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Premier congratulates HUU-ay-aht on treaty ratification

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Anacla – On Friday, September 7 Premier Gordon Campbell visited the community of Anacla to honour the HUU-ay-aht on their treaty ratification vote and presented Chief Councillor Robert Dennis a framed document stating his appreciation on behalf of the government of British Columbia.

Members of both the HUU-ay-aht community and the neighbouring Bamfield were on hand to witness the historic event.

Prior to the announcement, Premier Campbell visited the Paawats Educational Centre. The Paawats is a "reviving our language and living our culture" facility, a pre-school for children of the community. Campbell, upon his arrival was meeting and greeting many community members, the

staff and especially the children. A few of the children sang the Premier a nursery rhyme in HUU-ay-aht phrases which the children are learning in the classroom.

Chief councillor Dennis presented the Premier with a few mementos and information from the Paawats educational centre. After the presentation the delegation proceeded to the Anacla campsite where community members were gathered.

Before the scenic backdrop of their campground, Dennis thanked the Premier, Minister De Jong, Cantelon, and all those gathered. "Premier Campbell, we have invited our neighbours from Bamfield and as you can see we do things together as a community. We live side-by-side with Bamfield and are doing things together" said Dennis.

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Chief Robert Dennis receives a token of appreciation from Premier Gordon Campbell on HUU-ay-aht's resounding treaty ratification

Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society receives \$1.7 million grant from Governments



Judith Sayers introduced MP James Lunney who announced the \$1.7 million dollar grant for the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society Centre

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni – Chief Judith Sayers and Mayor Ken McRae's vision of a cultural centre is one step closer to reality after Nanaimo-Alberni MP James Lunney announced that the federal and provincial governments are investing \$1.7 million dollars for the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society; funding made possible through the Canada-BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (CBCMRIF).

Also in attendance was Port Alberni-born cabinet minister Colin Hansen. Early on Hansen was a strong supporter of this vision. Indeed September 5 was a great day for Hupacasath and the community of Port Alberni.

Prior to the announcement guests and dignitaries were fed a salmon barbeque lunch followed by the Hupacasath welcome song and dance. Chief Sayers then asked elder Edward Tatoosh to say a prayer prior to the official announcement.

Sayers welcomed everyone to the special day, "on behalf of the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society I would like to welcome you all here today." She introduced the dignitaries seated by the make shift podium on the lawn. Special guests were MP James Lunney, Mayor Ken McRae, MLA Ron Cantelon and from the Port Authority, Brad Madelong. Sayers introduced MP Lunney who thanked Chief Sayers and Mayor McRae

for allowing him to be there that day, especially in the beautiful background of the welcome figure and whaling fixture. He went on to announce the \$1.7 million grant for the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society Centre.

"The 8,200 square-foot Tsu-ma-as Transformation Centre will highlight First Nations history and those of other cultures, peoples, and events that have shaped the Alberni Valley" said Lunney.

"Through collaboration and partnership, the Canada-BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund is building healthier and more prosperous communities in Port Alberni. This innovative project will create jobs and increase tourism in the region," Lunney said. However, he pointed out, this project is conditionally approved pending the completion of an environmental assessment.

Mayor Ken McRae was jubilant about the announcement and briefly talked about the history of the site. He stated that it once was the site of Alberni City Hall which was surrounded by a "not so nice" industrial area, but things now are changing. McRae also mentioned that the city will be partnering with local First Nations on a number of initiatives in the future.

One of the challenges put to the council of Port Alberni was how to stop those thousands of tourists from driving by. The announcement of the Cultural

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Elder Profile: Larry Curley

By Denise Titian,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Okemin - Larry Curley sits in a lawn chair gazing down the bank where his four grandchildren frolic in the water by the float. He is 65 years old but doesn't quite consider himself an elder. But after small talk and a few questions, he opens up; telling tales of a simpler time that for him, don't seem so long ago.

Larry was born near a cannery at Kildonan July 17, 1942 to Ernest and Cecilia Curley. Larry was the seventh son of the family; his twin brother Leonard would have been the eighth but died of pneumonia as an infant. Later additions to the family were three sisters, Loretta, Rita and Ruth.

The family spent the early years at Kildonan where their mother worked processing pilchard. They later moved to Opitsaht making a permanent home there.

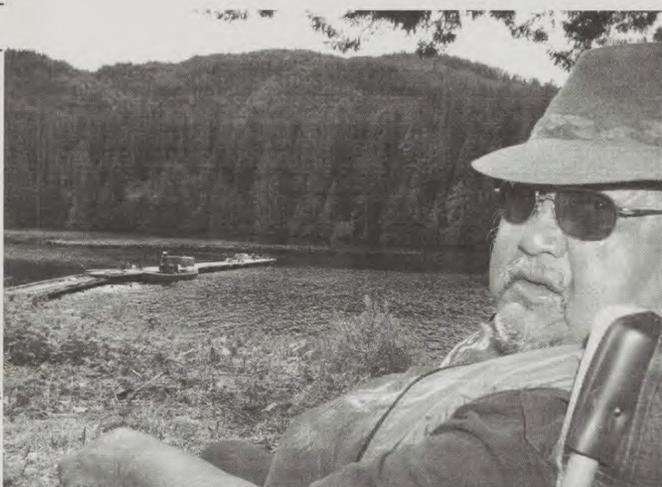
Summers were spent at the Okemin home of grandparents Tim and Lucy Manson. He remembers some of the elders that lived there in 1948; Edwin Matthews whose home stood on pilings at the shore.

Curley also remembers hearing stories from elders Paul & Annie Hayes and George & Martha Martin. "It used to be nice to sit around and have tea while the elders told their stories," he said.

"There were 20 to 25 houses and some stayed year-round, trapping for a living," he remembered. For the most part, the people living at Okemin lived off the land. "We could fish and hunt or pick the apples, plums and raspberries," he said, remembering the sweet, homemade preserves.

There was once a net loft for the seine boats, which would anchor in the inlet. And people did things the hard way. "There were no power saws," Curley pointed out, "they used crosscut saws and went to the river to get wood."

There was a well in the community and that's where the people would get fresh



Elder Larry Curley sits in his favorite place, a lawn chair in front of his tent watching his grandchildren play in the water

water to pack to their cabins. It was also a time when people helped each other build their shell homes, never expecting pay.

But the elders grew older and moved away and their houses fell down.

For Larry, there would be another move. At the tender age of six he was sent to nearby Kakawis where he attended Christie Indian Residential School. He remained there seven years, eventually running away. "We took the trails by the lake and followed the creek up Tofino Inlet," he remembered.

It was early fall and the creeks, he recalled, were filled with dog salmon. "We spent the night by the creek and in the morning, we walked the rocks along the shore toward Opitsaht."

But their freedom was short-lived. They were discovered on the shore and brought back to Christie. "Me and late Joe Thompson were sent to the principal and we were punished," Curley said. The boys were denied visits from family members for about a month and were forced to chop wood every morning.

Not long after that incident Larry left Christie for good and began working at a

nearby logging camp, located on Meares Island. When he wasn't logging he was fishing.

It was at a ball game in Opitsaht in 1959 that Julia Jackson, 18, caught Larry's eye. "She was a nice lady, she let me four nice kids," Curley said, with a gentle smile.

The couple spent more than 20 years with their little family at Opitsaht until about 1975 when she suddenly passed away due to long-standing heart trouble. Sadly, the couple's baby son Leonard died earlier after suffering pneumonia. Tormented from pain after a back injury, Curley retired from logging in 1963 but went on to work on TFN's Salmon Enhancement Project with late Al Keitlah.

He moved to Esowista in the late 80's and shares a home with his significant other, Judy Williams. Together for 20 years, the couple stays near home, spending time with their grandchildren. Quietly retired, there is only thing on Larry's agenda. "It's been 20 years now, we're thinking about a small, private wedding," he said with a twinkle in his eye.



Ha-Shilth-Sa belongs to every Nuu-chah-nulth person including those who have passed on, and those who are not yet born. A community newspaper cannot exist without community involvement. If you have any great pictures you've taken, stories or poems you've written, or artwork you have done, please let us know so we can include it in your newspaper. E-mail hashilthsa@nuuchahmulth.org. This year is Ha-Shilth-Sa's **33rd year** of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. We look forward to your continued input and support.

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Ucluelet First Nation opens treaty office in Port Alberni

By Denise Titian,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - Ucluelet First Nation (UFN) members living in Port Alberni now have a more convenient location to receive treaty updates and other information thanks to their leadership who have opened a satellite office conveniently located in the heart of downtown.

Chief Councilor Vi Mundy said there are more than 70 UFN families living in the Alberni Valley and many find it difficult to get to Itattsoo for meetings and updates.

Getting information to their membership is extremely important given the fact that the treaty ratification vote is scheduled to take place in a few short weeks.

"People here are very excited," said Mundy, "they can come here to talk to us directly and I will be here at least once a month to talk to the people."

The new office, located at 3075 Third Avenue, has a reception area; the walls covered with posters and flip chart sheets showing common questions and answers about the Maa-nulth treaty.

Treaty Communications Worker Richard Mundy Jr. will work out of the satellite office while members of UFN's council will attend the office at least once a week to connect with membership.

"Do we have to repay the loan?" is one of the questions. The answer: yes, there is a schedule of repayment. Another question was about taxation on reserve once the treaty is implemented. Treaty Negotiator Robert Joseph described a complex scenario where all members will be required to pay transaction taxes, which are the PST and GST.

A larger portion of the GST will go back to the UFN because most of the services provided to them by the federal government will transfer to the band. But the provincial government will keep a larger portion of the PST so that UFN members can continue to access public services like health, education, highways, etc.

The portion of taxes that UFN collects will go to the provision and delivery of services and other community needs.

UFN members visiting the office may also pick up thick treaty information packages, containing the treaty itself written in easy-to-understand language.

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The office held its grand opening September 3 with Port Alberni Mayor Ken McRae on hand to help cut the ribbon. UFN elder Johnny McCarthy said a prayer chant at the entrance to the building where guests gathered around on the sidewalk.

Vi Mundy said it was the first time council has reached this far to connect with their members living away from home. She was grateful for Mayor McRae's presence there, saying she was happy that he comes to such events, continuing to build positive relationships.

The mayor said he was not only there on behalf of the city of Port Alberni, but also on behalf of the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. He offered his congratulations and presented a commemorative plaque to Mundy saying, "together we can make this community thrive."

Guests were invited indoors for lunch following the cutting of the cedar bark ribbon.

Mundy said the satellite office is another step toward open communication with UFN members. "People from here can't afford to go home for meetings," she explained. Over time, some UFN members have lost touch with home. "Some members have been away for so long that their children don't know where their home is and it's those people we hope to reach."

The site will mainly be used to get treaty information to the people but will also operate on an open door policy. Members are welcome to drop in, even if it's just for a cup of coffee.

The office is open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. Mundy's message to her people is, "we look forward to seeing you there!"



Port Alberni Mayor Ken McRae and Chief Councilor Vi Mundy cut the ribbon officially opening the Ucluelet First Nation Satellite Treaty Office

Treaty Planning Session

September 18, 2007

Location: Tin Wis, Tofino, B.C.

Start time 9 a.m.

Everyone is on their own for lunch.

Agenda will be circulated at a later date.

If you have any questions please contact Celeste Haldane or Gail Gus at 724-5757 or toll free 1-877-677-1131 or email: celeste@nuuchahmulth.org or gailgus@nuuchahmulth.org.



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Nuu-chah-nulth leadership have established a toll-free number to assist membership with any questions they may have regarding treaty related business.

Ahousaht sea bus back in service

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht – Residents of Ahousaht are relieved to have their sea bus, the Spirit of Maaqtusiis back in service after spending the summer utilizing smaller water taxis to service their needs. For more than three months the community of about 800 did without their 48 passenger sea bus and their freight boat, the Command Performance after they broke down last May.

