Registry Administrator fax approval and your information prior to coming into the office if possible.
- Does your First Nation have their membership code in place?** If so, and you would like the above events recorded for "BAND MEMBERSHIP" then it is **EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT** that you contact them as well.
- Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.**
- First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.**

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Ditidaht First Nation
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Hesquiaht First Nation
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PO Box 211 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



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PO Box 70, Bamfield, BC V0R 1B0

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Career Opportunities

JOB POSTINGS for Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation

Title: Project Coordinator - 1 position
Location: Tsaxana
Hours: 20 hours per week, 48 weeks per year
Wage: \$20 per hour
Reports to: Paige Raibmon, Department of History, UBC
Duties: Managing the daily activities and work of the project; holding meetings to identify community research priorities; managing the creation of the resource centre according to community-defined priorities; supervision of two research trainees; working with faculty partners from UBC to coordinate community work
Qualifications: Experience in the field of cultural heritage and/or research; ability to work well with all community members; excellent organizational and communication skills; ability to supervise others; high level of reliability; ability to use e-mail; good computer skills; self-motivation and ability to work without daily supervision; strong interest in all areas of cultural heritage research work
Start date: June 15th 2007
Posting closes & interviews held June 14th 2007 at Tsaxana

Title: Research Trainee - 2 positions
Location: Tsaxana
Hours: 10 hours per week for 40 weeks
Wage: \$20 per hour
Reports to: Project coordinator
Duties: Assisting in the development and establishment of the resource centre; organizing, prioritizing and digitizing research materials; assisting with language revitalization. Other specific duties will be determined through discussion with project coordinator.
Qualifications: Ability to work well with all community members; interest in acquiring a range of research skills; interest in the cultural heritage of Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation; strong communication and organizational abilities; ability to use e-mail; basic computer skills
Start date: June 25th 2007
Posting closes and interviews held June 15th 2007 at Tsaxana

Title: Community Language Coordinator - 1 position
Location: Tsaxana
Hours: 160 hours per year (hours per week can vary)
Wage: \$12 per hour
Duties: To assist with language revitalization workshops, meeting and projects
Qualifications: Ability to work well with all community members; strong interest in the preservation and revitalization of Mowachaht/Muchalaht language; ability to organize and conduct meetings/workshops in the community; ability to work without daily supervision; ability to use e-mail; basic computer skills; knowledge of the language and/or previous experience with language work or instruction are strong assets
Start date: June 18th 2007
Posting closes and interviews held June 15th 2007 at Tsaxana

Title: Cultural Heritage Research Trainee - 1 position
Location: Tsaxana
Hours: 160 hours per year (hours per week can vary)
Wage: \$12 per hour
Reports to: Karen Duffek, Curator, Museum of Anthropology, UBC
Duties: To help identify community needs and interests with regard to accessing Mowachaht/Muchalaht objects held by the Museum of Anthropology; to help develop a culturally-appropriate protocol for displaying Mowachaht/Muchalaht artifacts in museums; to conduct community-based research on Mowachaht/Muchalaht historical artifacts
Qualifications: Ability to work well with all community members; an interest in cultural heritage and museum practices; strong communication skills; ability to organize and conduct one-on-one and group meetings; ability to take notes; ability to work without daily supervision; ability to use e-mail
Start date: TBA (before 31 July 2007)
Posting closes and interviews held June 15th 2007 at Tsaxana

Title: Student Assistant to the UBC Research Team - 1 position
Location: Vancouver
Hours: 10 hours per week, 48 weeks per year
Wage: \$10 - \$15 per hour (depending on qualifications)
Reports to: Paige Raibmon, Department of History, UBC
Duties: To assist with coordinating research activities and meetings in Vancouver.
Qualifications: Currently enrolled in college or university program; excellent communication and organizational skills; high level of reliability; ability to use e-mail; good computer skills; interest in Mowachaht/Muchalaht cultural heritage; familiarity with Mowachaht/Muchalaht community
Start date: TBA (approximately end of June 2007)
Posting closes June 15th 2007; interviews of qualified applicants to be scheduled in Vancouver

Contact: Paige Raibmon her email is p.raibmon@ubc.ca and resumes can be sent to Paige Raibmon c/o Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, PO Box 459, Gold River, BC V0P 1G0

In Addition Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation is seeking to employ:

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Lost and Found

LOST: Drum with whale painted on it. On Jan. 28 at party at Maht Mahs Gym. Call (250) 745-3483.

MISSING: 2 MAQUINNA HATS from 3957 10th Ave. Port Alberni around October or November 2005. Anyone with information please call 724-2184.

LOST: Gold necklace with a 1in X 1in Indian design butterfly pendant. Last seen on my niece at the Ucluelet Secondary School in March. Please call Jeannine Adams @ 670-1150 or email ballgrrl@hotmail.com. Thanks.

