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NEDC turns the page with retirement dinner

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) may have lost a chairman, but the world of academia has gained a bright and enthusiastic student.

Darleen Watts retired from her long service to the NEDC and Nuuchahnulth entrepreneurs on Aug. 15. A dinner was held in her honor at the Lawn Bowling Club where many of her friends and colleagues gathered to wish her well in her future. She is now enrolled in an English program in post-secondary school.

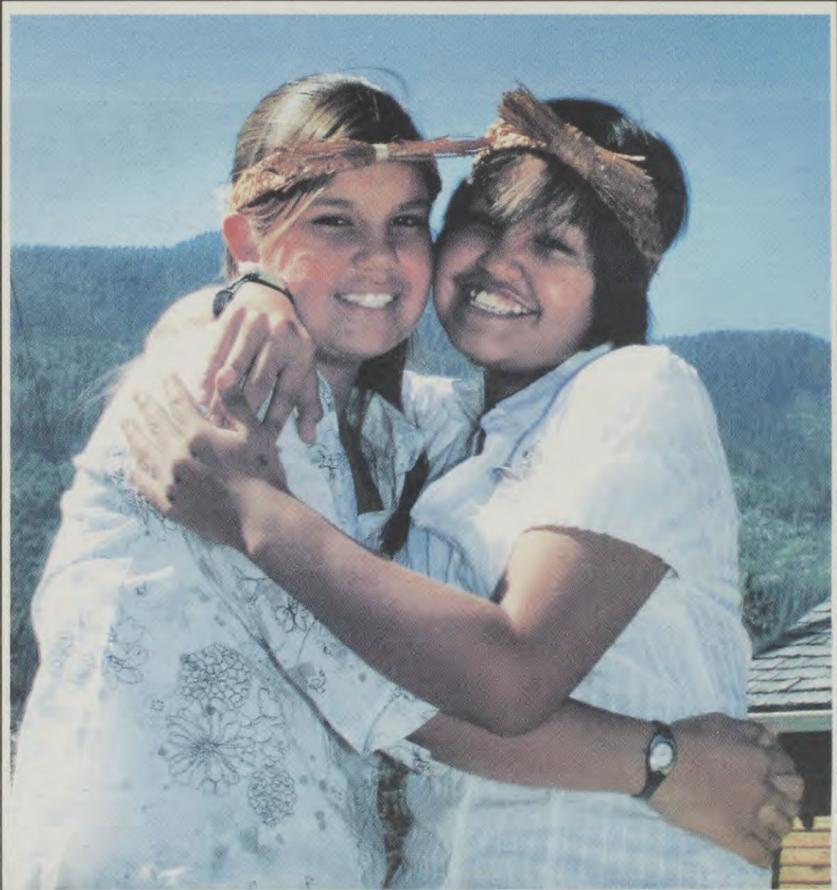
Al Little, president of NEDC, was a warm and humorous host for the evening. He introduced special guest Ruth Williams, the chief executive officer of All Nations Trust Company,

who had battled side by side with Watts over decades in the trenches, dedicated to changing the mindsets of government and the community at large about the capacity of First Nations to rule their own destinies and run their own businesses.

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Darleen Watts with a gift from Uchucklesaht.



Jack F. Little

The Miller Family celebrated the traditional adoption of Kaylee Miller and Brianna Williams on Aug. 16 in Zeballos with ceremonies that had not been done in the community for many years. Story and photos on page 5.

Ahousaht Holistic Centre moves into new building

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Maaqtuusii—On Aug. 11, during a beautiful summer morning, the Ahousaht Holistic Centre, now in its new building, held an official grand opening of the facility that more than doubles the space of the old quarters.

Dignitaries from Health Canada, Ahousaht ha'wiih, elders and community members gathered in front of the medical facility that houses 15 new offices, as well as a variety of other rooms.

John O. Frank, deputy chief councillor, was the master of ceremonies for the event.

A-in-chut, Ha'wiltsh Shawn Atleo, was pleased to witness the opening.

"This new building is very much a whole community event as it is for the benefit of all of our community members, as well as for our youth especially and our future generations," he said.

"Health is a whole community effort,

which includes everyone in your family, which also includes our extended family members as we are all connected in one

way or another," said A-in-chut.

He especially thanked his friend from Health Canada, Yousuf Ali, regional

director for BC of the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, for his work on seeing the project through.

A-in-chut acknowledged the holistic centre staff and the elected chief and council of Ahousaht for having the insight and vision to see the benefits a new building would bring to the community.

He briefly talked of the recent canoe journey to Cowichan. Ahousaht sent six canoes to Paddle to Qu'wutsun 2008. The tribal journey is a healthy activity that enriches the mind, body and spirit and includes many generations of participants.

Tyee Ha'wiltsh Maquinna (Lewis George) took part in the event.

"I would like to thank the youth and community of Ahousaht for asking me to take part in the recent canoe journey in Cowichan... It was a real honor," he said.

The canoe journey is an example of health and wellbeing, Maquinna said. He publicly thanked Sid Sam Jr. for his leadership on journey.



Jack F. Little

The Ahousaht Holistic Centre was officially opened on Aug. 11 with a ceremonial cedar ribbon cutting by elder Lena Jumbo, assisted by Yousuf Ali from Health Canada.

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N'aasayitim thank you

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By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Thank you N'aasayitim from Jade:

I like to thank you for teaching me to sing and dance in front of a lot of people. I feel happy dancing in front of people.

Tseshaht—The bulletin board that was put up outside the Grade 3/4 classroom at haahuupayak school at the end of last year was designed to honor people who had made a difference in the lives of the students.

At that time, N'aasayitim, Linda Watts-Williams, was singled out for praise and appreciation from a couple of children. Her Nuu-chah-nulth language and culture program the highlight of the year for them.

But since those days in June, when summer and warm weather held the promise of long, happy days playing in the cool waters of the Somass, a sad event has occurred. On Aug. 1, N'aasayitim, at the age of 57, suddenly passed away, leaving her family of four children, 11 grandchildren, and a multitude of other young people who she taught over 19 years at haahuupayak to grieve her loss. Another grandchild, and a great, grandchild are soon expected, but will only learn about N'aasayitim through the stories that are sure to be told about her.

"The children are going to miss her hugely," said Tricia McAuley, the former Grade 3/4 teacher who had put up the bulletin board. "They took her very seriously. They loved her... They worshipped her. They really did."

McAuley, who is taking over the reigns this year as the new principal of haahuupayak, said that while she knew Linda as the head of the cultural program, she was happy to know her also as a friend.

"She had a wealth of cultural knowledge, including various songs. She

was an absolute perfect role model. She embodied everything she spoke of."

N'aasayitim took great joy in doing what she did for the school, said McAuley, teaching her culture and teaching children.

"She was never harsh with the children, ever. Not even remotely close. She had just a beautiful way about her."

Even when she was giving someone heck, laughed McAuley, Linda was still kind about it. "When she was upset about something, just her delivery was full of kindness."

Linda's daughter Jacqueline Watts describes her mother's way as gentle and compassionate.

When asked about the specific qualities that her mother brought to her work and their lives, Jacqueline said "Naas. He was a very big part of our life, and she made it clear to the students and our family."

"Gratitude. She made sure everybody knew gratitude. Gratitude was a very big part of her teachings at the school and also at home, to us, all her children and her grandchildren, to make sure that they knew to be grateful for everything."

Jacqueline said she really admired her mother's dedication to haahuupayak. "She put a lot of hours, a lot of her time into the school."

Linda's pride was in the students at



N'aasayitim, Linda Watts-Williams

haahuupayak, Jacqueline said. She worked to build their self-esteem by acknowledging their singing and dancing.

"My mom just knew how to do that. She was awesome in that way."

Linda trained with elders Cathy Robinson and Carrie Little. "My mom always mentioned Aunty Cath, how much she taught her, and the late Carrie. They were her teachers, and she was very grateful for their teachings."

Then Linda went on to get a teacher's certificate, which she was extremely proud of.

Jacqueline said her mother left her with the gift of song and dance, strength and optimism, the gift of Naas and strong prayer. She gave her the gift of a strong family and an open and sharing heart.

"She just showed me how to express my love... She knew how to show it."

See more on N'aasayitim on page 8.

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Literacy program returns to Port friendship centre

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Irene Robinson has been re-hired as the coordinator of the Alberni Valley Literacy Program.

Originally there was a grant to run the program, which came from the B.C. Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. That money ran out last fiscal year and Robinson was laid off.

The Port Alberni Friendship Centre recently partnered with the Alberni Valley Literacy Program and Robinson was brought back as the coordinator.

"Literacy is important to everyone and it is all inclusive as it includes everyone in the family and it is especially important to the youth and our younger generation," said Robinson.

One of her main goals is to establish a library for the community.

