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## Float plane crash claims four lives

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahousaht**—An entire community is grieving after the loss of three of its members in a float plane crash on Saturday, May 29.

Three young adults chartered the Cessna 183 from Atleo River Air for a 10-minute trip from Tofino to Ahousaht. Shortly after noon and within sight of the village, something went wrong; the plane, according to a witness, seemed to nosedive into the ocean at Miller Channel just east of Ahousaht.

The plane reportedly hit hard, and then settled upside down before it started to sink. A nearby water taxi operator from Ahousaht immediately called for help then attempted a rescue. He arrived at the scene within minutes to see the pontoons of the plane still above water.

Help arrived quickly as every available boat in Ahousaht dashed to the scene to assist. Rescuers secured a line to the plane in an attempt to keep it afloat, but ended up having to let it go when the boat started taking on water. It took about 10 minutes for the plane to sink.

Officials arrived on the scene but were unable to locate the wreckage by nightfall. The crash occurred in a channel swept by strong currents. They secured the area for the night.

Divers located the wreckage the following day and recovered four bodies. The passengers were Katrina English, 22, her brother Edward "Hunter" Sam, 28, and their cousin Samantha Mattersdorfer, age 24. All were parents of young children. The pilot, 33-year-old Damon York of Tofino, was well known and liked in the community.

Elders performed a prayer chant aboard the RCMP boat after the bodies were recovered. Six Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council counselors and two cultural workers arrived in Ahousaht Sunday to provide support to the people.

Known to be a tight-knit community, the people of Ahousaht rallied around the families of the crash victims, gathering each night at the Thunderbird Hall for community dinners to gather support from one another.

Jason Bertin, owner of Atleo River Air, said he couldn't sleep all night after the accident. The following day he and some of his staff went to Ahousaht to be with surviving family members. He



Ahousaht is mourning the loss of three community members, Katrina English, 22, her brother Edward "Hunter" Sam, 28, and their cousin Samantha Mattersdorfer, age 24. taken in a plane crash May 29 along with pilot Damon York of Atleo River Air. An investigation into the crash is being conducted by the Transportation Safety Board.

joined the people of Ahousaht for a community dinner where he said they found comfort and support from the people and from the ha'wiih (chiefs).

"They wrapped us in blankets. It was very comforting," he said, adding he wished he could get together with the people of Ahousaht like that under better circumstances.

Misty Lawson of Atleo River Air said the company was helping the pilot's family deal with the tragedy. She called it a terrible accident, saying, "I feel for everyone involved, but I think it's important to remember we need to come together as a community and help one another because we're all in this together."

In Ahousaht the band office and school stayed closed as the entire community mourned their loss. Three days after the crash, Carol Mattersdorfer, mother of Samantha, melted into sobs as she recalled her daughter's last days.

"It seemed like she knew something. She cleaned the porch and said she had a feeling we'd be getting a lot of visitors and before she left for Tofino she said she was going to stay 24 forever...I just can't believe she's gone!"

Mattersdorfer was grateful that her daughter, in recent days, spent time at home with her and her brother and sister. She said Sam, as they called her, had planned to move to Port Alberni. She could commute to her job at a Tofino fish processing plant from there. Samantha leaves behind her mother, siblings, her



A Cessna 183 that crashed at Miller Channel with four people aboard is being taken to Richmond to determine the circumstances surrounding the fatal incident.

22-month-old daughter Kali, and Kali's father Craig.

Qaamina Sam, father of Hunter and Katrina, said he still can't believe it. Days after the accident the pain can still be heard in his voice. He said he tried to watch one news report about the accident, but couldn't do it because it hurt too much. He wished to thank everyone for the love and support they've given his family.

"We've gotten hundreds of calls," he said.

Hunter Sam leaves behind his fiancé, Melissa Schram, a six-year-old daughter, five-year-old son and an eight-month-old daughter, a brother and sister and parents Qaamina and Ruth Sam.

Katrina English is survived by her husband, Alan English, a daughter, age five, and son, age three.

Ahousaht spokesman Curtis Dick said the community is pulling together to support one another. Front line support workers are attending debriefing sessions and members of the First Nations Emergency Services Society are sending in people with critical incident training.

He asked that people refrain from spec-

ulation about the cause of the crash, adding it is best to wait until all of the information is in.

Bertin, in an exclusive interview with *Ha-Shilth-Sa*, said he is disappointed with insensitive media treatment and how some reporters have sensationalized the crash.

"It's been pretty emotional, but some of those stories are just not true," he said, his eyes still red and teary.

"They're taking leads, drawing conclusions that may or may not be true and they're printing them and that is not easy on the families," he added.