FOUND: A shawl was left at the House of Himwitsa and has not been picked up by the owner. Please pick up your shawl at the House of Himwitsa. Lewis George, House of Himwitsa Ltd.

LOST: Red Camera (720-5191).

LOST - TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL DRUMS. A pair of drums on Mother's Day March to Stop Violence went missing. Both drums are painted with native designs. Both are of great sentimental value to both myself and my entire family. A reward for the return of both drums is being offered. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the drums do not hesitate to contact me, Nellie Joseph at 725-2388.

MISSING: since October 2006. This vest was given to me for my dad's memorial potlatch and has sentimental value. I sure would like it back. No questions asked. Phone (250) 283-2618 or return to the (Mowachaht/Muchalaht) band office for pick up. Thank you. Preston Maquinna Sr. The vest was made by Sue Johnson, artist Rudy Williams.



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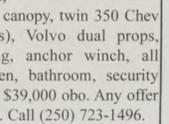
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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



NEDC Hosts Chinese Government Delegation

On Wednesday May 23rd, a delegation of 10 government officials from Western China came to visit the Nuuchah-Nulth region. The party was led by Qin Yucai, the General Director of Agriculture, Forestry, Ecology, and Office of the Leading Group for Western Region Development in China. They were joined by ACOA (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency), and WD (Western Economic Diversification Canada); two branches of the federal government responsible for strengthening the economic welfare of communities in their specific areas and creating business and job opportunities.

The Chinese delegates are predominantly interested in learning more about Canadian economic diversification, and the programs that Canada offers to help its communities.

The delegation was very interested to meet with NEDC to see what we do, and how we help to improve the economies of our communities and create job and business opportunities.

In their home of Western China, the economy has in the past been primarily centered on agriculture. However, due to many factors including: changing weather conditions, pollution, and increased usage of labor replacing machinery, the number of laborers required in the agricultural sector has diminished steadily. This has created a need for the governments of these areas of China to implement new systems to help create new economic opportunities for minority groups in the rural communities.

The Chinese see a strong correlation between their minority groups and the Aboriginal people of Canada, such as strong culture, family structures, and the inhabitancy of rural areas.

That is why they wished to see firsthand what types of systems and programs the Aboriginal communities of Canada have implemented to assist in the economic development of their communities.

The group was given several tours of successful business ventures that would not have otherwise existed if not for the programs available for aboriginal people and the assistance of NEDC.

They started with a tour of the China Creek micro-hydro project site, a business majority owned and operated by the Hupacasath Tribe. In addition to the desire to learn more about the financial aspects of this business, they were also interested in it because of its highly sustainable nature created by its positive environmental impact.

The next part of the tour brought them to Tin Wis Resort Lodge in Tofino. Once there, Elmer Frank of Tin-Wis gave the party a tour around the resort. Afterwards there was a presentation about the resort as another example of a thriving business venture that has been created with assistance from aboriginal specific programs and NEDC. Afterwards, they were treated to entertainment when the Tla-o-qui-aht dance group performed for them, and Elmer Frank presented them with a gift of a beautiful carved native mask, on behalf of the Tla-o-qui-aht first nation.

The next day the group was given a presentation by the General Manager of NEDC, Al Little. Al's presentation included an overview of the Nuuchah-nulth economy and NEDC's programs and services. They also listened to Giselle Marten (owner and operator of Tla-ook Cultural Adventures) speak about her experience as a youth that owns and operates her own business.

The trip concluded with a dug-out canoe tour guided by Tla-ook Cultural Adventures.

The delegates were excited to see such stunning and distinctive scenery during their canoe tour. Their guides brought them up the inlet all the way to Meares Island where they were able to take a stroll through the boardwalk trail and admire the enormous trees.



Chinese Delegates enjoying their dug-out canoe tour guided by Tla-ook Cultural Adventures.



Group photo includes Qin Yucai, Mao Caigao, Dong Wen, Zhang Pingsen, Bai Peng, Song Naigong, Wu Jianguo, Wang Yong, Yang Xiaonan, Fang Yaming, Jillian Glover, Robert Smith, Wayne Crawford. They are standing in front of the portrait tree on Meares Island.

The Chinese Delegation had an informative and highly enjoyable trip. They were able to learn a lot about our culture and the measures we have taken to improve our economic condition while preserving our distinct identity.

Over the next two years NEDC has agreed to share information with, and provide assistance to the Chinese government to help them create programs that will improve the economic conditions of their minority groups that live in western china.

The Nuuchah-nulth Economy Report

YOUR PARTICIPATION REQUESTED

A Nuuchah-nulth Survey will be conducted in all Nuuchah-nulth communities until early to mid July 2007.

The Tribal Council requests your participation and support in completing the survey as the information is being gathered to **improve services to your community** and is essential to making this a success!

NEDC staff will be conducting the surveys and consolidating the data. All information collected will be kept **anonymous and confidential.**



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