"We were very fortunate to receive a donation from the haahuupayak school, as they donated a lot of books for children," said Robinson. There have also been individual donations from community members.

Robinson said the program is operating on the United Native Nations definition of literacy, which includes songs, dances, storytelling, art, paintings, carvings and First Nations history. One of the first components offered was the importance of cedar to the Nuu-chah-nulth people. Speakers, guest speakers and local artists, including Alice Sam, have been brought in to share their expertise.

"One of the teachings Sam passed on, which is practiced by many who work with cedar, is that we must pray to Naas (the Creator) and ask for the life of the cedar," said Robinson. Respect and honor were principles that were also

shared, as any unused cedar is brought back to the forest so nothing is wasted.

Ray Sim was brought in to teach the next unit on art. Tim Paul was a guest speaker to give the history and the importance of art. Art is not just a pretty picture, but has a strong cultural and spiritual meaning. Sometimes the artwork has an important story to it, too. This is some of what was taught in the workshop.

In future workshops, participants will be learning how to make their own shawls. Other guest speakers will be Jan Green, Anne Robinson and Jessie Stephens. The importance of passing on and sharing knowledge is a part of what the literacy program will be doing.

"What I really want out of this program is for our people to re-connect with their past and to find out that our people were a good people and a strong and spiritual people," said Robinson. One of the ways the literacy program accomplishes this is by having an elders' luncheon once per month.

"The elders' lunches gives our community members a chance to connect with our elders and a chance to learn how things once were. Another gathering we have for our community members is a coffee club," said Robinson. Once per month they gather to learn, to share and also to read a book and discuss the book as a group.

Robinson is attempting to cover all of the ages through the literacy program.

"A library for all ages, the children, our youth, adolescents and both our adults and elders would greatly benefit the program. If you have any old books and or magazines that could benefit our program, please call me at the centre," said Robinson. She can be reached at 250-723-8281.

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New facility will aid Ahousaht journey to health

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"Sid, I would like you to stand up as I want to acknowledge you today for the changes you have made in your life recently," said Maquinna.

Sam was one of the community members who last year had agreed to enter treatment during an intervention that Maquinna had recommended for community members. Maquinna was concerned about the abuse of alcohol and drugs that was in the community. Sam has done well since the intervention.

"As far as I am concerned, the intervention of community members who had an alcohol and drug problem and were sent away by their choice has been a success, and Sid Sam Jr. is an example of this," said Maquinna.

Chief Maquinna called on the manager of the Ahousaht Holistic Centre Dave Frank to accept the gift of a carved plaque by artist Tim Paul.

"I would like to ask of you, Dave, to hang this in the holistic centre, and congratulations on this special day," concluded Maquinna.

John O. Frank then spoke on behalf of the Ahousaht council and acknowledged the manager of the holistic centre.



Chief Maquinna Lewis George and Cathy George present Dave Frank, manager of the Ahousaht Holistic Centre, with a carved plaque to commemorate the grand opening of the new facility.

"I would like to acknowledge and thank Dave Frank for his leadership. It takes an awesome leader to have awesome staff. The staff of the holistic

centre is always there for our community members in both good times and especially bad times," said the deputy chief.

He went on to thank all of the sponsors, especially Health Canada, Murphy Construction and McGill and Associates. A special thanks went to Pam Perry-Frank for her assistance in doing a lot of the paperwork, to Manny Baker, site supervisor, and Margaret Dick for being the project manager.

Frank concluded his remarks by saying that it is his wish that soon the community would have doctors and nurses 24/7.

Yousuf Ali then made a special

presentation to the holistic centre on behalf of Health Canada.

"I am much honored to be here today to celebrate with you all and on behalf of Health Canada we would like to present to you a special gift. Congratulations on your special day," Ali said.

Elder Lena Jumbo was asked to cut the traditional cedar bark ribbon alongside Ali.

Prior to lunch being served, the building was blessed traditionally by a few Ahousaht singers. They circled the building and members of the centre staff followed.

A tour of the new facility was offered.



Sid Sam was stood up and congratulated for his efforts in improving his life and the quality of life in Ahousaht.



A-in-chut, Ha'wiih with Shawn Atleo, took part in the grand opening of the Ahousaht Holistic Centre's new building on Aug. 11.

Miller family hosts adoptions, coming of age party

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Zeballos—On Aug. 16, Dave and Stacey Miller hosted an adoption and coming of age ceremony for their foster daughters Kaylee Miller and Brianna Williams. The ceremonies had not been done in the community for many, many years. Kaylee is 11 and Brianna is 15 years old.

Dave is from the Adams and Frank families and Stacey is from the Hansen and Jack families.

Ke-kein (Ron Hamilton) was the master of ceremonies and also an adviser to the Millers.

Just prior to the ceremony, Barney Williams, Jr. and Chris John entered the community hall with branches in their hands to cleanse the floor as Ke-kein sang a song. The floor was cleansed to protect everyone before important business was done.

After a welcome by Ke-kein, the family called on a member of the Billy family who had just recently lost a member of their family and offered a taa-ulth-maa (money as a cane to hold them up) as they wanted to ensure their traditional teachings were practiced.

Ke-kein then called upon Brianna and Kaylee. Brianna was given the traditional name Cha-muut (Sounds Good) and young Kaylee's name is Huupaalth-a'aalth (Setting Moon). The ha'wiih in attendance were offered a gift of money by the hosts and asked to witness the special occasion.

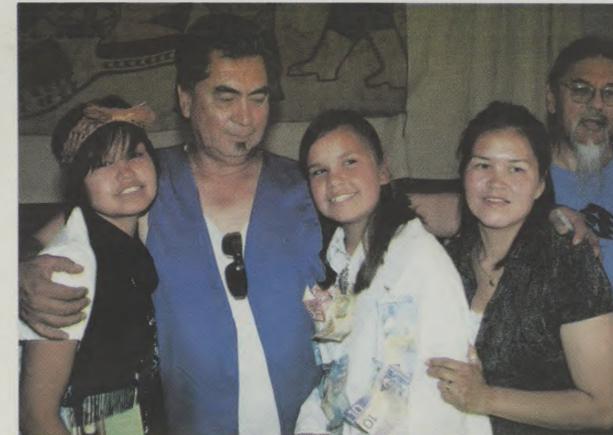
Brianna was also being adopted traditionally in front of the ha'wiih, elders and community gathered in the hall. Ke-kein explained that both girls are of royal blood and requested that those who had witnessed the naming respect the young women. He called on the youth of Ehattesah and asked each of them to stand to hear his plea, that each and every one respect the girls.

"Please do not allow any harm to come to her," he said when speaking of Brianna. "If you see someone who may be harming her in any way, please stop this person and if you hear anyone talking and saying bad things about her, please stop it," said Ke-kein.

In front of those gathered, each of the men in the community pledged that they would do this.

There was a very touching moment as Stacey Miller presented her daughters with an album each of their late mother who had passed away in a car accident eight years ago.

"These albums are very special to me; it has pictures of your late mother. I wanted to make sure that you never forget your mother," she said through sobs. She said that she and Dave had no



Brianna Williams, Tony Hanson, grandfather of Kaylee Miller, who stands next to him, Stacy Miller and emcee Ke-kein (Ron Hamilton) celebrate family and the commitment to family during the girls' traditional adoption to the Miller family on Aug. 16 in Zeballos.



Special guests swing Kaylee Miller into womanhood during a rarely seen ceremony held in Zeballos on Aug. 16.

intention of taking them away from their families and that the girls had gained a bigger family.

Family members were very touched by what Miller had said and done.

Miller then called on Cha-muut to receive a beautiful shawl that she had made. Dave had drawn the design on the shawl.

"Cha-muut, you are being lovingly embraced by your parents today with this very special gift," said Ke-kein. He then called on singers and family members to join him as he sang one of his songs. The ha'wiih, elders and community members were then presented with a token of appreciation for witnessing the naming ceremony.

Ke-kein then announced a tuupaati (games that are family property and are done at feasts or parties) would then be next.

"We are going to erect a swing for young Huupaalth-a'aalth. This kind of ceremony I have witnessed will only be my third time in my lifetime, which includes the one we are going to see today," said Ke-kein. After the swing was made up, Ke-kein called on special people to pull a rope that the swing was attached to. Ke-kein explained that this signified that Huupaalth-a'aalth was going from childhood to womanhood and that the rope also signified the umbilical cord.

Tony Hanson, grandfather to Huupaalth-a'aalth then sang a song and passed on money to the ha'wiih, elders and community members and thanked them for being witness to the coming of age ceremony.

The hosts asked everyone to stay after dinner as gifts were going to be handed out, especially to all of the children



A tear rolls down the cheek of Kaylee Miller as Stacey presents her with an album with pictures of her mom who passed away eight years earlier. Below: The red cloth wrapped around Kaylee symbolizes an umbilical cord. The rope will be pulled as she sits on the swing and enters womanhood.



present. Victoria Wells and Barney Williams Jr. said a few words to acknowledge the hosts for bringing the community of Ehattesah together.