"The real story should be about the families, the loved ones we all lost, the communities pulling together and how thankful we are for the support," he said.

Atleo River Air had four pilots and a small group of dispatchers. They huddled together in the small office hut on the dock above their remaining float plane which remains tied to the dock. They talk fondly of pilot Damon York, whose vehicle remains parked where he left it at the top of the hill. It is now decorated with fresh flowers.

"He was conscientious, careful. This just makes no sense," said Bertin through his tears. He said he had picked York to be part of his crew because he was so meticulous and he was a mechanic as well as a pilot.

"I brought him on board to make us a better airline," said Bertin.

York came from Courtenay to Tofino about nine years ago. Friends describe him as a fun-loving person who liked to fish, camp and kayak.

"He loved the area and he loved the people," said Bertin. Damon York leaves behind his wife Rima Mara, his parents, his sister and a nephew.

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**Fish farm company hosts First Nations**

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Oslo, Norway**—Mainstream Canada, the salmon farming company that signed a protocol agreement with Ahousaht First Nation earlier this year invited Ahousaht members on a trip to Norway to view operations of their parent company Cermaq.

According to Laurie Jensen, environmental, licenses and community relations manager for Mainstream Canada, the company left it up to Ahousaht leadership to decide who would take the two spaces they had available for the trip.

Chief Maquinna, Lewis George, and Wally Samuel were selected to go to Norway from May 13 to 23.

Samuel was selected because he is the co-chair of the Ahousaht fish farm committee, which negotiated the new protocol with Mainstream.

"There have been many comments in the media about Norway and salmon farming, and in 2009 Cermaq ASA invited members of the Ahousaht fish farm committee to go to Norway to look at the company operations there and see for themselves what was going on," said Jensen.

The latest protocol agreement between Ahousaht and Mainstream was signed in January.

"Part of that agreement is to foster understanding of how both groups operate and a fact-finding mission to see the operations in Norway was discussed again," she explained.

Jensen said it was during the Olympics, aboriginal anti-fish farming activists targeted the King of Norway and made some claims that the Ahousaht First Nations did not agree with. A letter to the King of Norway was written explaining that not all the First Nations were opposed to fish farming. They invited the king to visit Ahousaht.

This letter made its way to the Norwegian Ambassador in Canada who invited the Ahousahts and others to come for lunch and learn about Norway. This invitation was accepted and the group stopped in Ottawa and met with the ambassador on May 14 on their way to



Ha'wilt Maquinna, Lewis George, (centre) is pictured at the Norwegian Embassy in Canada with the group from Ahousaht and Mainstream Canada that traveled to Norway May 13 to 23 to view the operations of Cermaq, an international salmon farming company.

Norway.

Chief Maquinna was impressed with the hospitality of Norwegian ambassador to Canada, Else Berit Eikeland, who greeted them warmly and gave a presentation about Norway.

While in Ottawa, the delegation had the opportunity to meet with MP John Duncan, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Indian Affairs, DFO senior policy adviser, Kym Purchase, the associate deputy minister Matthew King, and the assistant deputy minister program policy, Kevin Stringer.

"At these meetings the First Nation leaders were invited to discuss whatever they felt was important to them," said Jensen.

Maquinna was not impressed with the federal politicians' seeming lack of knowledge about West Coast aquaculture and First Nations issues. He said questions were asked, but when it became apparent that they had little knowledge or no information to offer about aquaculture on BC's West Coast he moved on to questions about housing and economic development in Ahousaht.

"I asked John Duncan how come it's taking so long for you guys to get busy with Lot #363 (an undeveloped reserve expansion). We started working on that

10 years ago, yet Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation is already putting infrastructure in (their Indian reserve expansion)," he told Ha-Shilth-Sa. He said he did not get a clear answer.

In Norway the group experienced a parade on a national holiday, and the Norwegian Ambassador to Canada offered tickets to her guests.

"She got us second row seats to see the Norwegian king and queen in a parade. They were so close we could almost touch them!" said George.

A former home school coordinator, George is still very much a proponent of quality education for the children of his nation. He was impressed with the quality of the performance Norway's school students displayed in their marching band during the May 17 parade in Oslo.

"It was a national holiday and all the schools sent their marching bands to the parade; you can tell they pay lots of attention to their kids there; the schools go to Grade 13," he noted.

The delegation later met with the Norwegian department of fisheries where they heard very detailed information about Norway's fish farming industry.

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**Clan mothers inspire new exhibit of artwork**

Vancouver—The work of artist Tim Paul will be shown as part of the Moon Mothers—Keepers of Knowledge exhibit at the Spirit Wrestler Gallery June 12 to July 4.