Located on Flores Island, Ahousaht's residents can only leave the island by boat or float plane. On busy travel days they were often forced to jockey for seats on the few smaller water taxis.

The higher capacity sea bus, when in service, runs a regular schedule. But without it people had to carefully plan their trips in and out of the community, often spending more money to charter smaller boats to ensure they made their appointments or to avoid being stranded in Tofino.

"It was really tough for us to be without the sea bus because of enormity of the community and having to travel back and forth," said Councillor John O. Frank. The sea bus normally holds up to 48 people and small freight while the other smaller water taxis have an average capacity of 12 passengers.

"This morning and yesterday it (sea bus) overflowed, that shows we need a boat as big as the sea bus," Frank continued. Some people complain about the sea bus because it absorbs a lot of Ahousaht's capital funding.

Council continues to lobby BC Ferries for a subsidy to help with the maintenance costs, but so far, haven't had any luck.

"We need it to take patients in storms," said Frank adding last year there were 16 storms and 6 days of power failure.

"We really need it," he reiterated. The boat had been in Port Alberni since May 8th, where it was having its engines replaced. Deckhand Richard Thomas said the long delay was due to waits for engine parts. Frank pointed out that we are all still being affected by 9/11, the terror attacks on the World Trade Centre. "Anything metal or resembling a bomb takes a lot longer to pass security at airports," he said.

Frank explained that the sea bus's motors were old and underpowered, costing Ahousaht more money to just to maintain them," he said.

More powerful motors translate to fewer break downs. Additionally, the interior stairs were modified to make them more elder-friendly.

"People are happy to have it back," said Thomas, "especially the elders because it's easier on them."

The large size of the boat keeps it from bouncing on the waves as hard as smaller boats do.

The Spirit also serves as Ahousaht's floating ambulance, taking emergency patients to Tofino.

Because of the breakdown of the Command Performance, housing construction/renovations were delayed. "Now that it's back everything will get back on track," Frank promised.

The Spirit of Maaqtusiis leaves Ahousaht at 8:30 a.m. each morning, arriving in Tofino shortly after 9:00 a.m.; it also leaves at 1:00 p.m. from Ahousaht.

From Tofino it departs 10:30 a.m. and again at 4:00 p.m.

Adult passengers pay a fare of \$16 while children, students and elders pay \$5.

"It takes an ordinary water taxi five trips to take as much as the sea bus can in one run; all I can say is it's really nice to have it back," said Frank.



Spirit of Maaqtusiis delivers Labour Day travellers to Tofino



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Community campout helps Tla-o-qui-aht heal

By Denise Titian,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Okemin – A summer of tragedy has left the tight-knit communities of Esowista and Opitsaht yearning for healing relief and the leadership responded by offering their people a four day camping trip to one of their ancient village sites, Okemin.

Chief Councilor Moses Martin said eight of their people died within six weeks over the summer. The last death, a suicide, was almost too much for the people to bear.

"Our staff along with council took two days to debrief after the last funeral," he explained. "It was suggested that we go back to the community campout, just to get together and have fun," he said.

Friends from Chehalis, USA arrived to take part in a cleansing ceremony August 27 which was performed on the beautiful beach at Esowista.

Located deep within Tofino Inlet, Okemin shows signs that it was once a village. The tiny cabins are long gone but the old fruit trees, berry bushes and alder remain as reminders of a once thriving community.

A small work crew arrived a few weeks earlier to clear away brush so that the families would have plenty of room to set up tents for the more than 130 people who would take part in the campout.

Elder Larry Curley, perched on the bank facing the inlet, said he was happy to be there and goes every chance he can get. The place he chose to set up his tent was the site of his childhood home where he stayed with his grandparents. Now he takes his grandchildren there to watch

them have fun.

He described the cleansing ceremony at Long Beach as a positive event. "We did it so our community would do better; lots went and if felt good, it was powerful," he said.

The campout, he continued, was about leaving sorrows behind and making their kids happy.

Tom Curley called the campout icing on the cake after the cleansing ceremony at Long Beach. "It was a really good thing," he continued, "we felt like we were getting over-loaded with emotional stress and we were losing focus."

Besides swimming and arts & crafts for the kids there was also fishing. Kids would cast their lines right off the dock for trout coming from the nearby Kennedy River. Some would go on boat trips with the adults to fish for salmon or crab.

Meals and some camping equipment were provided by the band. People were invited to the small, wooden cookhouse for meals each day.

In the evenings families would gather around the fire and listen to the elders tell stories and legends. One night it was said that elder Tom Curley told stories of a great Tla-o-qui-aht chief and his mystical powers to a spell-bound audience.

When they're not telling stories they're playing lahal.

"It's fun to watch the kids; they get up early in the morning and swim all day long," said Curley.

While the inlet is salt water, the people only have to take a short boat trip to Kennedy River where they bathed in fresh water.



Samantha Manson, Marianne Jackson and Nadine Curley warm up by the makeshift stove after a dip

Tla-o-qui-aht's community campouts started about five years earlier. Larry said there were so many people the first year that there was hardly any room to walk between the tents; and still, people didn't want to leave when the time came. Okemin, according to the Curley brothers is rich with history. Looking over the water, Tom said there were once houses lining both sides of the inlet. He believes the first settlers arrived there in the 1880's, and were looking to buy land.

Situated near the mouth of Kennedy River, Okemin, also known as Cannery Bay, was teeming with salmon.

"We would be swimming until midnight and we could feel the salmon bumping against us," Larry remembered. His

grandmother would yell for the kids to come in but his grandfather would tell her to leave them alone, they're having fun.

Tom remembers a time when sockeye salmon would spawn in Kennedy Lake. "All those nice gravel beaches along the edge of the highway, they would spawn there, but not anymore," he said.

A cannery was built in the 1920's and gradually, families began to move to the more easily accessible TFN communities of Opitsaht on Meares Island or Esowista on Long Beach.

Eventually the small wooden cabins collapsed and returned to the earth. But the site still carries its happy memories and continues to make more with a new generation of Tla-o-qui-aht members.



A view of Okemin, temporarily a tent city, from the dock



Kids love to play in the chaputs at Okemin

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Premier congratulates Huu-ay-aht on treaty ratification

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Premier Gordon Campbell handed out Olympic Legacy pins to Huu-ay-aht members during his recent visit to Anacela

Dennis shared that the campground they gathered on belongs to their community and they are proud of it. "We borrowed money from the bank to develop it and in two to three years we were able to pay off the loan," Dennis said. He said he was very proud of the young people of Huu-ay-aht for what they are accomplishing.

John Mass, president of the Chamber of Commerce congratulated the Huu-ay-aht on the ratification of their treaty. Mass said they are pleased to be working with Huu-ay-aht, especially for the betterment of the economy. "I would like to ask Premier Campbell for help so that together we can build a strong economic future for our people" said Mass.

Stefan Ochman, the regional director for electoral area "A" Bamfield talked about a joint Huu-ay-aht/Bamfield community abalone project, and joint community forest. He also spoke of a badly needed water supply system, more sustainable housing, and a better road.

He pointed out that there were a couple of bad accidents and there have been a few fatalities. Safety of those driving over the roads is an issue with both the communities of Huu-ay-aht and Bamfield.

Chief Councillor Vi Mundy of Ucluelet First Nation thanked everyone on behalf of the Maa-nulth Treaty Group for being present at the gathering.

She invited the Premier to lead in the singing of a very special happy birthday to Robert Dennis, who was celebrating his sixtieth birthday today.

Premier Campbell obliged and everyone joined in to sing happy birthday.

Chief Dennis acknowledged each of the visiting delegates from the Maa-nulth Treaty group; Toquaht, Ucluelet and Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' before inviting Premier Campbell to say a few words.

"It is great to be here in the traditional territories of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and celebrating a significant step, something that is a first," Campbell said. He talked about leadership and, more specifically, Chief Robert Dennis. Campbell thanked Dennis for his leadership in Huu-ay-aht's resounding treaty ratification.

"I am looking forward to getting similar results, perhaps a 90% vote from Huu-ay-aht members in the next election" Campbell said as many of the audience roared in laughter.

Other notable leaders Campbell mentioned were Dave Haggard who was present at the gathering and Tyee Ha'wiltz Bert Mack from Toquaht First Nation.

Campbell also stated that he as well as Ministers DeJong and Cantelon were there to listen. "Let us move together to tackle one issue at a time, one step at a time. We will do this for you - you lay out the plan and we can do this together, we will be there in partnership" said Campbell.

The Premier called upon Dennis to present Huu-ay-aht First Nation with a framed document before asking for support from the other four Maa-nulth First Nations in their upcoming ratification votes.

Chief Dennis also asked the Maa-nulth representatives for their support in ratifying the agreement. "I would like to respectfully request that you deliver a message to your communities, especially to your young people as we have an opportunity to make change," said Dennis.

Dennis called on the youth of Huu-ay-aht to lead in a couple of celebratory songs and dances. He was especially pleased that the youth asked him to join.

During lunch youth from Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' invited the youth of Huu-ay-aht to their community to share their experience during the treaty updates and voting. Dennis immediately responded saying they would accept their invitation. Prior to Premier Campbell's departure he stated that if the agreement is ratified and he is invited, he too would gladly take part in future ratification celebrations in other communities.

Dennis was very pleased with the day, a very special and significant day for him personally with the Premiers visit, gift to Huu-ay-aht and also his birthday. The icing on the cake would be the ratification of the Maa-nulth Treaty by all parties, and who knows, maybe even a paved road to Bamfield.

Grey Whale harpooned near Neah Bay

By Denise Titian, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Neah Bay, Wa. - Weary of waiting for US court approval to hunt whales, five Makah men took it upon themselves to carry out a hunt without the approval of their courts or their own community. The men reportedly left the docks in two power boats with harpoons and a high caliber rifle in the early morning hours of September 8.

According to District Public Affairs, Petty Officer 2nd class Shawn Eggert of the US Coast Guard, calls started coming in to the Neah Bay station later that morning. "On Saturday morning, about 9:30 a.m. we started receiving calls from local residents who reported hearing gunfire."

A 25' boat from the US Coast Guard Neah Bay Station was dispatched to investigate. "We came across five men from Neah Bay and a gray whale that had been harpooned and shot," Eggert reported. Officers confiscated a Weatherby .460 magnum rifle.

According to internet information the .460 is used primarily as an elephant gun.

Theron Parker, Andy Noel, Billy Secor, Frank Gonzales Jr. and Wayne Johnson were taken into custody and detained for about 5 hours; they were interviewed by the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service. Later that evening they were turned over to the custody of the Makah Tribal Police who released them that night.

Coast Guard staff monitored the progress of whale until about 7:15 Saturday evening when Eggert said it slipped beneath the surface of the ocean. A marine biologist and a tribal member declared animal dead and it was never seen again.

The gravely injured grey whale was about 30' long. It had floats attached which were removed sometime before it died.

Eggert says that if the body surfaces or washes ashore the Coast Guard will reestablish a 500 yard security zone around the whale to protect the remains. It will be turned over to the Fisheries Services who will keep it as evidence.

The Fisheries Service is the lead investigator in the case.

Makah Tribal Police Chief Bill Green is not commenting on the case. However a statement has been issued from the Makah Tribal Offices.

The Makah have reserved the right to hunt whales in their 1855 treaty with the United States. Makah hunters landed their first whale in 70 years in 1999 amid glaring media and environmentalist attention.

They ceased hunting in the 1920's after commercial whaling depleted the whale stocks almost to extinction. The grey whale was removed from the endangered species list in 1994 after decades of protection.

While the Makah's right to hunt whales is protected in their treaty, they have agreed to abide by certain conditions under their treaty, such as obtaining an MMPA Waiver.