Kelly Lucas also thanked the hosts and presented them with gifts of blankets from USMA.

"I am so honored to have witnessed this very special day and I believe that this is what USMA is all about. It is about our children," said Lucas. Gifts were presented to some special people from the hosts and then gifts were handed out to everyone. There were many gifts for the children.

It was noted that the community was in mourning for the loss of a member. Ke-kein explained that this was why there were no dances, just singing.



Brianna Williams and Kaylee Miller sits with grandmother Tanya Micheals, Rose Michaels and Maggie Miller. Right: Brianna is presented with a shawl.



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Dell Hughes was a special guest representing Western Economic Development Corporation.

The room was decorated with blue and silver balloons, and pictures of Darleen were on display. The formal part of the dinner began with a video montage highlighting Darleen's many accomplishments and qualities that elevated NEDC over her 27 years, first as a board member and then, for the past 19 years, as the organization's chair.

Loyal, optimistic, compassionate and open-hearted, were just some of the words used to describe her. Witty, strong and awesome were others.

The video said Watts believed that tourism was the key to creating opportunities for Nuu-chah-nulth peoples. It said her passion was youth and she worked tirelessly to encourage their dreams.

Little said that while it was hard to capture in a couple of minutes all that Darleen had done for NEDC, the one thing that he always thinks about is that Watts is always so welcoming, and that quality came from the heart.

During her presentation to Darleen, Williams said Watts was not only a colleague but a friend.

"And I think that this organization (NEDC), its growth and its strength and its image...we can all accept that you have contributed to that."

She said there were times when Watts had to show her strength to change the environment and policies that would be more conducive to NEDC.

She said that All Nations Trust loved NEDC because of the professionalism Watts. She thanked NEDC for the relationships that they had developed together.

Hughes of Western Economic Development Corp. said he appreciated the effort and volunteer hours Darleen had put in. Both Williams and Hughes presented gifts to the retiree.

NEDC board member Ida Mills said she didn't know how the board would be the same without Watts at the helm.

"We are going to miss your smiling face, or your frown, at the table. But most of all we are going to miss your dedication, your ability to be non-judgmental and your ability to analyze the situation."

She said the tribes really appreciated Darleen's commitment and her never missing a meeting.

Dr. Simon Lucas called Darleen a great example for Nuu-chah-nulth women and other women in the



Top left: Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation President Al Little was a warm and humorous host of the retirement dinner for Darleen Watts on Aug. 15. Watts has been chair of the organization for 19 years and has been on the board for 27. Top right: Ruth Williams, Chief Executive Officer of All Nations Trust Company flew in from Kamloops to bid farewell to her friend and colleague, and to wish Darleen well as she continues her education. Watts is currently taking English classes. Left: Watts received many tokens of appreciation at the dinner held in her honor, including a cedar hat presented by Dr. Simon Lucas and made by his wife Julia.

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Lucas sang a song to honor her. "In the beginning, we said we were going to make a difference one day. You were there when we had blockades, blocked the highways, stopped logging trucks...Your contribution can't be measured. It has a history of its own."

He presented her with a woven cedar hat made by his wife Julia. Richard Watts also talked about the protests and direct action that Watts was involved in an effort to improve the lives of Nuu-chah-nulth and how she was in the struggle as the NEDC took its first steps. He said it made him proud to now see the businesses the NEDC has helped establish, at home and around Vancouver Island.

Uchucklesaht's Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes Sr. invited his council to join him at the podium as he spoke about Darleen's accomplishments. He talked about the strength that Watts

carried with her, especially when she was tackling something that is wrong. "You don't hold anything back," Cootes said.

"Under your leadership, the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation has come from its infancy...into one of the biggest, best run Aboriginal development corporations in Canada in the way we do business."

When the corporation started, it had 1.7 million in assets with \$90,000 in income, reported Little. In the year just ended, NEDC has \$20 million in total assets, and an income of \$1.365 million.

"It certainly reflects on your leadership and commitment," Little said to Watts.

After all the tributes, it was Darleen Watts' turn to respond. She reminisced about the hereditary chiefs whose dream it was to begin NEDC. She said she thinks of the words hisuk ish tsawalk and it reminds her that all along they

held true; think with one mind and do it together.

She said for many years she was the only woman on the corporation, but the men and Watts worked together for the betterment of the Nuu-chah-nulth people.

Watts balked at the idea that she is retiring. She said she is just diverting her attention.

"You are not losing me. You are finding yourself. I am proud of each and every one of you for what you have done for the corporation."

She also talked about the new generation of Nuu-chah-nulth and the new generation of Nuu-chah-nulth entrepreneurs. She said they were reaping the benefits of the hard work over the last three decades.

"The young people have dreams." She encouraged the board members to listen to the youth and let them share their visions.

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Tainted meat poses risk to most vulnerable Canadians

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Canada—Eating some types of processed luncheon meat has caused the deaths of at least 15 people and illness amongst dozens more across Canada. Tainted meat has been traced to a Maple Leaf plant in Toronto where the deadly Listeria bacteria found its way into some food sold across the nation.

Health officials fear the death toll and number of sick will climb over the next few months as the incubation period for Listeria progresses.

Listeriosis is a type of food poisoning that can affect the elderly, newborns, pregnant women and people with chronic medical conditions. Symptoms can mimic those of influenza and include fever, headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea. The incubation period can range from a few days to as many as 90 days.

Food contaminated with Listeria can look, smell and taste normal. Symptoms usually appear two to 30 days after consuming infected food but can take as long as 90 days.

While most of the confirmed cases are in Ontario, one man died in Cowichan District Hospital in Duncan, B.C., and a woman in Cranbrook, B.C. has fallen ill.

Health officials in Ontario began an investigation after two seniors in a Toronto nursing home died of similar bacterial infections in mid-July. About a month later, test results showed they died of Listeria infections.

Public health officials began sampling meat and cheese products served at the facility. In addition, they informed Maple Leaf Foods Canada that they were under investigation.

Maple Leaf responded by informing its distributors of the investigation and put its remaining supply of Sure Slice roast beef, corned beef and Black Forest ham on hold pending the results of the investigation.

On Aug. 19 test results came back positive on the suspected contaminated food and the bacteria was traced to a Bator Road plant in Toronto. None of Maple Leaf's other 22 processing plants

were affected.

By Aug. 24 Maple Leaf recalled all 220 products produced at the Toronto plant and closed the facility until it was thoroughly sanitized.

That same day Maple Leaf chief executive Michael McCain issued a public apology, which airs regularly on Canadian television stations.

"Tragically our products have been linked to illnesses and loss of life. To Canadians who are ill and to the families who have lost loved ones I offer my deepest sympathies. Words cannot begin to express our sadness for your pain," he said.

It has yet to be determined how Listeria found its way into a food processing plant but Maple Leaf maintains that it exceeds federal food safety standards.

"Our management of the Listeria outbreak will be motivated by one thing only—the best public health interests of Canadians and specifically, our customers," McCain said.

Prime Minister Harper expressed his condolences to the families affected by the outbreak, adding that it is necessary to reform and revamp Canada's food and product inspection regimes."

Meanwhile, over 1,000 have contacted the Merchant Law Group based in Regina, Sask. to inquire about a class action lawsuit. Lawyer Tony Merchant said he is confident he will obtain compensation for those affected by the Listeria outbreak.

Maple Leaf said the recall alone would cost about \$20 million; the threat of lawsuits could drive that figure into the billions.

Maple Leaf products are sold widely across Canada in grocery stores, fast food establishments and are sold under a variety of brand names like: Schneider's, Sure Slice, No Name brand, Mitchell's and Western Family.

They are sold to nursing homes, delicatessens and restaurants across Canada including Tim Horton's, Boston Pizza, Safeway and McDonalds.

According to Maple Leaf, the earliest known date from which the contaminated meat left the plant was June 2 and the Canada-wide recall started Aug. 24.



Congratulations Dr. Michelle Corfield on your great accomplishment! On July 19, 2008, I was honored to accompany Michelle's family to attend her Commencement Ceremony at the University of Phoenix Stadium to receive her Doctorate of Management in Organizational Leadership. You are truly an inspiration and a role model for many others! We are all very proud of you! Thank you to you and your family for inviting me to share in this joyous occasion!

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How Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h developed clam co-management

By Evelyn Pinkerton of SFU and Leonard John, formerly of Kyuquot-Checklesheh Fisheries

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The research was endorsed by the WCVI/Nuu-chah-nulth Aquatic

Linda Watts – “A Quiet Strength”

When she sang, Linda Watts lifted her voice, and the spirits of those listening, very high. At her funeral on Aug. 5, family and friends sang Watts' own song, "Thank You, Creator" for her, one last time, while reminiscing about her long, windy and often colorful life. "She was behind me, nudging me, empowering me to be strong and sing with her children," said lifelong friend and co-language teacher Lena Ross. She adds, thoughtfully, "I will miss singing with her, but I will always hear her."