Paul joins Maori artists June Northcroft and Lewis Gardiner from Aotearoa, New Zealand in the exhibit, which pays tribute to the deep knowledge learned from 'listening to the ancestors.'

Paul has carved 13 pieces, one for each of the months of the lunar calendar and which represent to him teachings from his grandparents, uncles and aunts that raised him and instilled in him traditional knowledge.

One work that he showed Ha-Shilth-Sa earlier this year is entitled sah-ca-us (Up and Moving). It represents the transformation of a baby killer whale that runs itself onto the shore to change into the wolf. This is the November Moon. The killer whale and the wolf are creatures with tight family structures.

Says Paul "The killer whale can take on the spirit of the wolf...As a wolf, he will run into the woods ready to join the family pack to make new paths on the land." But there is no turning back for the whale turned wolf. Once transformed he will stay on the land never to return to the ocean.

October Moon is call ci-hah (They Give Us The Art). It shows the wren, the eagle, the raven and other birds. Paul said he likes to go out into the world and listen as the birds speak to him.

The exhibition is dedicated to the



Tim Paul

teachings and philosophies of the Clan Mothers, an international council of 13 Indigenous grandmothers who represent a global alliance of prayer, education and healing on the environment and for survival in the changing world. The wisdom and history of this organization is captured in the book 'The 13 Original Clan Mothers' by Jamie Sams (Harper Collins Publisher).

Maori artist June Northcroft Grant began a series of 13 paintings honoring the Clan Mothers while completing an artist-in-residence program at the Evergreen Cultural Centre in Olympia, Washington. Her vision for the exhibition required another artist from a different tribal background to artistically interpret their wisdom, and that's where Nuu-chah-nulth artist Paul came in.

One can hardly think of moons without thinking of Paul, who is renowned for his artworks on the moon cycles, said curator Nigel Reading. Paul knew exactly what his contribution to the theme of the show would be, excited to express in the exhibit the wealth of knowledge of grandparents and their importance in his life and the lives of others.

Reading described Paul as a wonderfully wise man. Maori artist Gardiner was also invited to reflect his interpretation by producing a series of 13 small sculptures that capture the essence of the Clan Mothers in the sacred pounamu jade.

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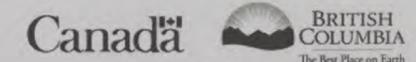
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# Peer to peer: Young people encourage connection

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshaht**—Young people have a voice and want that voice to be heard. This is the message left with organizers of a youth conference held at Maht Mahs gym on May 27.

The Nashuk Youth Council hosted 250 people for a day of workshops and discussions that were designed to encourage young people to reconnect with their culture and spur community involvement and leadership.

From observations over the course of the day, the young people seemed engaged in the activities and happy to speak out.

Nickie Watts is a member of the Nashuk Youth Council and acted as co-emcee with Damon Rampanen for the event. She told Ha-Shilth-Sa that her favorite part of the day came with the afternoon World Cafe where the youth worked in groups to discuss such issues as:

- priorities for their communities and traditional territories,
- how they could see becoming involved in decisions that affect their future,
- how they would like to see the community and tribal council support their involvement,
- and what can be done to support

their living their culture with pride.

A report will be distributed on these discussions in the coming weeks, but the message Watts got from the forum was that youth want to be involved.

Rampanen said young people just don't know how to go about becoming involved, and that's what the youth conference was hoping to accomplish; create a path that youth might like to walk on toward greater involvement.

Rampanen said his favorite part of the day was all the cultural singing and dancing. The young people organizing the conference spent a lot of time working with Greg Charleson, a singer from Hesquiaht, in learning a number of songs. A favorite among all, it seemed, was the kwil-kwaltha, where young men hop around imitating the movements of small birds. These kinds of fun dances encouraged other youth attending the conference

to bring out their songs, and if the conference becomes an annual event, as it is hoped, organizers plan on making song and dance a central theme of the activities.

Rampanen and Watts believe that young people are craving a real connection in regard to their culture, and that youth would benefit from nurturing pride of identity and traditions.

They told Ha-Shilth-Sa that both had to re-embrace their culture after losing their connection to it when they moved into the mainstream educational system.

Watts said that she was ashamed at one time to be First Nations. Watts had celebrated her culture when she was a student in Haa Huu Payak school, but when she went to middle school she went from being part of a majority to a minority, went from learning the Nuu-chah-nulth language to learning French. She lost her

connection with the culture and lost her way, she said.

"I just kind of disappeared."