According to the US National Marine Fisheries Service, 'The Ninth Circuit Court ruled in 2004 that the Makah, to pursue any treaty rights for whaling, must comply with the process prescribed in the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) for authorizing take of marine mammals otherwise prohibited by a moratorium. On Feb. 14, 2005, NOAA Fisheries Service received a request from the Makah for a limited waiver of the MMPA's take moratorium, including issuance of regulations and any necessary permits.'

According to reports the last waiver Makah received for the 1999 whale hunt included the requirement that they hunt in a traditional canoe and outside of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The US government imposed the limitation to protect near shore resident whales.

The September 8 hunt took place inside the strait and the hunters were not in dug out canoes.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council first nations are in the process of negotiating treaties with the provincial and federal governments. Those treaties will likely include provisions for whale hunting, NTC Vice President Michelle Corfield said the NTC supports Makah Tribal Council on the issue of whale hunting.

Makah denounces illegal whale hunt

Neah Bay, Washington - The Makah Tribal Council denounces the actions of those who took it upon themselves to hunt a whale without the authority from the Makah Tribal Council or the Makah Whaling Commission. Their action was a blatant violation of our law and they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We are cooperating with the National Marine Fisheries Service in their investigation of this incident and will continue to do so.

The individuals who took part in this act were arrested by Makah enforcement officers and booked in our detention facility. They were released only after meeting the bail requirements set by the court. They will stand trial in our court at a future date.

We had a meeting of the general council of the Makah Tribe to discuss this incident and the membership of the tribe supports our action. The tribe has demonstrated extraordinary patience in



Makah harpooner Theron Parker at the Whaler's Parade in Neah Bay, 1999 - Ha-Shilth-Sa archive photo by David Wiwchar

waiting for the legal process to be completed in order to receive our permit to conduct a whale hunt. We are a law-abiding people and we will not tolerate lawless conduct by any of our members. We hope the public does not permit the actions of five irresponsible persons to be used to harm the image of the entire Makah tribe.

Employment program graduates celebrate success

By Denise Titian, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht - An NETP-sponsored (Nuu-chah-nulth Employment Training Program) employment and training program wrapped up recently in Ahousaht leaving its fourteen graduates with new inspiration.

The Kuutiis Learning Program welcomed eighteen students July 25 for a condensed, but intense five weeks of instruction and activity designed to assist students as they prepare themselves to join the work force or go back to school. Instructor Anne Atleo along with lead facilitator Elizabeth Musser delivered eighteen modules designed to assist the students develop interpersonal, planning/preparation and other life skills. A graduation ceremony was held September 5 with the theme: *Protecting our environment and the futures of our children.* A major component relating to the theme was a class project which focused on the pollution in Ahousaht's inner harbour; they would make a presentation of their work during the ceremony.

David Frank of the Ahousaht Holistic Centre said an opening prayer before Anne Atleo asked for a round of applause for the graduates. She went on to introduce Wendy Gallic of the NETP, Elizabeth Musser and Judy Rumney, NTC employment counselor. Atleo told the audience that the course was designed to be an eight-week program but they worked longer and harder and were able to complete in five short weeks.

Using the college and gym as class rooms, the students arrived daily to learn new skills and, more importantly, to learn from one another. Atleo said the group performed tasks that would teach them goal setting, resume writing, identifying obstacles to accomplishment and how to work around them.

Another important lesson the group discovered is that learning is lifelong. The youngest student, Sherry Lucas, 17, graduated just in time to enroll at the high school. There were three grandmothers in the class, two of them great grandmothers.

Maryanne Charlie, her daughter Rene and granddaughter Sherry represented three generations in the graduating class. In his portion of the valedictorian address, Roman Frank thanked Wendy Gallic and Judy Rumney of the NTC (Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council) for their support throughout the training session. The training, he said, made the students work with each other and, in doing so, made them recognize the likes and dislikes they had for one another and

how to work around that. "It was a powerful tool which enabled us to bond and to work together - and the best lesson of all is learning that we all have potential," he said. Frank's mother Patti was a proud part of the graduating class and she had every reason to feel that way. "My mother has raised many children and has seen them and some grandchildren graduate; today she is celebrating her first graduation ever," he said.

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Kuutiis Grad, Ahousaht

The graduates are: Ivey Campbell, Janice Campbell, Maryanne Charlie, Rene Charlie, Patricia Frank, Roman Frank, Maxine George, Iris Rose John, Sherry Lucas, Darryl Page, Jeannie

Sutherland, Andrea Titian, Melanie Titian and Trevor Titian. Participants in the program included Nicole Frank, Tracey Thomas, Dawn Webster and Reuben Thomas.

Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker in Tofino/Ucluelet

Hello my name is Melody Charlie and I am a proud member of the Ahousaht First Nation. I am the mother of two beautiful boys and have lived in Ittasoo (Ucluelet East) for the last 15 years. You'll often see my out and about with my little hausstup (Baby Evan) attached on my back.

Most of my career has been working with youth. Within the last five years I have worked at Kakawis as the Child/Youth Counsellor, Home School Coordinator for the Ucluelet First Nation and Child & Youth Mental Health Planner for the Vancouver Island Aboriginal Transition Team, so I'm not too much of a stranger. I will be working as the Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker in Tofino/Ucluelet this school year and am very excited about it! My main duties as the Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker will be to;

- * Assist in the instruction of Nuu-chah-nulth culture to all students
- * Liaison between parents, communities and schools
- * Support students with their overall educational needs/goals

My regular schedule will be as follows; (subject to change due to needs/emergencies etc)

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday - Wickaninnish Elementary (725 3254)
Tuesday & Thursday - Ucluelet Secondary School (726 7796)

It is going to be a great year and I look forward to meeting most of you. I will be in touch for both GOOD news (so don't automatically be scared if I contact you ~ I'm really not that scary) and more than likely not so good news as well.

Please feel free to contact me if there is anything I can do in assisting your child with their educational needs. If you are interested in sharing our culture in the schools PLEASE call, I would love to work with you!

Melody Charlie



[Tofino/Ucluelet]

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2007-2008

Sept. 4, 2007	School opens
Sept. 24, 2007	Curriculum Implementation Day
Oct. 8, 2007	Thanksgiving Day (no classes)
Oct. 19, 2007	Professional Development Day
Nov. 09, 2007	End of Term 1
Nov. 11, 2007	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12, 2007	Stat. Holiday (no classes)
Nov. 21, 2007	Parent Teacher Interviews (Ucluelet)
Nov. 22, 2007	Parent Teacher Interviews (Tofino)
Dec. 03, 2007	Professional Day
Dec. 21, 2007	Last day of classes before Winter Vacation
Jan. 7, 2008	School reopens after Winter Vacation
Jan. 25, 2008	End of Term 2
Jan. 28, 2008 to Feb. 2, 2008	Exam Week
Feb. 4, 2008	Semester 2 begins
Feb. 22, 2008	Professional Development Day
March 14, 2008	Last day of classes before Spring Break
March 21, 2008	Good Friday
March 24, 2008	Easter Monday
March 26, 2008	School reopens after Spring Break
April 11, 2007	End of Term 3
April 21, 2008	Professional Development Day
April 24, 2008	Parent Teacher Interviews (Ucluelet)
May 12, 2008	Professional Development Day
May 19, 2008	Victoria Day (no classes)
June 13, 2008	Semester 2 classes end
June 15-27, 2008	Exam Week (no classes)
June 27, 2008	Schools close

Please Note

Classes are not in session on Professional Development Days. On Parent Teacher Interview dates classes are only in session in the morning. Classes are not in session during the afternoon. During Exam Week classes are not in session. Students are responsible for being at the school for all of their exams.

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What's new in Aboriginal Supported Child Development

By Ruby Ambrose, ASCDP Services Coordinator

Hello again. I'm back in the communities working with Aboriginal Supported Child Development Program (ASCDP). USMA received funding for one year to develop our own ASCDP for our Nuu-chah-nulth communities. Norine Messer has joined the team and will be coming out to the communities with me. We will be connecting with your community as soon as possible. Just a friendly reminder of the program, a provincial SCDP is considered a community-based program that assists families of children with extra support needs to access inclusive childcare that meets family needs. SCDP provides the following services to support children, families, and childcare providers:

- Individual planning to promote each child's development
- Training and information for families and childcare providers to help each child's development
- Resources such as books, toys and specialized equipment
- Referrals to other services such as therapists or specialists

- Where necessary, additional staffing to ensure that children may participate fully with their peers

A child with special needs is considered someone who has significant impairments in one or more of the following areas: health, cognition, communication, sensory motor, social/emotional/behavioural or self help (adaptive) and requires specialized support to enhance or improve their health, development, or participation in daily activities at home, in school and in their communities.

Our goals in connecting with your community are to introduce ourselves and the program to your Chief and Council, service providers and families. We would also like your input on developing the program, by sharing with us how this program could best meet the needs of your community. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas please do not hesitate to contact us at 250-724-3232 or 1-877-722-3232 or you may email us at ruby@nuuchahnulth.org or norine@nuuchahnulth.org

I look forward to working with you once again.

Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society receives \$1.7 million grant from Governments

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Centre indeed is great news and will give tourists more of a reason to stop. Nanaimo- Parksville MLA Ron Cantelon was excited to share this occasion with Chief Sayers, Mayor McRae, and MP Lunney. Cantelon also stated that the government is making efforts to improve their relationship with First Nations. He congratulated Chief Judith Sayers on her recent appointment to the Tourism Board of BC. Cantelon was pleased with the cooperation of all parties saying because of it they could not have gotten a better end result. "We're pleased that a strong partnership between our governments and Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society is making this centre a reality" said Cantelon.

Brad Madelong, CEO of the Port Alberni Port Authority congratulated the Hupacasath First Nation and also mentioned that it was a pleasure to work with them on this project. "I see a very bright future ahead of us and look forward to working with Hupacasath and others collectively" said Madelong. Chief Sayers was overcome with emotion. "\$1.7 million; it is hard to express the gratitude that we have to both the BC and Canadian Governments." said Sayers. "The funding announcement is more than about just supporting infrastructure. This is about restoring a community, and this cultural centre will become a foundation that will transform our entire community

relationship" said Sayers. The Transformation Society plans to use this project as a catalyst to bring a brighter future to all of the residents of Port Alberni. Included in the project are: museum displays; a gallery for locally produced art; a multimedia theatre; an exhibition hall and theatre system as well as administration offices.

The Transformation Society was formed in 2002, with the beginning stages originally starting in early 2001. The benefits will include a few jobs but according to Chief Sayers one of the key components will be in the sharing of Hupacasath First Nation culture and traditions and also developing tourism.

In other news related to the announcement Parksville will also benefit from the Infrastructure funds as they will receive \$452,000.00 from CBCMRIF. The funds will be used for the community of Parksville for cleaner and more reliable water which will be beneficial to all of the residents of Parksville.

A majority of the \$220 million funds from CBCMRIF is targeted to ward communities of less than 250,000 people and at least 60 per cent of the funding will go to "green projects" for example, drinking water supply, treatment and distribution. The remaining funds will be dedicated to other projects such as tourism, recreation and other infrastructure.