Watts left behind a legacy comparable to that of a cultural icon when she gently passed on Aug. 1, 2008. She was best known for her endless community involvement, her profound love of family and her tireless language and cultural pedagogy.

For many years, haahuupayek school, t'aatne?is daycare and the Tuesday evening language class at the Administration Building all benefited from Watts' linguistic knowledge, patience and care.

Watts had the ability to elevate herself, and those surrounding her, to beautiful, lofty places through her optimism, kindness and genuine love of life. And, of course, through her songs.

"Our culture was embedded in her," said Ross. "She lived it, she believed in it, she was strengthened by it."

It was this love that fostered the many projects that Watts endeavored over the years; most centering around youth, language, song and dance.

"She strove to instill culture in everyone," Ross said.

Ross explains that after class, Watts would often ask her students to tell her one thing in their lives for which they were grateful. The children were instructed to omit material things such as television, video games and cars. They were asked to really think about the question, and consider what being truly grateful meant. Ross said that "grateful" was Watts' favorite word.

"She was a teacher in so many areas," said Ross. "Not just for culture or language, but for life, too."

Perhaps because Watts' own life path was riddled with severe loss and suffering, she was a great champion of the injured child. Linda would delegate cultural tasks that required a high degree of self discipline to students that were not experiencing success in school (for various reasons). She would nudge these students to perform to the best of their ability; praising them and believing in them. Later, she would cry when she watched them perform in front of large audiences because she knew what they overcame and she saw how proud these students were of their accomplishments; the students felt successful; Linda felt

Management Board, the West Coast Clam Board, and Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h chief and council.

A little-known story in Nuu-chah-nulth territory is how

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h managed their wild clam fisheries sustainably during 1999-2004. Many management decisions were based on rules worked out in meetings between the clam diggers and

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h Fisheries

extreme pride.

"She used to tell me – I'm not favoring anybody, I'm just putting my attention where it's needed," Ross laughed.

Watts' family was an integral part of who she was, and she spent her life loving, nurturing and teaching her children and grandchildren.

"Her children were her world," Ross said. "It's up to those that loved Linda to take care of the ones she loved."

After surviving residential school, Watts went on to marry Tsesah Rudy Watts, with whom she had two daughters, Jacqui and Rachel. Watts' marriage to Rudy dissolved and she found a brief love in Ahoushat George Sutherland. She and George quickly conceived what would be her only son, George, Jr., but George Sutherland Sr. died before meeting George Jr. Watts' final attempt at marital contentment was with Ahoushat Reese Mack, with whom she had her youngest daughter, Myra. Reese predeceased Watts, as well.

"She had so much trauma and pain in her life," said Ross. "But she always lifted herself back up."

Watts often expressed herself through song. She once wrote a song about her grandchildren, which inevitably incited the listener to sway as if being rocked.

Ross recites the words from Watts' song "Thank You, Creator" aloud, pondering their meaning, "Thank you, Creator. You're the one who helps me."

"She had Creator's love shining through her in everything," Ross finally said. "She did the work of Creator."

After a lengthy pause, Ross smiles, cutting through years of memories she and Watts carved out together, and said, "I am blessed. I'm grateful to have walked the amount of years I walked with Linda."

Watts is survived by sisters Lorraine Williams, Nona Thompson (Jack), Audrey Edgar (Don) and Marjorie Charleson (Melvin); brothers Joe Williams (Trudy) and Dale Williams; children Jacqueline Watts (Chad), Rachel Watts (Chris), George Watts (Adrienne) and Myra Mack; and grandchildren Jonathan (Amanda), Tyson, William, Brittany, Kianna, Eve, Logan, Codi, Raven, Serenity, Hudson. Linda was also awaiting the arrival of George and Adrienne's fourth child and her first great-grandchild from her first-born grandson Jonathan and his girlfriend Amanda.

(This article was requested by the family of the late Linda Watts, and written in respect of the wonderful woman, mother, wife, sister, aunt, cousin, grandmother, teacher, mentor, contemporary and friend that Linda was).

(KCF). This story holds some valuable lessons for how a successful clam fishery can be run on a local basis.

The government side of the story began when DFO's Clam Reform Strategy in 1997 developed a new communal opportunity which allowed an exclusive commercial clam fishery by a First Nation on beaches fronting its reserves. To obtain a communal license, a First Nation must first do a stock assessment. This is an inventory of how many mature and immature clams are on a particular beach. A stock assessment allows a community and DFO to agree on a target harvest rate (how many clams can be taken each year, while still leaving enough to keep reproducing at a sustainable rate). The communal license does not cost anything unless the beach is classified as contaminated. In that case it costs \$100 and is called a Contaminated Shellfish Harvest License. Usually this license is taken out in partnership with a depurator-processor, who certifies that clams have cleansed themselves for 48 hours in a plant after harvest.

How the community decided to take out this license is a story that started much earlier — in the late 1980s with the meeting of the new NTC fisheries policy advisor Bill Green and the new KCF manager, Leonard John. Bill encouraged Leonard and his fisheries crew to develop a vision for the clam fishery they wanted, and to consider what steps were necessary to achieve it. KCF decided to put a lot of effort into getting enough scientific information to know the sustainable harvest on each beach. Their goal was to survey at least indicator beaches in each sub-area of the territory. The need for this approach was clear in the late 1980s when clam prices were at record highs and harvests skyrocketed. They started by doing stock assessments on 3 key beaches. They discussed their plans and methods with DFO's Steve Heizer. Steve's father, anthropologist Robert Heizer, had documented how California tribes had managed their salmon fisheries sustainably before European contact. So Steve was sympathetic toward First

Nations' capacity for self-management. He agreed with and supported the methods used by KCF. At that time, DFO had not yet developed a standard protocol for clam stock assessment.

The clam stock assessments showed that drastic overfishing had happened in 1988. The community called for a closure until the clam stocks recovered. Steve Heizer conducted stock assessments on 8 beaches in Area 26 during the closure, which lasted 5 years.

So the stocks recovered, but there was still no way to control the number of diggers on any one beach, or the amount that could be dug. When Area 26 was re-opened in 1995, it was again overharvested by the many clam license holders in what would soon be called Area F, most of the WCVI. It was not until 1997 that the communal opportunity provided the tools for sustainable management that KCF had been looking for.

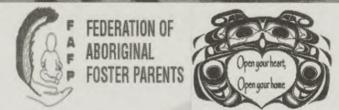
Working with NTC Fisheries Biologist Roger Dunlop, KCF conducted stock assessments in 1997 on Malksoppe and Cachelot beaches, and received a Contaminated Shellfish Harvest License from DFO for each of these two beaches. (Cachelot head beach did not front a reserve, so a special arrangement was struck with the Clam Board, with 20% of the digging opportunity offered to other Area F diggers). It was estimated that about 15 diggers would be needed to take the target harvest in a single opening on one of these beaches.

Rules for the fishery were made and reviewed annually at community meetings. Drawing names out of a hat, a rotation system was set up so that all diggers would get a turn at least two tides a year. A waiting list allowed others to fill in if a digger was away during the opening. Over time, the rules were refined so that spouses could dig together if one of their names was drawn. Diggers who attended meetings signed a statement that they had attended the meeting and agreed to the rules.

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Supported Child Development
CONSULTANT

The NTC Usma Family and Child Services is seeking a term full-time Supported Child Development Consultant (based out of Gold River) and a term part-time consultant (based out of Ahousahat) to support children who require extra support in the community. These positions report to the program coordinator of the Supported Child Development Program (SCDP). The term is to March 31, 2009, and subject to renewed funding.

Responsibilities will also include:

- Facilitate the development and implementation of individual services plans for Nuu-chah-nulth children that reflect the choices and priorities identified by their families;
- Strengthen and support families in their role as decision makers on behalf of their children and themselves;
- Assist the SCDP Program Coordinator to develop and implement inclusive philosophies, practices policies, and procedures that support the child care setting;
- Support capacity building with the Nuu-chah-nulth community;
- Collaborate with other to meet the needs of children and families (i.e., referrals to other services such as therapists or specialists);
- Facilitate availability of and access to information and resources, such as books, toys, and specialized equipment.

Qualification:

- Diploma in early childhood education or early childhood development related field, plus experience in a community social services field
- Strong communication, computer, and developmental assessment skills.
- Ability to work independently and to manage time and work load effectively.
- Knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth families, family systems and culturally appropriate practices will be considered an asset.

For further information contact Ruby Ambrose, SCDP Program Coordinator at: 250-731-5180.

Send applications by **Sept. 12, 2008** to:



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Crime rates are down

Crime reported to police is down in B.C. for the third year in a row. The latest report from the Canadian Centre for Justice

Statistics shows declines in violent crime, homicides and property crime for an overall decrease of eight per cent from 2006 to 2007.

"Our government has made substantial investments in policing and public safety," said John van Dongen, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Safety. "Since 2001, we have increased the annual policing budget by

\$128 million, and returned \$250 million of traffic fine revenue to local governments to support their crime-fighting efforts. We have invested

\$44 million in PRIME, which gives police instant access to information to help fight crime, and created the Civil Forfeiture Office to take the profit out of illegal activity."

In B.C. in 2007, the number of reported crimes, and the per-capita crime rate, declined in all categories: crimes against persons (violent crime including robbery); crimes against property (including break and enter and vehicle theft) and 'other' crimes (such as vandalism, prostitution and counterfeit currency).

In 2007, a total of 457,008 Criminal Code offences were reported, almost 35,000 fewer offences or seven per cent less than reported in 2006:

* There were 1,182 fewer violent offences which led to a four per cent drop in the violent crime rate - a new 20-year low. In 2007, homicides dropped by 19 per cent with 20 fewer than reported in 2006.

* Declines were reported in all property-crime categories in 2007 resulting in a nine per cent drop in the property crime rate.

* The number of motor vehicles stolen dropped by one-third from 2003 to 2007 - a 30 per cent decline.

"The Bait Car program has been extremely effective in driving down vehicle theft and we are working on reducing property offences even further with our Community Court and Prolific Offender projects," van

Dongen said. "However, we understand there is still work to be done, particularly with high-profile gang shootings and drug offences which fuel organized crime. That is why we are developing the Community Safety Strategy and have devoted \$53 million in federal funding towards gang violence and organized crime."



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- ♦ Collate community input and information gathered into a draft report

Education and Experience Required:

- ♦ Candidate to have experience with community planning, communications or related experience (desirable to have a bachelors degree, taken courses or had some form of post secondary education/training in community planning, communications or related field)
- ♦ Ability to use friendly, pleasant, courteous, and helpful telephone demeanour;
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- ♦ Experience in providing information to clients and maintaining confidentiality;
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150 years and thousands more celebrated

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Yuquot—This place known today as Friendly Cove in Nootka Sound is steeped in history, and not just the kind you might read about in a Canadian school child's textbook.

Sure, it is the birthplace of British Columbia, the site where Captain James Cook—the first European to step foot on solid ground on the West Coast—met the first peoples.

Yes, it is the place where the Spanish built the one and only trading post it would build on Canadian soil, and it was home to the great Chief Maquinna, a man who, among other things, facilitated trade talks between the Spanish and the British when they squabbled over which of them would have a vested interest here.

But Yuquot's history didn't begin with the European account of this place. It's been Maquinna's ha'houlthee for thousands upon thousands of years. In recent years, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht celebrate its beauty and bounty and pay tribute to the rich history of Yuquot annually.

The Uchuck III, a converted minesweeper, loaded up its cargo and passengers in Gold River for its journey to Yuquot on Aug. 17. The annual event—Summerfest—was a chance for guests to Friendly Cove to share a meal of salmon and bannock and, this year, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the province.

People visited on the upper deck during the two-hour trip, or lounged in the coffee shop below, but all eyes feasted on the spectacular views of this picturesque part of Vancouver Island.

Children visited the bridge where they took turns at the wheel, navigating the deep waters. Three kakaw (in killer whales) gave passengers a thrill at Resolution Cove, the place where Cook had, so long ago, anchored his vessel. The Uchuck's captain slowed his ship to a crawl to accommodate snapping cameras.

The haze over the open ocean was thick and grey as the Uchuck pounded over the waves, but as the ship docked at Yuquot the skies became blue and the sun beat down on the many people who had come to greet friends and family visiting for the day. The summer campers to the area had been enjoying their stay, but were glad to welcome more people to share stories, songs and dances.

As the visitors made their way off the Uchuck and down the long dock, Brenda Johnson danced and waved a greeting. A traditional Mowachaht/Muchalaht canoe was just setting out for a tour of the cove, loaded with young people visiting from Alert



Photos by Debora Steel

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht camp at Yuquot each summer and remember the history of the place, before contact and in more recent times when Captain James Cook became the first European to set foot on Canada's West Coast.

Bay. They had been there a week, enjoying a safe place where they could be free to play and explore.

A well-maintained boardwalk led people to the camping area beside an old Roman Catholic Church. The pews had been removed and arranged in a circle under a white canvas tent, the future site of the afternoon's celebration.

While some visitors wandered through the church, or found people to sit with and chat until lunch, others made their way to the ocean, where the waves crashed on a shore of smooth, round pebbles, and retreated again with the sound of bubbles exploding in a glass of soda.

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Marlene Thomas, 8, of Duncan presents Tyee Ha'with Mike Maquinna with a jar of oolican grease in appreciation for the Mowachaht's hospitality.



Jamie Hunt and Gwen David discuss cedar weaving technique and favorite dyeing methods before a salmon lunch served at Yuquot.

Brenda Johnson dances a greeting as the Uchuck III pulls to the dock at Yuquot on Aug. 17.



at the birthplace of British Columbia

Jamie Hunt was sitting at a picnic table splitting cedar into strips. Gwen David sat with her and they shared techniques on cedar weaving and which dyes are easier to use.

The drums soon called the guests to the middle of the campsite.

Mowachaht Tyee Ha'with Mike Maquinna welcomed all the guests to the territory. He said many of the people there had been camping on the site for as many as nine days, an annual activity for the Mowachaht/Muchalaht community in Yuquot.

"It's been a really good experience," he said. "It's always done for the kids, and the kids really enjoy themselves." He said the activity attempts to accomplish family unity while

promoting family values.

"And [hopefully] we are able to keep those values for our kids and have them understand who it is that they are and where they come from."

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht singers and dancers performed a paddle song. Eugene Amos became emotional as the dance proceeded, and reminisced about Tsuxit, the killer whale that became famous for its attachment to the peoples of the Nootka Sound.

He loved that song, said Amos of the young orca, adding that Tsuxit would travel with their canoes making sure that the paddlers got safely ashore.

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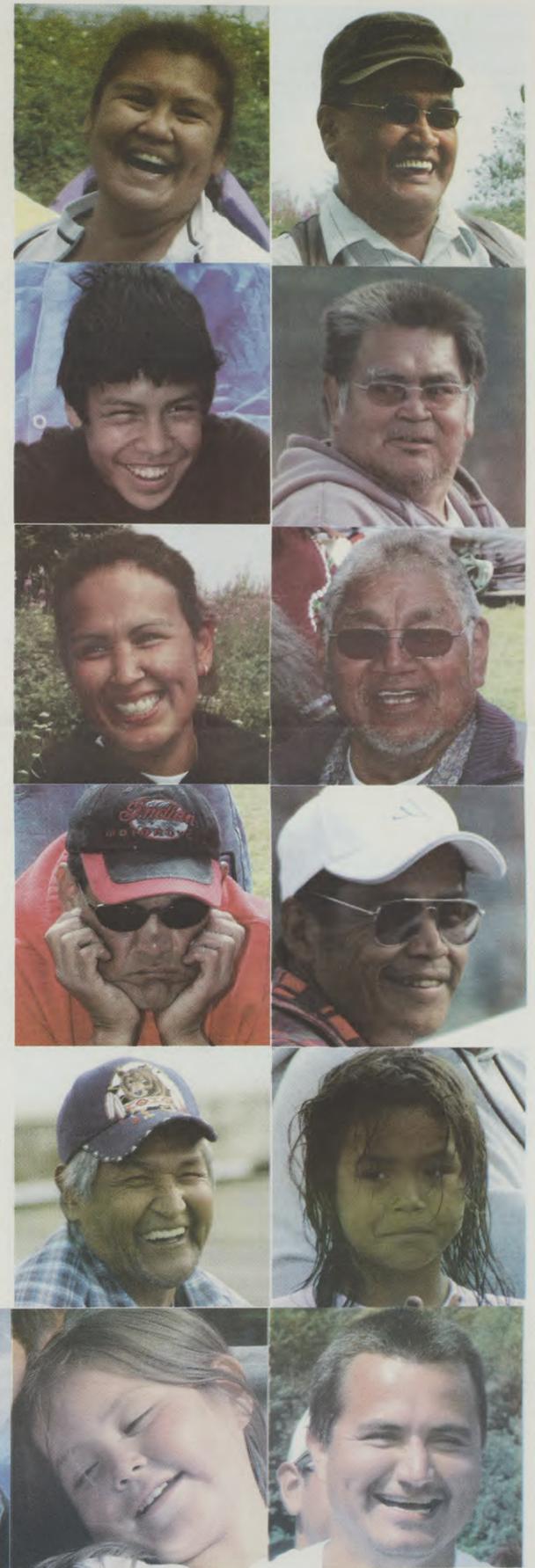


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Elder Jack Johnson and Eugene Amos chat on Aug. 17, enjoying the good weather and the fine company of old friends.