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Why Play is Important for your child

By Lance Ambrose

How important is it for a child to be active? It is very important, it wasn't until I took the ECE program which made me understand a lot of things that children do and how important it is for children to be active. Everyone knows that children, infants and toddlers especially, are so full of energy and they want to be everywhere at once, so it keeps you busy chasing after them. Play is how children have fun, acquire skills, experience success and failure, build their self-esteem and test and know their limits. Play is so important for infants and toddlers because it helps them with their developmental skills, such as their

- Gross motor skills (big muscles) - Developing motor (physical) skills and fine motor skills (small muscle movements: those that occur in the finger, in coordination with the eyes). E.g. are pushing and pulling toys, riding on toys, picking up small things, throwing and catching, climbing toys, using crayons or paint brushes, writing, hitting balls. (www.cyh.com)
- Social and emotional skills are Playing alongside others and watching them Playing with others Playing mothers and fathers Copying adults and practicing adult tasks and roles Water, paint and mud - expresses feelings Music - relaxes and expresses feelings Pretend play - dressing up Games with rules (eg hopscotch, card games, ball games). (www.cyh.com)

- Cognitive (the way we think) Sorting toys - learning about numbers and grouping Puzzles - learning about shapes, sizes, number Posting boxes - learning about space and size, hitting a mobile and making it move - learning about cause and effect, card games and board games, making up games. (www.cyh.com)

Children who are more active are a lot healthier than those children who aren't active. Children who play less are more at risk of having health problems such as obesity, which can lead to diabetes and heart problems (disease), which is a fact. There are more and more things keeping children indoors and inactive the two main things are, COMPUTERS and GAMING CONSOLES (playstation, Xbox, Nintendo etc) which can keep kids busy for hours and they are not getting enough sleep to go out and play. So be active, have fun and play with your children.

If you have any questions or want to make an appointment for a home visit with us please phone us at 724 5757 ask for Lance or Jackie in the Infant Development Program.

Here are a couple of resources where I got some info from:

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Busy Tofino wharf falling apart

By Denise Titian,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino - It's planks, pilings and beams are rotting, it's holes patched with thin boards and nails popping up everywhere, yet the First Street Dock in Tofino continues to serve as a hub of activity for people coming and going from off shore communities.

The dock's history goes a long way back, long before Tofino was connected to Port Alberni by a rough logging road. Long-time Tofino resident Frank August, 75, said it's been there as long as he can remember. "Tourists would come in on the Princess Maquinna and old ladies would sit on the dock selling their baskets," he remembered.

According to August, there was a lot less sand. "You could tie up three fishing boats on the inside of the float and have no worries about going high and dry," he said.

Archive photos available online show scenes on the First Street Dock dating as far back as circa 1910. Nobody seems to know exactly when it was built.

Known locally as Whiskey Dock, First Street Dock was built and maintained by the Federal Government through Transport Canada. But that all changed in 2003 when the Federal Government, through its Port Divestiture Program, gave the historic dock to a reluctant District of Tofino.

"The government wanted to give it away and they approached everyone including First Nations but nobody wanted it because it's expensive to maintain," explained Leif Pedersen, Administrator, District of Tofino. Pedersen said at first Tofino turned down the government's offer like everyone else. "But they came back to us and threatened to remove it if we wouldn't take it; so we took because it would (negatively) impact our neighbours," he said.

Now the proud owners of an old dock, Tofino had to overcome some tedious technicalities like obtaining an expensive foreshore lease.

"We can't lease out or do anything on dock because we don't have a foreshore lease," Pedersen pointed out.

The district has been negotiating with the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands for several years to obtain a lease,

which, according to Pedersen, would cost about \$30,000 annually.

Treasurer Edward Henley said they tried to obtain a Nominal Rent Tenure but the provincial ministry denied them because the dock is used for commercial purposes. Some businesses using the dock are making money off of it like the airline, water taxis, tour operators and freight boats, rendering the dock ineligible for the far cheaper foreshore lease.

"The Government of Canada didn't need a foreshore lease because they're the government, but now we have to get one in order to have the right to own a dock that already exists," laughed Pedersen.

The 2003 dock deal included a \$500,000 federal grant for repairs and maintenance.

To date Tofino has spent about \$100,000 in repairs. They are working on a business plan for the dock and anticipate it will soon be finished and presented to Tofino Council for approval.

Once the business plan is in place, expected to be within a year, Tofino will charge wharfage fees in order to cover the costs of maintenance and administration. "We will be asking the users to pay for it because we don't think Tofino taxpayers will want to pick up the tab," said Pedersen.

The district recognizes the wharf is in bad condition and has received several complaints about it. "We haven't charged anyone a nickel to use that wharf because we're not allowed to (without a foreshore lease), but because it's free people use it at their own risk," Pedersen advised.

When everything falls in place the District anticipates spending \$250,000 in repairs on the dock and more on setting up administration. Tofino Council recently approved spending a large portion of the federal grant to repair and refurbish the facility to its original condition with some minor modifications.

Modifications will include improvements to the gangways on both sides of the wharf. A recently installed steel structure on the west side is slippery in the wet environment. Henley said they will look at installing something to improve traction there.

The gangway on the Tofino Air side will



First Street dock, rotting beams and thin, makeshift wooden patches. An eyesore to locals and visitors alike

also see improvements in traction. Ecotrust, acting on behalf of local First Nations has approached the District asking to examine a possible partnership. Henley said they expect it may take 1-2 years to hammer out a deal but first they have to spend the grant because it is

non-transferable to new owners. "If the wharf changed hands and we didn't spend the grant, we would have to give it back," he explained, adding it makes sense to spend the money on repairs first before entering into new deals.



Nails popping up, fluorescent paint marks extremely weak areas

PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE TRAINING IN AHOUSAHT!

The Parent-Child Mother Goose Program is a community based program that gives parents the opportunity to build on their strengths and learn new skills. It uses rhymes, songs and stories as practical tools to make daily life with baby and young children easier and more joyful.

WHAT? It is The Teacher Training Workshop where you learn; the background of the Mother Goose program, how a session is organized, how to use and teach songs and the basics of storytelling.

WHEN? October 1st and 2nd, 2007 (Monday and Tuesday)

TIME? 9:00am to 4:00pm both days

WHERE? In Ahousaht at the Headstart space

WHO? Anyone who works with young children or wants to in the future can take the training!

COST? The training is free! (funded by the Westcoast Resources Society) Lunches on both days will be provided but at this time transportation cost to Ahousaht is not covered.

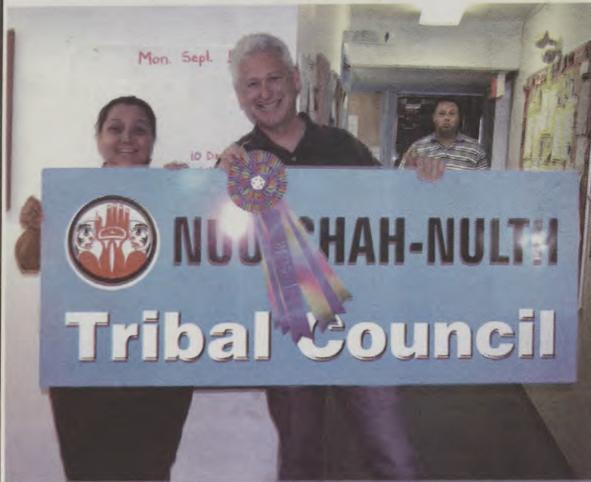
WHAT NOW? If you are interested in taking the training please call Laurie Hannah at 725-2171 ext. 332 or email at laurie.hannah@viha.ca

DEADLINE? Please register by September 26th



Rotting pilings, aluminum protective cover on one is barely hanging on

NTC Booth wins top prize at Fall Fair



Victoria Watts and Rory Rickwood of the NTC pose with 1st Place Fall Fair ribbon

The newly designed NTC fall fair booth took 1st place in the noncommercial category at the 62nd annual Alberni District Fall Fair. Moving away from the enclosed display from years past, NTC Human Resources Manager Rory Rickwood sketched a more open concept that he says will be built on in the future. Turning a rough sketch into something more solid were carpenters Ron Dick Sr., Alfred Dick and Ron Dick Jr. Victoria Watts, also of the NTC, pulled together the displays which centered on the theme: agriculture is everywhere. She thanks Yvonne Lucas for her invaluable assistance.

Back to School!



Maaqtusiis School's newest crop of students, the pre-school and staff



Maaqtusiis School's grade 1 class



NUU-CHAH-NULTH AWARDS

Categories of Distinction

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

The lifetime achievement award is for those who have demonstrated outstanding achievements not only in their career but within NCN communities either through their political, social, or educational pursuits. They have fought the political battles over the years in order to address the wrongs of the past and to ensure that they build a strong future. It is from that strength that as NCN the future is envisioned and it is the voices of these achievers that will take NCN communities forward. The award is for those who have demonstrated a strong dedication to the overall well being of NCN communities and to the people as a whole. They take the time to listen to NCN community members and they take the messages from home to the public arena. It is from that delicate relationship of listening to their communities and effectively relaying these messages that enables positive changes to NCN communities.

YOUTH

The youth category is open to those who are between the ages of 15-24 and have demonstrated great personal change and influence within their community. Their achievements can be demonstrated either through community volunteering, community participation, or educational success.

CULTURE, HERITAGE & SPIRITUALITY

This category is for those who have demonstrated a life-long practice and devotion to their culture, heritage and/or spirituality. It is to those who effortlessly teach and transmit their culture from generation to generation ensuring that traditional cultural practices continue to exist in the future. It is also for those who have restored some form of NCN culture that may not have been practiced for a significant period of time.

EDUCATION & LANGUAGE

This category is for all NCN educators which include the teachers in the provincial school system, the daycare/preschool educators or infant development workers, the school support workers who aid in the development of NCN children and youth, or the Principals of educational institutes. This category is open to the NCN traditional teachers who teach the NCN language either in conjunction with the provincial school system, from generation to generation within their family or to others within their community or neighboring NCN communities. It is those traditional educators who ensure that NCN language transmits to the next generation which undoubtedly ensures that NCN language flourishes.

SPORTS

This category is for any athlete, able bodied or an athlete with a disability, and teams who have demonstrated a level of distinction in their sport on a local, regional, national or international level in relation to participation in open level sport(s) competition. This category also includes referees, coaches and administrators who have attained a high level of merit and brought honour to sport though ongoing dedication to the building of athletes, teams or sport itself. There will be one award for a male candidate, one award for a female, and one award for teams.

SPORTS HALL OF FAME

This category is for any athlete, able bodied or an athlete with a disability, who have attained a life time level of excellence in their sport on a local, regional, national or international level in relation to participation in open level sport(s) competition. This category also includes referees, coaches and administrators who have attained a life time level of merit and brought honour to sport though ongoing dedication to the building of athletes, teams or sport itself.

Eligibility Criteria

To be nominated or to receive the NCN award the following criteria must be met:

must be a band member from a Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation demonstrate outstanding career achievement open to any age with the exception of the youth category completed nomination form and a one page letter of support

Nomination Deadline

The deadline for nominations is 4:30 p.m. **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007.** Contact Information: For further information regarding the awards or to obtain a nomination application form please contact:

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Attention: Michelle Corfield, Vice President

Bookwilla and family pay tribute to their late mother

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Duncan – With the utmost respect and love for the late Ida Thompson, Bookwilla and his family members hosted a potlatch at the Si-em-Le-Lum Gymnasium on the Cowichan Reserve in Duncan, BC September 1.

There were many witnesses from the Coast Salish communities, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribes and others including the Kwakiutl.

The visitors were fed lunch upon their arrival followed by performances by the Coast Salish, showcasing late Ida Thompson's heritage. Thompson was originally from the Modeste family of the Cowichan Tribes.

Thompson's siblings were late Iris Modeste, Wes Modeste, Greta, Irma and Debbie. Wes said their late great grandfather was a hereditary chief from Quamichan – one of the tribes from Cowichan and his name was Chief Suhiltun. He was succeeded by their grandfather who was known as Chief Modeste and the seat was then passed to their late uncle Tommy Modeste.

Members of the family and extended family of Ida Thompson were given names. The two emcees for the Coast Salish, Willie Seymour and Darren Good spoke in their traditional language. Usually the name giving ceremonies are done in the longhouse; however an exception was made for this occasion.