The Provincial Capital Commission's CEO Ray Parks, Aboriginal Liaison Harley Wylie, and director of outreach Denis Johnston were honored guests at Summerfest in Yuquot on Aug. 17.



Mental Health Tiiçsaqk

Dealing with trauma

Submitted By Kim Rai

Things to Remember When Trying to Understand Traumatic Events

- No one who witness's the event is untouched by it.
- It is normal to feel anxious about you and your family's safety.
- Profound sadness, grief, and anger are normal reactions to an abnormal event.
- Acknowledging our feelings helps us recover.
- Focusing on our strengths and abilities will help you to heal.
- Accepting help from community programs and resources is healthy.
- We each have different needs and different ways of coping.
- It is common to want to strike back at people who have caused great pain. However, nothing good is accomplished by hateful language or actions.

- Difficulty concentrating
- Reluctance to leave home
- Depression, sadness
- Feelings of hopelessness
- Mood-swings
- Crying easily
- Overwhelming guilt and self-doubt
- Fear of crowds, strangers, or being alone

Ways to Ease the Stress

- Talk with someone about your feelings—anger, sorrow, and other emotions— even though it may be difficult.
- Don't hold yourself responsible for the disastrous event or be frustrated because you feel that you cannot help directly in. Take steps to promote your own physical and emotional healing by staying active in your daily life patterns or by adjusting them. This healthy outlook will help yourself and your family. (i.e. healthy eating, rest, exercise, relaxation, meditation.)
- Maintain a normal household and daily routine, limiting demanding responsibilities of yourself and your family.
- Spend time with family and friends.
- Participate in memorials, rituals, and use of symbols as a way to express feelings.
- Use existing supports groups of family, friends, and community events
- Establish a family emergency plan. Feeling that there is something that you can do can be very comforting.

Signs that one may need Support

- Difficulty communicating thoughts
- Difficulty sleeping
- Difficulty maintaining balance
- Easily frustrated
- Increased use of drugs/alcohol
- Limited attention span
- Poor work performance
- Headaches/stomach problems
- Tunnel vision/muffled hearing
- Colds or flu-like symptoms.
- Disorientation or confusion

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Everyone always welcome in Yuquot

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After the dance, the Alert Bay youth made a special presentation to the leaders and elders of the community. To recognize their hosts and say thank you for the hospitality shown them, they presented jars of oolican grease. It was a valuable gift, and treated as such. It was the last of the grease harvested three years ago, and the community has not been able to harvest any since, because of the low numbers of the small fish returning to their waters.

The group also presented Maquinna with a carved mask representing the transformation of a boy into a man.

A delegation from the Provincial Capital Commission, including CEO Ray Parks, Harley Wylie, Aboriginal liaison, and Denis Johnston, director of Outreach, was on hand to take part in the event.

The delegation presented a carving to Maquinna and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht peoples, in part as recognition of their involvement in the Maritime Mosaic this summer in Victoria. It was also to recognize the beginning of a burgeoning relationship between the organization and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht. Parks said the conversation has just started, "but it's

been a good conversation so far... and most importantly, thank you for carrying that conversation into the future."

Harley Wylie is the Aboriginal liaison with the commission. He said "We are doing some good work. This is the beginning...and I'm really glad to be part of it."

MP Catherine Bell was presented with a ceramic platter as a welcome to the territory.

"Every time I come out here and every time I travel around in the riding I always get a sense of the natural beauty and the wildlife, and I appreciate what we have in our own backyard," she said. "And it always make me remember what I have to protect, and what I have to help represent in my job as your Member of Parliament."

Bell said she appreciated the work the Mowachaht/Muchalaht was doing with their young people, helping them to learn about their history and keeping the culture and spiritually at their core over the generations.

"It's really important to keep that alive and to keep that growing... It's a big job, but I know, with all the elders and the parents... I know you can do it."

Dr. Michelle Corfield, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council vice-president, had

brought her family with her to spend a few days at Yuquot. She acknowledged the children that had come to Friendly Cove to spend time in Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.

"And sometimes home might not be the best place to be, but there is never a bad time in Yuquot. And I know that, because I've been here before and I bring my kids. So I'm thankful that those children had an opportunity to spend some time in a safe place with people that love them and care for them and with chiefs that will take care of them."

She said that while the event that day in Yuquot was, in part, a celebration of the province's 150th birthday, "we have to talk about recognition" of the rights over the territory.

"Recognition is coming, and it's coming by everybody being here and being a part of this celebration with the people."

She said that she knows that there are challenges being faced in the community, but also knows that those challenges will be met and overcome.

"It fills my soul to know that you are

doing that for your children...This community can overcome any challenge, because of the partnerships they are building, because of the investment they are making in their people, because the chiefs believe in their people."

While two beautiful cakes—one with a reproduction of the painting called The Whaling Strike on it and the other with Welcome to Yuquot Summerfest 2008 written in icing—were being carved for eating, Maquinna had a couple of final thoughts to share in regard to the anniversary of the province.

"It's been mentioned by even the premier now that they are starting to realize that First Nations people have been here for thousands of years and we are going to continue on living here," he said, "and striving for the betterment of our people and certainly for the betterment of our children."

He closed the event with a kleco, and an invitation.

"You are always welcome in Yuquot," Maquinna said.

Treaty Planning and invited Guests



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Please provide a transcript of your grades and reference letters with your letter of application.

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Application deadline:
September 12, 2008
4:30 p.m.

The scholarship award will be announced
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The next deadline for submissions to Ha-Shilth-Sa is Sept. 5.

NEDC appoints new chair, vice chair

The Board of Directors of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council voted Ida Mills of Ditidaht and Brenda Read of Hupacasath as NEDC's new chair and vice-chair.

Occupying various positions on different boards throughout her life, Ida Mills now occupies the position of chairperson on NEDC's Board.

Having been involved in creating better First Nations' communities through a variety of organizations, Ida is very honored to be given this position and acknowledges that Darleen (Watts) will be sorely missed, "Darleen is a very respectful, honorable and dignified

women...and her shoes will be very hard to fill."

Ida has been on the NEDC Board of Directors for the past thirteen (13) years and she has been vice-chair for the last four Her experience includes working with various First Nations organizations as well as with both the federal government and provincial governments. Currently, Ida is starting her new job at Chemainus First Nation as their housing coordinator.

"I am proud the organization has grown to where it is today and I believe it is one of the best organizations in Canada. Al has done a wonderful job directing his

staff and promoting best practice in addition to being sensitive about the needs of Nuu-chah-nulth."

Brenda Read (Hupacasath Member) has been part of NEDC since its early years. She was the first secretary when the office was set up in 1985 and has been a member of the Board since 1989 (19 years). Brenda is married to Simon Read and they have three (3) wonderful teenagers which keep her very busy these days, "I am a Scouts Canada Leader of 10 years and in between my part-time work, I spend most of my time at the Ice Arena where all my kids play hockey."

"I have always done my best on behalf

of the corporation and our members. I am honoured that the Board of Directors has elected me to the position of Vice President. I hope to use my experience and continue to support the President, Board and Management of the corporation on behalf of our members. I also want to say thank you to outgoing president Darleen Watts for her many years of service and best wishes for her new adventure, and congratulations to Ida Mills on her election as President. I look forward to continuing to work together."

Clams

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With only 15-20 diggers on one beach per tide, it was easier for KCF to monitor the number of clam sacks being dug and then delivered to the buyer as a group from that beach. They had a better change of ensuring there was no pre-digging from other beaches being added. KCF could tell each evening how close to the target harvest the diggers were, and could end the harvest early if necessary. DFO developed confidence that there were few illegal clams getting into the market, because of KCF's monitoring. Therefore DFO was willing to work hard to make future arrangements successful.

The buyer developed confidence about getting a predictable number of good clams every year. He had good communication with KCF about the amount of mud and gravel in sacks. Therefore, in the second and third year better prices were negotiated. Prices were not as high as a wild fishery because of paying for the depuration and stock assessment. However, in the fourth and fifth years, diggers were getting \$1.40 a pound, when the average landed price for clams in BC was \$1.50 (2002) and \$1.30 (2003). This showed that a depuration fishery doesn't have to cost a lot more than a wild fishery. Another advantage of a depuration fishery is that the timing of the fishery is flexible. Clams can be dug in summer or winter. This means they can be dug whenever the price is likely to be highest. Diggers do not need commercial licenses to participate in this communally-managed fishery, but there is a \$20 fee for each digger annually.

Over this period of KCF management, the community developed confidence in the ability of KCF to run a good fishery. The fishery was seen as based on strong science, sensible rules made democratically by the diggers and applied fairly to everyone, and strong monitoring and enforcement of the rules. Although the two communally-managed beaches were turned into clam farms in 2003 and 2004, and different practices adopted, the community has not forgotten this experience with communal fisheries. Whether or not clam farming proves successful in the long run, the experience holds lessons for ways to manage all clam fisheries.

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Sports and Recreation

Badminton a hit at NAIG for Sowden family

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Duncan—In badminton, Team BC only had six players and still fared very well. Four of the six players received medals and the other two players placed fourth.

It was a family affair as Rita Sowden was the Team BC coach. Brian Sowden (her husband) was the manager. Their son Curtis was a player and an umpire for the badminton venue at NAIG.

The Sowden family is from Port Alberni and is Métis. Rita Sowden is well known in badminton circle on the island and provincially as her family has participated in provincials for a number of years. She is also a teacher at the Alberni District Secondary School.

Sowden was very pleased with the results of her players.

"I believe we had great results for a team that just met at the games (NAIG), and only two of the players were experienced players with club experience. The competition was stiff. Most of the players at the games were experienced club players," said Sowden.

Curtis won a silver medal in mixed doubles play with his partner Alissa Derrick from Prince Rupert. They may have done better, however, Derrick was playing with a bad knee problem and could not play to her potential.

The team of Sowden and Derrick played their Team BC team-mates Brenden Lundy—Sam from Tseshaht and his doubles partner Gabi Emery from Alert Bay. They met in the quarter-finals with the winner advancing to the final. Sowden and Derrick won their match and ended Sam and Emery's chance at a medal.

Sowden and Sam teamed up in doubles play and unfortunately lost a very close match. They came in fourth place. Coach Sowden said that young



Sam played a great match. Even though Sam was less experienced in playing Badminton he played an awesome game, Sowden said.

"In the match for the winner to the final, Sam at one point scored eight points in a row. Because he was the less experienced player he was getting a majority of the opportunities hit to his way," said Sowden.

Sowden also mentioned that Sam had



The Sowden family thoroughly enjoyed their NAIG experience.

Brenden Sam playing badminton at NAIG. Sam was hampered by a sprained ankle but still fared quite well as he placed fourth in both mixed and men's doubles as he was one win away from a medal.

as well," she said.

Sam came very close to medaling in both doubles play, mixed and men's. Sowden was told that her son Curtis was the only aboriginal or Métis official in Badminton. It was a great experience for the Sowdens as they all enjoyed their NAIG experience.

"This was the most amazing and best experience ever that I have ever experienced along with my family," said coach Sowden.

She had nothing but praise for Karen Henry who was once again the Chef de Mission for Team BC. Henry is originally from Tseshaht. The organizers of NAIG and the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association (ASRA) of BC should both be commended, Sowden said.

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Port Alberni

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Memorial Potlatch Aug. 30

Campbell River

You are invited to join us in honoring the memory of our beloved Darrell Darren Jack (parents Leroy Jack and Patricia John) on the Quinsam reserve located behind the Shell Gas Station (new hwy. off of Willis Road). Start at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Leroy Jack in Kyuquot, 250-332-5301 or Margaret Jack in Campbell River, 250-286-9926. The memorial potlatch for Leo Anthony Jack has been postponed until further notice.

Graduation Party Sept. 13

Port Alberni

Family and friend gather to celebrate the accomplishments of Dr. Michelle Corfield. Join them for the dinner held in her honor. To be held at Maht Mahs at 1 p.m. Contact Jackie Corfield at 259-283-7386 or Ev Corfield at 250-754-4830.

Treaty Planning Session Sept. 15 and 16

Tseshaht

Treaty Planning and Invited Guests. The next NTC Treaty Planning Session has been scheduled as follows: Sept. 15 and 16, 2008 at the Somass hall at 6200 Ekooth Way, Port Alberni from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. Everyone is on their own for lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Haldane at 724-5757 or toll-free 1-877-677-1131, or email celeste@nuuchahnulth.org.

NTC Annual General Meeting Sept. 29 and 30

Port Alberni

The event will take place at Maht Mahs gym. The theme of the agm is "Reclaiming Our Language As Nuu-chah-nulth-ah."

Annual General Meeting Sept. 30

Port Alberni

The Port Alberni Friendship Centre will hold its AGM at 3555 4th Av. Dinner at 5 p.m. Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Door prizes at end of meeting. For more information, call 723-8281.

Klaquaqueela Memorial Potlatch Oct. 11, 12 and 13

Port Alberni

For the late hereditary Chief Jerry Jack of the Mowachah/Muchalalt First Nation. The family of Klaquaqueela invite you to join them as they pay tribute and honor the memory of our dear dad / spouse / grandfather/brother and leader to our nation. The memorial potlatch will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall in Port Alberni. Contact Ben Jack Sr at (250) 283-2614 (home). E-mail benjack@hotmail.com or Claire Newman at (250) 957-2485 (home). E-mail clarettajohn@hotmail.com or Colleen Pendleton (360) 645-0750. E-mail mrmagoo98357@msn.com

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Sports and Recreation

Teams jump into deep end with fastball competition

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Kamloops—The Les Sam Thunder fastball team from Tsesahat and Witwaak, with Nuu-chah-nulth players and others from various parts of the Vancouver Island, were in fine form Aug. 1 to 3 when they took on the nation at the Canadian Native Fastball Championships in Kamloops.

Each of the teams ended up with identical records of two wins and two losses.

This was Witwaak's first time at the competition, while Thunder had participated in them a few times in the past. Both teams participated with little or no games played this season. Fastball has been rare on the island for a few years.

With a few more games for each of the teams, both coaches Les Sam and Wally Samuel, said they could have done better.

"This was our first games of fastball in two years. It was good to play fastball again and it is my wish to revive fastball again," said Samuel. Both teams are hopeful that fastball can make a comeback on the island and that they can be better prepared to participate in the championships again in the future.

Witwaak faced Moricetown, a B.C. team from the northern part of the province. In the bottom of the first inning Witwaak took an early 2-0 lead. Mike Samuel reached base on an infield hit and was advanced to third base on a Bobby Sault single.

Mike Underwood then had an RBI single (Run Batted In) and would later score on a passed ball.

Moricetown would tie the game up in the top of the sixth inning, however, both the teams runs were unearned. An error to first baseman Tom Campbell allowed a run to score. They would capitalize and score another run in the inning as well. Both runs were with two out.

Witwaak would come back in their half of the sixth inning and score two runs to take the lead.

Travis Webster struck out, but reached base on the passed ball on an error to the catcher. Peter Williams then reached base on an error to the center fielder.

Ralph Amos had an RBI single for Witwaak, which once again took the lead. Samuel then reached base on an error to the second baseman for the second run of the inning.

Witwaak took a two-run lead into the seventh inning and would hold on for their first victory.

Les Sam Thunder played the Cross Lake Braves from Cross Lake, Man. The Braves took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. In the third out for the Braves, left fielder Ed Ross made a very nice catch at the fence for the third out.

In the bottom of the second inning Thunder scored three runs. Vance Seiber almost cleared the fence to lead off the inning, but the ball stayed in play. Seiber had a double. Ron Dick Jr. had an RBI single and was followed by Thomas Dick's perfect bunt. Both runners advanced on a throwing error to the third baseman.

With one out, Lloyd Watts scored both runners with a single but was thrown out attempting to take second base. This was



Thomas Dick of Les Sam Thunder slides into third base in a very close play. Dick was attempting to go from first to third base on a team-mates single. Unfortunately he was called out. Thunder stole the game from James Smith of Saskatchewan 9-3.

Thunder's first lead, and the score after two innings was Thunder 3-1 over the Braves from Manitoba.

The Braves bounced back and scored three runs in the third inning on a lead-off single. Then an error to short stop Terry Sam had the Braves with runners on first and third with none out. The Braves would score a run on a fielder's choice and this was followed by an RBI single to tie the game up. Another error for Thunder allowed the Braves to take

the lead 4-3.

Thomas Dick led off the fourth with a bunt single. Thunder loaded the bases up. Terry Sam hit a fly to the centre fielder who misplayed the ball and Thunder scored the tying run. Josh Fred had an RBI, and was followed by a Rudy Watts RBI single. Watts later scored on an overthrow by the catcher as Watts stole third. He then scored Thunder's 7th run of the game making it 7-4 for Thunder.

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Look to the past to develop future

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Kamloops—Two teams from Vancouver Island, Les Sam Thunder and Witwaak, travelled to Kamloops to play in the Canadian Native Fastball Championships during the August long weekend. Thunder has been playing fastball as a team for 15 years and Witwaak has fielded a team for about 10 years.

Coaches Les Sam for Thunder and Wally Samuel for Witwaak both would like to see a revival of fastball in Nuu-chah-nulth and other First Nation communities.

They agree that in order to revive fastball there is a need to develop pitchers for the game.