As the ladies were getting ready to drum and sing the mask dancers, dance spotters and those receiving names were brought back stage behind a curtain. The mask dancers traditionally need someone to spot for them as it is hard to see out of their colourful masks. The dancers entered the gymnasium and cleansed the floor.

Once the floor was cleansed the dancers came out with those family members who were receiving names. The emcees called on witnesses for this special occasion.

As a part of the Salish tradition all those that took part in the singing, dancing and witnessing were acknowledged and paid by the family. The audience was in awe of the colourful masks the dancers proudly displayed. It was an honour for many to witness the mask dance.

The dancers then did another special ceremony; the unveiling of a picture of Ida Thompson. Two witnesses were called forward by the family, one of them being one of late Thompson's best friends Gertrude Frank from Ahousaht. During the ceremony Ditidaht singers



Jimmy Chester with eagle feathers leading the Ditidaht singers



Bookwilla (Charlie Thompson) host for the potlatch is happy with the turnout and outcome of the potlatch

sang a very special song to pay tribute to their mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt; a deeply loved and respected member of their community. The audience was moved by this and stood to pay their tribute.

Members of both the Modeste and Thompson families recognized and paid tribute via Salish traditions with coins to all of the witnesses. It was a very moving moment during the ceremonies as a wonderful elder was being remembered for all of her work she had done all of her life – both professionally and personally.

Once again the visitors were fed after the conclusion of the Salish ceremonies. It was announced that the Ditidaht would be performing and celebrating to conclude the potlatch.

Chief Bobbie Joseph and members of the Kwakiutl First Nations were put on the program following the dinner. Just prior to the Kwakiutl program Shane Point from Musqueam, Ron Martin from Tla-o-qui-aht and Jerry Oleman from the Interior of BC presented the hosts with goods and also money to Bookwilla.

"I am honoured to be invited to this potlatch, I can feel what is going on and this event is about the love and respect of someone special. Thank you for allowing me to be here and I am very happy to be here witnessing it" said Point.

Martin, a family friend also acknowledged Bookwilla and especially appreciated what he is doing and also that Bookwilla is usually doing good things for his people.

Bobbie Joseph and members from the Kwakiutl Nation were next on the program. Although there were only a few singers and dancers, they too were a

strong and colourful group with these dancers and singers in their traditional regalia. Joseph was honoured to be invited by Bookwilla and briefly talked about Thompson. "We are paying homage to this wonderful lady and are here to celebrate her life and also to show her offspring and community members that we care," said Joseph.

Joseph said that in times such as this we as a people turn to our history and culture and we first nation people



(Right) Ron Hamilton speaks on behalf of Bookwilla Thompson family thanking everyone for witnessing the potlatch

are holding on to and passing on our great teachings. Joseph reminded everyone of the inter-connectedness between the respective nations.

Joseph pointed out the connection to the animal world and sea going creatures portrayed in the Kwakiutl dances.

The Kwakiutl dance group concluded with a lively dance that included audience participation. Many guests and family members hosting the party joined in.

Speaking on behalf of Gertrude Frank, Ron Hamilton acknowledged the Cowichan Tribes for allowing her to be in their traditional territories and

Thlaapkitap will be replacing him in his seat. A date will be announced for the party.

Ron Hamilton spoke on behalf of Bookwilla. He acknowledged all those who stayed to witness both the cultures of the Coast Salish and Ditidaht. "It is greatly appreciated that you chose to stay after the Salish traditions and ceremony. We have now completed our work and tribute to our dear mother, sister,

grandmother, great grandmother. Kleco, kleco, hychca, hychca, thank you all for celebrating with us" said Hamilton.

In speaking with Hawiith Bookwilla he said that he was very pleased with the



Jack Thompson (left) and Derek Thompson (right), headdress dancers during family dance for the host Bookwilla

especially to Ha'with Bookwilla. Frank was very touched when she was called forward to witness and stand by the portrait of Thompson. Frank worked with Thompson over thirty years in the Community and Human Service field, and was especially honoured to be her friend.

Amelia Robinson was next on the program prior to the host, Bookwilla and family. Robinson acknowledged and thanked Bookwilla for everything he has done and for always being there for her. She then presented Bookwilla with gifts for him to use at his discretion.

Other people that acknowledged and thanked the hosts were Hawiith Moochiink (Bruce Frank from Tla-o-qui-aht), Sharon Marshall and family, Tyee Hawiith Hugh Watts from Hupacasath, who each thanked the hosts and presented Bookwilla with money. Danny Watts also offered words of gratitude to Bookwilla.

Finally the hosts performed. Bookwilla and his son Thlaapkitap (Derek Thompson) completed the business on behalf of the family. The Hawiith and delegates from Nuu-chah-nulth, Coast Salish dignitaries, Kwakiutl and other guests were acknowledged and thanked with money and gifts.

Bookwilla also publicly acknowledged that in the near future, his son

mentioned that it was important to him and his family to publicly acknowledge to the Cowichan Tribes. The significance and impact that his late mother had on not only the Ditidaht people but also Nuu-chah-nulth and other First Nation communities was great.

Bookwilla would like to thank those that were present and especially those that assisted in one way or another to help to make the potlatch a success. It was a good celebration of the wonderful life of Ida Thompson.



Kwakiutl ladies dancing to pay tribute to Ida Thompson (Modeste)

Tiiçsaq Mental Health Tips for dealing with stress and tension

Submitted By: Kim Rai

"Stress and Tension are normal reactions to events that threaten us. Such threats can come from crisis, financial troubles and problems on the job or with family. The way we deal with these pressures has a lot to do with our mental, emotional and physical health. The following are suggestions to get you started on managing the stress in your life.

1. Recognize your symptoms of stress, what stress's you out?
2. Look at your lifestyle and see what can be changed — in your work situation, your family situation, or your schedule
3. Use relaxation techniques - yoga, meditation, prayer, deep breathing, or massage
4. Exercise - Physical activity is one of the most effective stress remedies around!
5. Time management - Do essential tasks and prioritize the others. Consider those who may be affected by your decisions, such as family and friends and community. Use a check

list so you will receive satisfaction as you check off each job as it is done

6. Watch your diet - Alcohol, caffeine, sugar, fats and tobacco all put a strain on your body's ability to cope with stress. A diet with a balance of fruits, vegetables, whole grains and foods high in protein but low in fat will help create optimum health.
7. Get enough rest and sleep
8. Talk with others - Talk with friends, counsellors, community workers, support groups or relatives about what is bothering you.
9. Help others - Volunteer work in your community can be an effective and satisfying stress reducer
10. Get away for awhile - Read a book, watch a movie, play a game, listen to music. Leave yourself some time that's just for you
11. Give in occasionally - Avoid quarrels whenever possible
12. Tackle one thing at a time - Don't try to do too much at once.
13. Don't try to be perfect
14. Don't be too competitive
15. Have some fun!! Laugh and be with friends and community. Use a check

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Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Development Corporation

In my recent work with Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Development Corporation I have worked with your Directors to look at new seafood opportunities and develop strategies to prepare for increased future sea resources as well as address current marketing issues.

SARDINES - With the largest number of applications ever, Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations hold the largest block of licences in the Sardine industry. Despite the appearance of Sardines in some NCN territories, there have been virtually no landings of Tsee'pin in British Columbia. This is due to an abnormally high harvest in US fisheries, which has collapsed Sardine prices.

We have surveyed BC processors and contacted American processors but none have stepped up. We are working with Con Charleson of Hesquiaht to get samples of larger fish this month. We will continue to seek utilization of this resource as it is one of the largest available to our member Nations.

Don Hall and Andrew Day will continue pressing DFO to make quota available to all Nuu-chah-nulth communities based on their rights and adjacency.

HALIBUT - After receiving requests on Halibut marketing, Chairman Tom Happonook has requested we convene and facilitate a Fall Workshop with Pasco Seafoods Brokers to develop marketing plans and a joint venture to utilize our quotas fully and employ willing Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen. We will be looking for advice on timing of this workshop and we would like your input.

TROLL SALMON - A Pilot Program on Troll salmon has been initiated.

Working with Troller, Andy Amos, a quality program is being tested with brokerage company Pasco. A new flushing system to increase quality will be tested this fall.

POTENTIAL JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS - Representatives from Bing Wong Enterprises and Pan Fish China have visited and are interested in Nuu-chah-nulth products. An initiative to develop possible immigrant investors is currently being scrutinized to see if this might be a viable way to finance job producing ventures without giving up control.

SHELLFISH - Nuu-chah-nulth Seafood Development Corporation continues to explore potentials for higher returns for shellfish and to provide help and training for Nations seeking profitability and employment from shellfish. Community assessments are being completed in order to develop practical strategies. Randy Fred has been spearheading this initiative.

LINKS TO OTHER NATIONS IN THE NORTHWEST - We are establishing links and information sharing with Haida, Nisga'a, and other coastal First Nations, including Alaska. Haida has extended an invitation to visit and share information and strategies. Sealaska Native Corporation in Alaska has also expressed interest and would like to visit Nuu-chah-nulth territory.

I look forward to any questions or concerns you may have about any of your sea resources.

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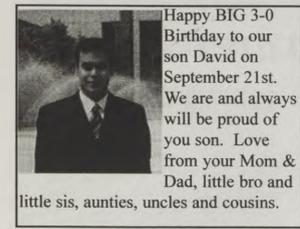
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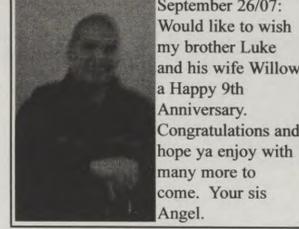
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Birthdays & congratulations



Happy BIG 3-0 Birthday to our son David on September 21st. We are and always will be proud of you son. Love from your Mom & Dad, little bro and little sis, aunties, uncles and cousins.



September 26/07: Would like to wish my brother Luke and his wife Willow a Happy 9th Anniversary. Congratulations and hope ya enjoy with many more to come. Your sis Angel.

Happy 2nd Birthday to our niece Madison Kamea Piflood aka Maddie. Love from Annie, Dave, all your grandmas, grandpas and cousins in Port Alberni.

Congratulations to Gladys Charlie Cedar Abrahams {daughter to Angel Williams & Noel Abrahams} for entering into preschool this year! Congratulations to our son, Matt Jack and Evelyn Charlie on the news of their baby on the way! We look forward to being grandparents to the child and he/she will have a good upbringing with our help. Love you both, Jackie Sabbas and Wilson Jack.

Happy birthday to the greatest dad in the world, Lawrence Jack Sr. Dad was born on September 9th. We love you dad....many more to come! Love always, Wilson, Jackie, Matt and Evelyn.

September 1st - Happy Birthday to my niece Alisha Titian omggggg forgot how old o well 18th than lol love you lots. Whenever you see a red rose always think of me because that red rose is me. Love Auntie Trudy Smith and Angus Mackay.

September 4th - Happy Happy Birthday Rueben Amos I never ever forgot your birthday. Have a great day. Love Trudy and Angus Mackay.

Sept 12th - Happy 19th lol Birthday to my niece Dionne Murphy. Whewwww fingers getting tired lol. You have great day. Love Auntie Trudy and Angus Mackay.

Sept 15th - Happy Birthday to my Nephew Danny Saway of course guess 19 again lol totally forgot how old you are going to be. You have a great day. Love Auntie Trudy and Angus Mackay.

Sept 19th - Happy Happy Birthday to my Niece Violet Johnson never forgot your day also except the age so 19 lol. Love you lots. Love Auntie Trudy and Angus Mackay.

September 20th - Happy 48th Birthday to my brother in law Mike Saway. I knew it I remember we use to celebrate our birthdays but the Vital Statistics changed mine now to Sept 21st now. Mine was Sept 20th. Now I have 2 birthdays lol. You have a nice day bro

Love sis Trudy and Angus Mackay. September 26th - Happy 11th Birthday to my granddaughter Mia Johnson. You have a great day on your birthday. Love Grandma Trudy and



We would like to wish our favourite niece Lillian Jensen a very special and Happy Birthday for September 13. Hope you have a good one. Love always Uncle Sid, auntie Sharleen and family.