Pitching is becoming a lost art in many communities today. When the teams participated in the fastball championships Thunder carried only two pitchers, Lloyd and Rudy Watts, and Witwaak only had one Bobby Sault. In Nuu-chah-nulth and other First Nations communities there no longer seems to be an interest in fastball. Many years ago fastball was alive and well in communities up and down the West Coast, as well as in other aboriginal communities across the country.

The late Wes Thomas, John Dick, and Craig Hayes were home grown pitchers who made their marks in fastball action. Others included Axel Murphy, Howard Tom, Connie Charleson, Brian Amos, Roy Barney, Willard Gallic, Sr., Boyd Gallic, Arnie Thomas, Rick Thomas, and Mike Savey.

Teams from the past did not develop new pitchers and the participation level decreased tremendously. Leagues that were once vibrant and alive are no longer in existence. Tournaments are rare, where 20 to 30 years ago there was



Bobby Sault was the only fastball pitcher on Team Witwaak when it travelled to the Canadian Men's Fastball Championship in Kamloops this month.

an abundance of them.

Samuel recently attempted to host a fastball tournament, but because of lack of interest in the community it was cancelled.

How does the game come back to its

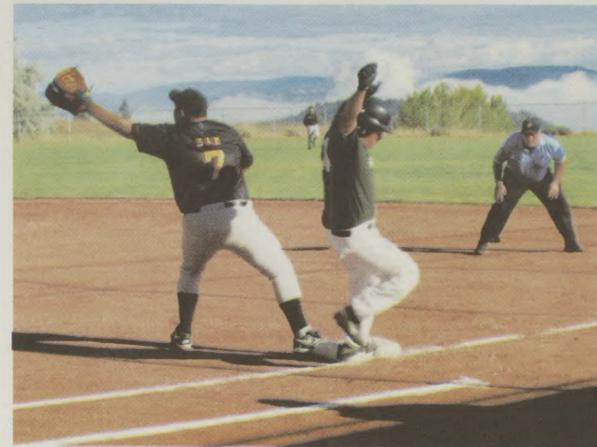
former glory? Both Sam and Samuel believe it is imperative to develop younger players, especially pitchers.

For this to happen it will take leadership, and past fastball players will have to step up to the plate to volunteer.

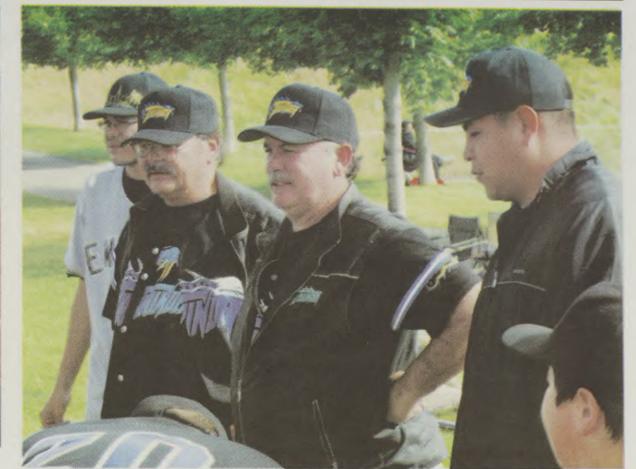
Lloyd Watts was one of two pitchers on the roster for Les Sam Thunder when the team competed in Kamloops. The other was Rudy Watts.



Sports and Recreation



Mike Samuel beats out an infield hit in Witwaak's game against Moricetown. Samuel helped Witwaak overtake Moricetown by a score of 4-2. He scored two runs and reached base three times.



Coach Les Sam of Team Thunder takes stock of the play during the Canadian Native Fastball Championships in Kamloops on Aug. 1 to 3.

Teams wind up knocking on the back door

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Zack has won a gold medal with Team Canada in world championships and Pan American Games and has participated for many years in Canadian and North American championships.

Pequis also has 16-year-old Carlson Murdoch playing for them. Hudson said he was batting a perfect 1,000 that weekend.

Witwaak played at the same time Thunder was playing on different fields. They would also lose their second game in a close battle by a score of 1-0 to Redline. They would lose on an error with a runner between third base and home. A throwing error would be their downfall. Witwaak would also have to battle back from the loser's side of the draw.

Thunder faced James Smith of Saskatchewan and would take a commanding 5-0 lead in the first inning, with three of them infield singles. Thunder would not look back as they trounced Smith 9-3. Rudy Watts would cap off the win with a three-run homer in the second.

Witwaak played Paul Bank from Edmonton. Mike Samuel would score the first run on a throwing error to the catcher. Witwaak would score five runs in the fourth to take a commanding 6-0 lead.

Mike Underwood would have two hits in the inning as Witwaak sent 11 men to bat. In the fifth they would score another run and the final was Witwaak 7-0 over James Bank.

Both Witwaak and Thunder immediately played again. Witwaak faced Fountain from Lilloet and Thunder played GSX from Penticton. Witwaak, whose only pitcher was Bobby Sault, could not muster any offence losing to Fountain 5-0. Thunder also lost to Penticton 7-0. Thunder were down 2-0 on a homerun by a Penticton player. In the fourth inning on a very close hit towards the left fielder, the umpire called a fair ball. Two runs would score. Penticton would not look



Montreal Canadiens goalie Carey Price and former Vancouver Canucks forward Gino Odjick took part in the opening ceremonies of the Canadian Native Fastball Championships held in Kamloops on Aug. 1. Price is the son of Jerry and Lynda Price from the Ulkatcho First Nation, a member of the Carrier Chilcotin Tribal Council. Lynda Price is the chief of the Ulkatcho First Nation.

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Kauwinch Enhancement Project Offers Improved Salmon Habitat



The Kyuquot/Checleset restoration crew, clockwise from left: Henry Jack, Derek Hansen, Danny Short, Len John. Centre: Project Biologist Rupert Wong.

Working in partnership with International Forest Products Limited (Interfor), the Ka:yu:k't'h/Che:ktles7et'h First Nation (KCFN) has completed another sub-project of a multi-tiered enhancement project on the Kauwinch River. Located within KCFN traditional territory, the Kauwinch flows in a southerly direction into Kashutl Inlet within Kyuquot Sound, providing important habitat for coho, chinook, chum, and sockeye salmon as well as steelhead, cutthroat trout and Dolly Varden char.

"The Kauwinch River is one of the larger streams in the area," said Uu-a-thluk biologist, Roger Dunlop. "Its watershed was identified as a priority in

the Ka:yu:k't'h/Che:ktles7et'h area restoration plan in 1995 because the lower valley had been logged."

Logging near fish-bearing streams requires—among other things—careful consideration of the fragile rearing and spawning habitat preferred by juvenile and adult fish. However, the majority of logging in the Kauwinch watershed took place during the early 1970's before governments had established guidelines to protect fish and wildlife. The result for the Kauwinch? More fry stranded in isolated, logging-related areas such as ditches, pits, and collapsed culverts, and less fry making their way to the sea. The mainstem and sidechannel areas of the river also lacked the large fallen trees common to mature forested streams that form additional pools, store sediment and provide cover.

"Logging causes large woody debris and pool loss, among other things, altering smaller streams that then look like the ones you find on the prairies with fewer pools and less cover. The trouble is that Vancouver Island fish aren't adapted to those conditions," Dunlop said.

To address these limiting factors, the project partners began with an on-the-ground assessment in 2004 with funding provided by the Forest Investment Account. Every year since then, the river's priority areas have been the subject of fish habitat restoration work supported by the Pacific Salmon Commission, the Pacific Salmon Foundation, the Forest Investment Account, and

in-kind contributions from Interfor.

The final phase of the restoration work on the sidechannel at kilometer 1.3 was carried out in 2007 and 2008 by KCFN, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Interfor and Forsite. Under the direction of Project Biologist Rupert Wong and Project Engineer Graham Hill, members the Kyuquot community received training and completed much of the fish habitat enhancement work. This included transporting large woody debris and rock to a staging area about 2 km west of the enhancement site and installing an intake structure, plus ten other large wood habitat features, using the transported materials. The crew's work resulted in 215 m of enhanced side channel, improving habitat for juvenile salmon.

Wong's final project report estimates the work could increase annual salmon smolt production of chinook by 989 and coho by 1,484. "The Kauwinch River is one of Kyuquot's biggest chinook producers," said Wong. "Of all the salmon species, chinook seem to be the one that's most highly revered."

Future plans for the Kauwinch include looking at possibility of enhancing the river's mainstem, as well as monitoring the damage to restored habitat caused by last winter's storms.

For more information on the Kauwinch River Side Channel Habitat Enhancement Project, contact Roger Dunlop at 250-283-2012.

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Rick Chidley uses an excavator to build a coffer dam in August of 2007.



Henry Jack measures one section of the sidechannel in October of 2007.



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