September 20th - Happy Special Birthday to my friend Louie Frank Sr. Yes we did celebrate our birthdays the same but vital statistics changed mine to the 21st now. Strange huh. You have a great day. Love Trudy and Angus Mackay (aka Smith).

Wow Hello everyone I am back bet you all missed me yes you all did. Can see you all smiling away. Missed sending you all my news lol. Now I just want to say I miss you all and my verse I made for everyone is

Whenever you see a Red Rose always think of me because that Red Rose is me. You all are special each and every way don't ever forget that. Anyone who wants to email me my email address is trudyrose0921@yahoo.ca. Chuu. He-seek-Nuup-Qua Trudy Rose Smith.

My little sister Georgia Charlie's (my little sister) 1st birthday on Aug.31st, I want to say happy late b-day to her! With love from All her sisters, brothers, nephews and nieces! And happy late birthday to Cecilia Williams! Love From the family!! Happy late birthday to Arlene Thomas! A very happy 4th birthday to Jonathan Charlie! With love from all you sisters, brothers, nephews and nieces!

Happy birthday to Sarah Charlie (oct.30th) From all her Kids and Step kids and all her grand children too!

September 10th - Happy awwww Birthday to my Flower Daisy Johnson..Of course when u hit ova 50 for get your nieces an nephews age lol but I will sayyyy 19 hehehe..

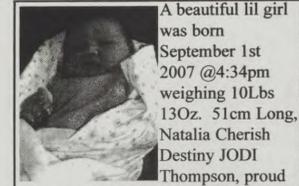
love you whenever you see a red rose always think of me because that red rose is me.

Love you Auntie Trudy Rose and Angus Mackay.

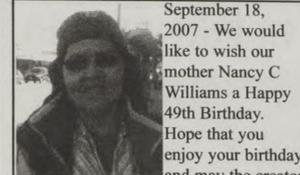
September 7th - Happy 47th Birthday to my little brother Ron Johnson. Thank you and April for always being here for me when I was going through rough times. Love you both lots. Love Sis Trudy and Angus Mackay.

September 11th - To my very special Beautiful Granddaughter Sierra Kelsey Rose Alexander Happy Happy 9th Birthday oh yes my angel..You have a great day honey.. love you lots. Whenever you see a Red Rose always think of me because that red rose is me. Love Grandma Trudy and Grandpa Angus.

September 21st - Happy Birthday Trudy Love you Babe. Love Angus



A beautiful lil girl was born September 1st 2007 @4:34pm weighing 10Lbs 13Oz. 51cm Long. Natalia Cherish Destiny JODI Thompson, proud parents: Denise Thompson & Andrew Charles. Lotsa Luv From Mom [Ann Shears] Sugar, Beb N Baby.



September 18, 2007 - We would like to wish our mother Nancy C Williams a Happy 49th Birthday. Hope that you enjoy your birthday and may the creator

guide you along your journey. Love Always your Children: Luke, Angel, Carly, Edward, Kachina and Dave and your Grandchildren: Corbyn, Jayden, Shaya, Gladys, and Mary.

Mackay.

We would like to wish Shawn Parker Crockett of Neah bay on September 16, 2007 happy birthday. Vera little September, 23rd, 2007 happy birthday mom and granny best ever!!! And happy birthday to Ryan Burridge on September 26th, 2007 love you all. Love auntie Liz & Simon Parker and Timothy P. Little



We would like to announce the birth of Malcolm Craig Sinclair Swann Jr. First born son to Kara-Anna Adams and Malcolm Swann Sr. He was born August 28, 2007, 9lbs 5 oz. Proud Grandparents are Karen and Fred Adams, Martha and Russell Taylor Sr and Jack Sutherland and Patsy Mack. Congratulations to Kara and Malcolm and welcome to the handsome lil' bundle Malcolm Jr.

Raven Is So Sleek and So Shoen
Written By Norma-Ann Webster

His Black feathers glow with enticements; His eyes travel in both worlds. He does not look back but brings us to place that is dark and hidden. His job is to show us the things that we aren't supposed to do. He teaches us on a daily basis what it is like to hold a trickster status. By means of doing the opposite of the good things that are supposed help us all. When we travel into the Dream World he takes us out of our comfort Zone. He knows better especially when we sleep that he can take us to this world. I fly with you while you sleep..I have seen you there many times... I take you to place that only you understand and are accepting of this place. Raven travels with you to this place that he calls darkness. He says, "My job is working with high risk families" Individuals who are addicted to darkness' this darkness has become familiar. You don't realize that they are drawn in by this generational domino effect. Of the past of the present and of the future. He laughs and he says " You will never make it," my friend you never have.. You shall never prosper because that is the way it is when you like this place. I believed him for a moment but only for a moment. It took all that I had because I was determined to prove otherwise. To be strapped by the lessons of this human world. To be better than other's... to become greedy and indulge with the many losses. Raven pushes and laughs, he likes winning. He likes to watch us all fail for he can laugh--



A handsome lil boy was born September 24th 1987 @5:17pm Weighing 8Lbs. 5 1/2 oz. Happy 20th Birthday Son/ Brother/ Uncle/ Grandson Charlie G. Thompson.

Lotsa Luv From Ur Mom Sugar, Beb, Baby, Denise N Natalia, N Gramma Ann.

Happy Birthday to my bro Lewis on Sept 24, & to my other bro Dave on Nov 1st, from Corby.

We would like to wish Chanelle Cootes a Happy Birthday for September 5. Love from Sid, auntie Sharleen & family.

We would like to wish Brandon Cootes a Happy Birthday for September 7. Love from Sid, auntie Sharleen &

Instead of learning what he is showing us...the things we can't do... It is up to us to do or not to do the right things for our children. This is called choice—we are the adults, the mother's father's. May the creator and great grandmothers and great grandfather's shield your spirit and soul and guide you towards balance. The lesson here is we often try too hard or don't try hard enough. Thus leading us to failure. The biggest lesson ...it is easier to hurt someone. The hardest thing to learn is to realize no matter how hard we try to perfect our lives- It could never Be-- we can be good but never perfect ... there is no such thing as perfect in the magazines. Balance is the Key for our children, elder's and communities. I would like to dedicate this poem to my supportive family Janis,Atleo Justine Dennis, Edward Klaws, Richard Klaws and Laura Klaws, Renee' Atleo, Jada Atleo and Sydney Point. A special thanks to My late Father Richard Webster, To my mother Thelma Webster My late bro Baz (Richard Basil Webster) to all my sisters To the Elder's I hold a special prayer for every single day And thank you for just being elders. I respect you all And say Kleo! for the guidance To The Ha-shilth Sa News Paper who has made it all possible For my published work and poetry To my Webster family living at Ahousaht & to all my relatives To all the people of every community May you mount with wings and fly high Like our great and powerful eagle Walk tall and proud and never forget where you belong Thank you staff of Ha-shilth-Sa!

Aboriginal BEST in Port Alberni



Crystal Little, and Terry Payne of INEO Employment Services stand with Randy Fred (centre) who has been instrumental in getting the Aboriginal BEST program to Port Alberni

By Randy Fred

"BEST for the best!" is not a statement of conceit but is an announcement by INEO Employment Counselling Inc. and Uu-a-thluk that the Aboriginal BEST program is coming to Port Alberni.

Aboriginal Business & Entrepreneurship Skills Training (BEST) is now in the 4th year of providing BC Aboriginal Youth age 18 to 35 with:

- 12 sessions of Business Start-up training
- One-on-one Business Counselling
- Access to funding sources.

Over the past 3 years, over 300 Aboriginal youth graduated from the program, and are now either in business for themselves or are in the business preparation stage.

In 2007 - 2008, Aboriginal BEST will be offered in 6 BC communities. Port Alberni is one of the selected communities.

"The timing could not be better," stated Randy Fred, who works in capacity building for Uu-a-thluk.

"Aboriginal BEST is an excellent opportunity for Indian residential school survivors to invest their money in a small business. Very few, if any, survivors can be classified as youth (18 - 35) but BEST will accept First Nations people of all ages into its

program."

The Port Alberni Aboriginal BEST program is being coordinated by Terry Payne, owner of INEO Employment Counselling Inc. The main facilitator will be Shawn Bonnough, a Metis entrepreneur, owner of Velocity Business Training Inc, and instructor at Royal Roads University. Guest presenters on specific topics are being invited.

The goal of Aboriginal BEST is to assist First Nations youth research their business idea, assemble a business plan, and implement the plan. The program provides classroom sessions and one-on-one counseling.

The program is free and if you are interested in participating please contact Terry Payne to register early as this class is sure to fill up fast. She can be reached at INEO Employment Counselling Inc., 4908 Argyle Street, Port Alberni BC V9Y 1V7; Tel. 250-723-4675.

Aboriginal BEST is a program of the BC Ministry of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation and the Western Diversification Fund. Their website is at

For more information:

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T'aatnee?is Daycare wraps up summer season

By Debora Steel,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

T'aatnee?is Daycare at Tseshaht has wound up its summertime activities with a train ride to McLean's Mill in Port Alberni for the 12 three to five year olds and a play day at the Hilton Centre for the infants and toddlers.

"They loved it," said daycare manager Lizette Cartlidge of the train trip. "It was so much fun because it was a new experience for some of them and then we went walking around... they do a little play, a skit for you, about what happens up there and how they cooked and took care of the men." She said the children really enjoyed the play.

And the babies, they interacted and played in the playground at the Hilton Centre in Port. T'aatnee?is Daycare doesn't yet have a playground, but has plans for one in the near future.

"We have nothing right now. We have pea-gravel, so it was good for us to look at and see what we would like and would not like to see in the playground," said Cartlidge.

With summer gone and a new season of enrollment just begun, Cartlidge is planning for activities for the fall. The calendar isn't nailed down completely, as they still have some openings in the preschool.

"Our infant and toddler is full; we have a wait-list. But the two- to six-year-old headstart program, we are accepting preschoolers, which is 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, and daycare children part-time or full-time."

The headstart program consists of six components—Language and culture, parent involvements, education, health promotion, nutrition and social support, which is community, Cartlidge said.

The daycare opened in 2000 with four children in the three to five year old building. Today the daycare is licensed



Lizette Cartlidge

for 24 of this age and a maximum of 12 in the infant and toddler area, which opened this year with a brand new building.

The infant toddler to staff ratio is four children to one staff member. And the preschool daycare is eight to one. Each building has a part-time worker to support the staff and Cartlidge manages both buildings.

The staff has their early childhood education certificates, and three of them have their diplomas.

The older children will be a part of a cultural night called Naanaaniqsuu Haahuupa (Sharing the Grandparents' Teachings) planned for Sept. 22 at Haahuupayak School at Tseshaht. And another cultural component of the daycare will be held every Friday starting Sept. 14 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"We're going to start a language net, with elders and fluent speakers. We are hiring one fluent teacher to work with Doreen Charleson, who is our cultural coordinator," said Cartlidge. "So what we are going to do is to invite parents and anyone who wants to come out and learn the language with their children... It's parent involvement and language and we'll be inviting elders every few weeks, and it will be only the language that's spoken."

BC Cancer Foundation's Tour of Courage Announcing a small challenge

To date, the BC Cancer Foundation has received \$300.00 from Larry Baird, \$300.00 from Eddie Ross, \$150.00 from Karen Severinson, \$150.00 from Earl Mundy, \$100.00 from Charlie Cootes, \$100.00 from Jim & Liz Grice, \$100.00 from Michelle Corfield, \$25.00 from Raymond Touchie, \$25.00 from Raymond Haippee, \$10.00 from Debbie Mundy, \$10.00 from Amber Severinson and \$20.00 from Gilbert Louie. This is not including the sales from a raffle that I am holding.

So, on behalf of those who have donated, I challenge you to make a donation. Why? Because the money goes to cancer research and every dollar counts, so please give generously.

"Proceeds from the BC Cancer Foundation's Tour of Courage will fund blood cancer research at the BC Cancer Agency. An independent charitable organization, BC Cancer Foundation raises funds to support prevention, research and enhancements to care through the BC Cancer Agency. Our vision is A World Free from Cancer. With the best cancer survival rates in Canada, the BC Cancer Agency has become a model for cancer care and

control around the world." (www.toursofcourage.ca)

Please donate by either going online and click on Support A Rider, type in Lorraine Mundy, select my name and click on the yellow Donate Now button. Or you can print a form and mail it in. The BC Cancer Foundation will mail you a tax receipt. The deadline for mail in donations must be post marked September 13, or you can donate online until September 21.

On a personal note, this is ride is in memory of my aunts May and Edith McCarthy and uncle Bert McCarthy, all of whom we lost to cancer. I am registered to cycle 60 kilometers in Vancouver, BC, on September 23, 2007.

It is never too late to think of one's health - mind, spirit and body. To date, I have lost 15 pounds with the training I have been doing for the Royal Victoria Marathon, the Seattle Marathon and the BC Cancer Foundation's Tour of Courage. Remember to always check with your doctor before engaging in any physical activity.

Lorraine Mundy
Ucluelet First Nation

Sport Profile ~ Dano Thorne

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Duncan - Dano Thorne of the Cowichan Tribes has been involved in sports with both his community and also the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) for many years. He has either been playing sports or coaching most of his life and has been involved with NAIG as an organizer for over a decade.

Thorne's parents were late Jim and Mary Thorne. His siblings are James, Wendy, Tammy and Shelly. His father was from Cowichan and his mother was from Tsartlip, and also is a descendant of the famous Chief Joseph (Hin-mah-too-yah-lat-kakht) - Thunder Rolling Down the Mountain originally from Idaho, United States of America. Chief Joseph is a famous Chief from the Nez Perce Reservation who was born in the Wallowa Valley in north eastern Oregon in 1840. Joseph was a famous war chief who led 700 tribesmen, of which only 200 were warriors. Chief Joseph is well known and is respected by the North American Indians, especially in the USA.

Thorne has been working for NAIG since 2004 as the Community Sport and Development Officer. Prior to this he also worked for the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association (ASRA) for up to ten years before moving to his current position with NAIG.

In 2005 Thorne also worked as a contractor for NAIG on the games that were eventually cancelled in Buffalo, New York.

At last years games in Denver, Colorado Thorne worked with Rick Brant, CEO of the NAIG 2008 in coordinating the 2006 games held there. Thorne, as you can see has a passion with sports and recreation, and especially working for and with youth.

On the side, Thorne coaches a local women's soccer team in Duncan as a volunteer. He also coaches a team made up of players actively involved with NIFA (North American Football Association) who travel worldwide. Hazel Cook, Huu-ay-ahl has been a member of this team.

Thorne is one of only a few certified coaches qualified to do coaching clinics. More recently Thorne was delivered level one and two coaching clinics to the Aboriginal Sport and Management Certification program at the Malaspina College / University at the Cowichan campus this past winter and fall.

"I am a qualified and certified coach and instructor and am available and willing to go into communities to deliver the Aboriginal Coaching Manual (ACM) Level one and two coaching. I would



Dano Thorne

like to encourage anyone that is interested to please contact me" said Thorne.

There are so many volunteer coaches involved in the Aboriginal communities in the province, however only a few of them are certified. Thorne is willing to travel to communities to assist coaches in becoming certified. "One of my main passions is to capacity-build, especially Aboriginal coaches, not only in BC but across Canada. This leads to sport development of not only our athletes but our coaches as well in the Aboriginal communities. In my opinion this is positive for our youth," said Thorne.

When Thorne was younger he was known to be an accomplished athlete. His first love is soccer, for which he was well known and respected. He also competed in basketball, athletics (track and field), fastball and baseball. He was known to be a very good basketball player and played in many tournaments on Vancouver Island and the mainland.

Thorne would like to leave the following message for youth; "Try and encourage the youth to pursue their dreams and remember that it takes a commitment and especially support from their parents, family, community and coaches." This was passed on to him by his late parents.

Thorne also wants to remind the youth that it takes sacrifice and hard work to attain their dreams, never give up on them. Even if one makes a mistake it is okay, however learn from your mistake.

A final thought he would like to pass on to youth to respect people who come into your lives. He would also like to encourage our parents, coaches and community members to work with our youth, teach and nurture them and ultimately let them challenge life on their own. Good words of wisdom to pass on from Dano Thorne who has taken his family teachings and values and now is passing on to others.



Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association (ASRA) update

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Saanich - With just under a year to go for the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) excitement is in the air at the ASRA office in Saanich. The countdown is on for one of the busiest times of the year for ASRA as they are busy with tryouts for Team BC for the NAIG which will be in Duncan, BC and hosted by the Cowichan Tribes.

Adam Olsen, Communications Coordinator Manager for ASRA and has been working for them for a couple of years. Olsen mentioned there have been multi-sport tryout camps for team sports in Nanaimo, Prince George and also Richmond. There was one scheduled for Kelowna, however it was cancelled.

There is an upcoming camp once again in Richmond; however it is by invite only. It will be held on the Labour Day weekend. Along with the multi sport tryouts for Team BC teams, there will also be individual sporting events held at the tryout camp on the Labour Day weekend. These include canoeing, archery, golf, athletics, badminton, boxing, rifle shooting, swimming, wrestling and taekwon do.

What is ASRA one might ask? ASRA is the recognized multi-sport umbrella organization providing leadership, guidance, and support to the Aboriginal people of BC through opportunities in sport, physical activities and recreation. Its goal is to strengthen and encourage the physical, mental, cultural, emotional and spiritual aspects of the Aboriginal communities as well as individual lives by creating opportunities for success at every level.

ASRA's focus is youth. Being involved in sport and/or recreational activities helps to provide a healthier body, mind, spirit, and individual as well as healthier communities. ASRA is an advocate for this. Other benefits include sportsmanship, teamwork, dedication and commitment, not to mention the leadership qualities one could attain from sports and recreation.

How does one become involved with ASRA? Olsen advises anyone that may be interested to go to their website; asra@asra.ca. The next step is to fill in an online application form. Once this is completed the information will then be passed on to the contact sport person for ASRA. They can also be reached at (250) 544-8172 and the fax # is 1-250-544-8173.

The success of an organization like

ASRA is mainly driven by its volunteers. Coaches, assistant coaches and managers are required for all of the sport venues and age categories for Team BC. "If you have any interest in either coaching or managing a team, please contact ASRA. "Volunteer coaches and managers, a total of 96 will be required for the upcoming NAIG games in Cowichan" said Olsen.

As per direction from the board, preference shall be given to Aboriginal coaches and managers. It is also a requirement for all coaches and managers to be certified. ASRA will work closely with all potential volunteer coaches and managers to help them gain certification.

Watch for upcoming certification workshops in your area, and or contact the ASRA office to host one. "Both a level one and two National Coaching Certificate Program (NCCP) are a requirement for our coaches for NAIG. If you are interested, please contact our office as soon as possible so we can work with you to ensure you become certified" said Olsen.

The deadline is soon approaching for ASRA to have the Team BC coaches in place for NAIG 2008 in Cowichan.

ASRA is the delivery agent for the NCCP and the Aboriginal Coaching Manual (ACM) which is a supplementary training resource for coaches. The Manual responds to the desire to have a national training curriculum with the content that reflects the uniqueness of Aboriginal cultures, values and lifestyles.

In the fall of 2007 ASRA will host their annual event, *Spirit of Excellence Symposium*. It will be held in Richmond BC. This is an opportunity to honour those that have excelled in their sport. More information shall be forwarded in the near future.

Membership for ASRA is \$25.00. To apply for volunteer coaching or manager or to become a member of Team BC, one must possess a membership card for ASRA and be a member in good standing.

Olsen would like to encourage one and all to become involved with sport, recreation and especially our youth as they are our future leaders of tomorrow. Sport and recreation assists in the development of ones character, is fun and not to mention leads to a healthier lifestyle. Also he encourages you to support all of our athletes.

Good luck to Team BC in the upcoming NAIG 2008 in Cowichan.

Correction:

Ha-Shilth-Sa would like to apologize for an error of mistaken identity. Dano Thorne was mistaken for Rick Brandt CEO of the North American Indigenous Games. Ha-shilth-sa would like to apologize to both Thorne and Brandt.



Klecko Klecko!

UFN Day Camp would like to thank the following people who assisted in our raffle draw over the course of the summer. Your generosity was greatly appreciated, and helped fund our activities over the summer.

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And a very important thanks to all the wonderful people who purchased a ticket from our children! Your support to the program & the kids will be forever appreciated!
Melanie Touchie - UFN Youth Worker

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Ahousaht Hawiith and membership are seeking a **full-time Chief Negotiator** for the Ahousaht Treaty Process.

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Submit resume & cover letter to: Ahousaht Treaty Office
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For further information please contact the Ahousaht Treaty office at (250) 670-9563.

Community & Beyond

Wedding invitation Campbell River

Sept. 17
Family and friends of Derek Hansen and Larissa Smith. You are invited to the wedding of Derek Hansen, son of Therese Smith, and Larissa Smith, daughter of Henry Smith and Carol Smith. Let's gather and celebrate with Derek and Larissa as they bring their love for one another. For more information, call Larissa at (250) 332-5382, Carol at (250) 332-5245.

Celebration of Life Lantzville

Sept. 22
The family of the late Wallace and Josephine Touchie invite you to the celebration of life for the late Frances Bob and late Wilson "Rocky" Bob. Beginning at 10 a.m. Tsow-tun-le-lum Treatment Centre gymnasium. 699 Capilano Rd. in Lantzville.

22 Year Celebration - Maaqtusiis School Gym Ahouasht

September 24, 2007
Time: 5:00 PM. A celebration of the school's past and present students. The school is looking for past graduating student pictures. If you have one or would like any further information, please contact Linda at the school @ (250) 670-9555

Symposium: Preserving Aboriginal Heritage Ottawa

Sept. 24 to 28
For more information visit the CCI web site at: www.cci-icc.gc.ca/symposium/index_e.aspx.

Real Estate and Commercial Development Calgary

Sept. 25
Doing any project on land within a First Nation reserve presents unique challenges and opportunities. This conference assembles leading faculty with extensive experience dealing with on-reserve development. Call 1-877-730-2555.

National Aboriginal Policing Forum 2007 Ottawa

Sept. 27
The forum will provide details about the Ipperwash Inquiry and how the findings and recommendations will affect Aboriginal policing in Canada. It will also deal with conflict in context of Aboriginal policing; issues inherent in policing remote communities, hurdles facing urban Aboriginal policing, plus issues surrounding organized crime and native gangs. www.pbli.com

Memorial Potlatch Port Alberni

Sept. 29 (Postponed)
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).

Transfer of Chief's Position Port Alberni

Oct. 6
The House of Homis-aht, a member of the Hesquiaht Nation, would like to welcome everyone to witness the transfer of the chief's position to Chancellor Amos, however it is to be held by Vic Amos for an unidentified period of time. Place: Athletic Hall. Start Time: 10 a.m.

Ucluelet First Nation Community Meeting

Oct. 8
Meeting will commence following the 4:30 dinner service. If you have an agenda item, contact Suzanne Williams by phone at (250) 726-7342 or by email at execsecretary@ufn.ca. Traveling to the event? Call to confirm meeting that meeting hasn't been cancelled.

New Legacies Conference October 11 - 13, 2007

An Aboriginal Business Conference that is a tribute to Aboriginal Women Entrepreneurs will be held at the Tigh-na-mara Resort & Spa. Keynote speakers: The Baker Twins, Fara Palmer, and more. Open to all existing and future Aboriginal entrepreneurs. Pre-registration required. For more info call 1.866.444.6332/250.724.3131 or email caledonia@nuuchahnulth.org

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 parent (Lloyd and Claudette) and Ahmber's parents (Shayne and Lynnette) 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 Nelson, brothers Bill and Corby, I have decided that we will dry our tears Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007 at Maaqtusiis 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 with all of us. Choo, Maquinna.

Conference on Addictions and Mental Health Richmond

Nov. 14 to 16
Workshops include: Who cares for the Caregiver; Eliminating Self-Defeating Behaviors; Family Violence: Treatment of Perpetrators and Victims. Information online at www.jackhiro.com.

Ucluelet First Nation Community Meeting Ucluelet

Nov. 19
Meeting will commence following the 4:30 dinner service. If you have an agenda item, contact Suzanne Williams by phone at (250) 726-7342 or by email at execsecretary@ufn.ca. Members who are living away from home who plan on traveling to the meeting are asked to call ahead to ensure that the meeting is still on, as at times the UFN may have to cancel meetings due to unforeseen circumstances.

Christmas Dinner Ahouasht

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

Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference Victoria

March 17 - 20, 2008
The conference is hosted by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. The theme of the conference will be Sports, Recreation and Wellness. There will be 1,000 youth attending. 1-800-990-2432.

Sports and Recreation Alberni hosts annual wrestling camp

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The Alberni Valley Wrestling Club hosted its annual wrestling clinic on August 21-23. Held at the Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS), there were up to 40 participants.

Tom McEvay and James Messenger are key organizers to the annual event, which is also a multi-festival camp. McEvay and Messenger have been involved with the Alberni Valley Wrestling club for many years, especially in the development of many youth throughout the Alberni Valley who have been successful on the provincial scene of high school wrestling as well as a few who have been involved on the national scene.

Travis Cross, for example, immediately comes to mind. Scott, an ADSS alumni member, is a National Wrestling team member who would use the training camp in preparation for the world championship to be held in September. The camp was held at this time of the

month specifically for Cross. "We wanted to coincide with our multi-festival camp with the emphasis on wrestling for Cross who is a potential Olympian. Usually the camp is held in early July annually and also for four to five days" said McEvay.

Both McEvay and Messenger have seen many of the youth who have participated in the local wrestling scene through the school district for many years. Messenger is very involved and is currently a teacher and coach at EJ Dunn Middle School.

Messenger stated that historically there is a strong First Nations presence, especially from Nuu-chah-nulth participants in the wrestling program. There has been at least one third up to one half First Nations participation.

McEvay stated also that there are currently up to 120 participants in the Alberni Wrestling program, of which there are at least 30 First Nations participants. This is quite a significant number. McEvay and Messenger strongly support the First Nation



Participants at the Annual Alberni Wrestling Camp at ADSS

participants and would love to see a number of them involved in the upcoming North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) which is literally in our backyard in Duncan BC.

At this camp there were a few First Nations participants as well as a Nuu-chah-nulth volunteer Aaron Keitlah who is originally from Ahousaht. Keitlah is the son of Nelson Keitlah Jr. and Wilma Keitlah (nee Gus) who is originally from Tseshaht. Young Keitlah made a name for himself in the High School circuit and also travelled internationally. He is now volunteering, and giving back to the sport he has loved.

One of the participants both in the multi-camp as well as the Alberni Wrestling club has been Isaiah Taylor. Taylor is a very accomplished wrestler and has participated in the NAIG games in Denver Colorado.

Coach McEvay said that Taylor will be going to China next summer to participate in a field trip, planned and organized by the local club. Taylor would like to participate in the upcoming NAIG 2008 in Cowichan; however the two major events may clash in dates and times.

Brianne Charles originally from Hupacasath First Nation and Frank Broz, a Metis are two more First Nation participants who attended the Alberni Wrestling and Multi-sport camp. "At this camp I have seen a lot of people and participants that I have met at the previous camps and really enjoy the close friendships that have been established at the camps" said Charles.

Both Messenger and McEvay would like to thank and acknowledge all of the participants, their family members and supporters who attended the camp to help to make it successful. It indeed is a great commitment to make for everyone, especially during the summer.

They look forward to seeing everyone on the mats during the upcoming season and another busy year with the upcoming trip to China and NAIG games in Cowichan.



Brianne Charles, one of the participants at the wrestling camp



Isaiah Taylor taking a break at the Alberni Wrestling Camp. Taylor will be going to China in 2008 with the Alberni Club

Adam Olsen resigns from ASRA

By Jack F. Little,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Saanich—Adam Olsen, Communications Manager of ASRA (Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association) officially resigned from his position August 31st. Olsen was instrumental in advancing ASRA's communications with the stakeholders, the Aboriginal communities of BC.

One of the key roles Olsen also played was that of being a mission staff for Team BC in the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) as well as his role as Communications Manager for ASRA at NAIG. Olsen was involved in the 2006 NAIG games held in Denver Colorado.

At the Team BC tryouts for both team and individuals hosted by ASRA, Olsen usually was seen encouraging all of the athletes while he was filming the tryouts. Olsen is an avid supporter of youth involvement of sports such as athletics, basketball, baseball, soccer and all of the other sports for the NAIG.

Another role Olsen played was his involvement of the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC). Although Olsen loved what he was



Adam Olsen

doing, working for and with youth in the realm of Sport and Recreation, he feels it is time to move on, but he would not be too far away from sport and recreation.

The Board of Directors and staff of ASRA would like to wish Adam Olsen all of the best in his future endeavours. Those that have worked alongside of Olsen have found him to be courteous, professional and dedicated to his role with ASRA. Olsen will also be missed by the many young athletes whom he has met and worked for. Best of luck and best wishes to you Adam!

Project Leader

We are seeking a Project Leader to help launch a series of community dialogues that will help identify and implement new ways to improve the quality of life of aboriginal people, and to enhance the relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal societies. Based in Port Alberni, the Project Leader will provide overall management for the BC Multi-sectoral Aboriginal Leadership Initiative.

Requirements: Requires Masters degree with at least 5 years experience that includes work across sectors, in a leadership position. Able to travel into remote communities. Experience with collaborative and participatory approaches to social and economic development work. Knowledge of, and experience with, BC First Nations.

Send your resume with cover letter by **Sept. 28, 2007** to:



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Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Calling all Ehattesaht members Come focus with us!

The Ehattesaht Tribe's Chief and Council initiated comprehensive community plan (CCP) process has begun, beginning with the first community engagement session/meeting focusing on exploring the Tribe's Vision (goals), building upon the visioning that occurred in early June. All Ehattesaht members are encouraged to attend the scheduled AGM on September 15 and 16, as we plan to conduct the first official community engagement session beginning at 9am on both days. During the afternoon of the 15th, the consulting land use and community planner and the Ehattesaht Youth Coordinator will work with the Ehattesaht youth and children, learning about their goals/vision for the Ehattesaht Tribe.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Ehattesaht Annual General Meeting

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

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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 up date 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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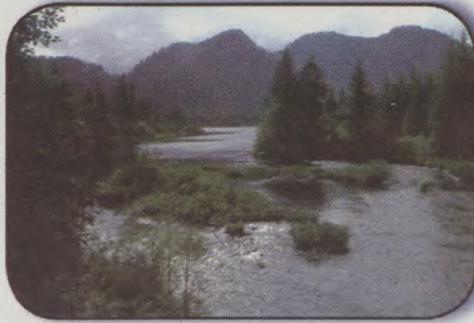
Collaboration Means Success for the Ash River Restoration Working Group

The Ash River Restoration Working Group (ARRWG) is proving that collaboration builds success. So much so, that BC Hydro hopes to replicate the ARRWG model to other areas of the Province. After years of struggling to obtain funding independently from the Bridge Coastal-fish and wildlife Restoration Program (BCRP), the ARRWG was formed and it's collaborative approach has leveraged over \$500,000 in 3 years for enhancement and increased ecosystem values in the Somass watershed.

In the three years since its inception, the Ash River Working Group collaboration generated over \$500,000 in funding for restoration work.

The Somass River watershed is made of the Sproat, Stamp and Ash river systems. Records show steelhead, coho, chinook and Sockeye use the Ash River. In the 1950's, BC Hydro dammed the outlet of Elsie Lake, to form a reservoir for a hydro electric project which cut off access to Elsie Lake and the upper Ash River area for all salmon and steelhead. The operational requirements of power production resulted in reduced flows in the Ash River below the dam, which reduced fish habitat, and the ability of salmon and steelhead to get over natural barriers such as Laternman Falls and Dickson Falls.

In the 1990's, the Bridge Coastal Restoration Program (BCRP) was established to help repair and restore fish and wildlife resources affected by of hydroelectric development. "Utilities have on-going liability in the ecosystems that they affect and operate



A view of Elsie Lake reservoir which is no longer accessible to salmon and steelhead.

within," states Trevor Jones, Hupacasath First Nations CEO.

From 1999 to 2004, the Hupacasath First Nation, Provincial Ministry of the Environment (MOE), BC Conservation Foundation (BCCF) and the Alberni Valley submitted several proposals to the BCRP for the Ash River system. Most of the proposals were rejected due to the inability to show comprehensive community support. "BC Hydro makes it challenging to apply because to successfully access funding you need to demonstrate real engagement and support from a wide range of stakeholders," states Andrew McDonald, Acting program Manager, BC Hydro, Fish and Wildlife, BCRP Program. The BCRP Board wanted to see more involvement from other local First Nations, community groups and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), in addition to the interested applicants.

Seeing many common interests around the restoration of the Ash River watershed fish habitat for both Nuu-chah-nulth and non-Nuu-chah-nulth, Uu-a-thluk Fisheries biologist Jim Lane suggested forming a local working group to collaboratively develop BCRP funding proposals. In July of 2004 the Hupacasath contacted local enhancement groups, the Aquatic Management Board, DFO, MOE, and BCCF and everyone was in agreement that collaboration was the way to proceed.

By the fall of 2004, the Ash River Restoration Working Group (ARRWG) was in action. "I see a lot of value in the process," says Dave Chitty of the Alberni Enhancement Society, "There are a lot of projects going on. Mainly I am involved in the actual on the ground work. We

represent the fish values and a presence from the community."

The goals of the ARRWG is to work together to develop proposals for the restoration of fish and their habitat in the Ash River system. All project proposals reviewed by the group and submitted to BCRP with Hupacasath as the project administrator. This creates a comprehensive approach to resource management while reducing administrative costs for the BCRP. Since adopting this collaborative approach over 85% of Ash River Restoration Working Group's project proposals have been successful in obtaining BCRP funds. "We call what is happening with the ARRWG the 'Ash model'," said McDonald, "The idea of the ARRWG is that when a project comes forward, we know all parties have sat down and prioritized the best project -everyone signs one letter and all projects are supported 100%. There is no competing applications and the result has been a real turnaround."

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Trevor Jones, of the Hupacasath First Nation, is excited about the success of this collaboration. "All parties began to work together in an incremental way - working on areas of agreement and shared interest," says Trevor. The ARRWG collaboration allows the Hupacasath to work more closely with consultant and agency biologists. This working relationship fosters new ways of doing things. For example, as well as using frozen pollack meal in the Ash as a fertilizer to increase fish food, it was agreed to distribute carcasses of chinook from Robertson creek as well; a natural and free product. "This opened the mind to cultural sensitive practice instead of using foreign material. The benefit from nutrient enrichment and more primary production is evident; the system is rebounding," says Trevor. This is the kind of innovative policy development that is possible through collaboration.

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