It wasn't until after the birth of her daughter and her connection to the VAST alternative school and the Nashuk Youth Council that pride of culture began to rebound and her confidence began to build. She wants to open that door for other youth.

Rampanen too said he had a difficult time of it in mainstream school where his long hair and First Nations features sparked ridicule from other students.

"They made fun of me for my long hair, the way I talked."  
He soon realized after joining Nashuk that the more involved he got in retreats, singing, learning to gather traditional foods, the more he forgot those lost days.

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Above: The World Cafe gave youth an opportunity to express their ideas about the future of their communities.

Left: John Rampanen discussed digital storytelling and showed some of the videos that the Nashuk youth put together to tell their stories.

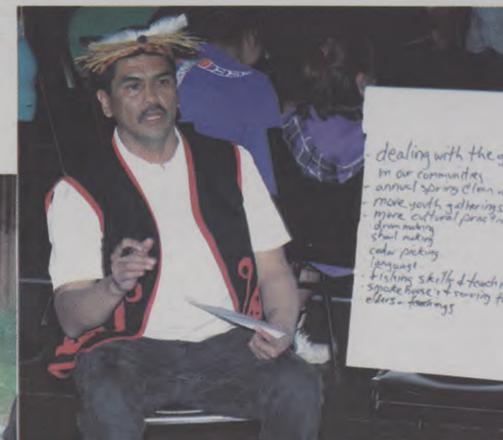
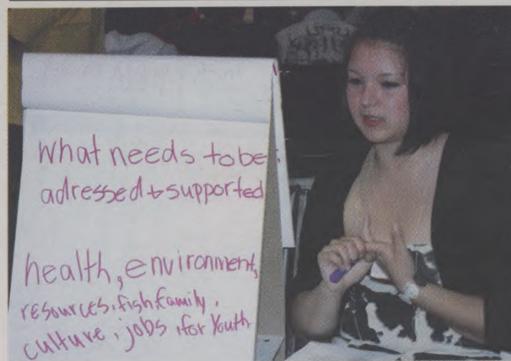


Leisa Fred provided the keynote address at the youth conference May 27. She became Canada's youngest First Nations councillor when she was elected to the Tseshaht council at the age of 19.



Damon Rampanen led the Nuu-chah-nulth song to open the youth conference. He co-emceed the event as well.

Left: Co-emcee Nickie Watts said one of her favorite things about the youth conference was the World Cafe where young people got to discuss their hopes and dreams for the future of their communities, and how to get involved in decision-making and setting priorities in such areas as health, the environment, resources, culture and jobs for youth.



Above: Greg Charleson not only contributed lessons in singing and dancing, he also facilitated a workshop during the youth conference.



Above: Damon Rampanen and Mitch Touchie watch some of the digital storytelling videos being shared with other young people at the conference. The videos were powerful and intimate portraits, telling through music, photos and other graphics a little bit about what is on the minds of the members of the Nashuk Youth Council.

Above: Joe Martin spoke with youth about canoe carving.



Julia Lucas and Violet George were elders that contributed their support to the young people by attending the Nashuk Youth Council Youth Conference on May 27.

Above: Saya Masso heads a workshop on planning activities in traditional lands.

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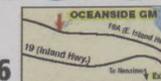


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# Community mourns

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His family members also went to Ahousaht to grieve with the community.

The cause of the crash is unknown. The wreckage was recovered May 31. The BC Coroners Service and the Transportation Safety Board are leading the investigation into the cause of the crash.

Lyn Blenkinsop of the B.C. Coroners Service said autopsies will be conducted on all four crash victims. The examination will include toxicology screening.

Bill Yearwood is heading up the investigation for the Transportation Safety Board.

"It's still early. We will be transporting the wreck to Richmond for closer inspection," he said adding it was far too early to determine the cause of the wreck.

The plane, he said, was broken up, held together only by cables.

Yearwood has been meeting regularly with Jason Bertin in an effort to determine the cause of the crash. Bertin said investigators determine from initial examination of the wreckage that it hit the water at a steep angle, "the chance of survival (on impact) is highly unlikely. That's all we know," said Bertin.

"The aviation community is very tight - we learn from one another," said Bertin, adding investigation reports are very important to all pilots. But he said it could take months, or even more than a year, to complete a report and even then, sometimes the cause of the crash is never known.

Atleo River Air operated two modified super Cessna 183s on floats that can

carry four passengers. This is the first accident in their 15 years in business.

Bertin said his staff is at the office everyday, but they are not flying.

"I just don't know when any of us can get back into a plane," he said. For now, the business is on hold. Bertin says they will take it day by day.

Condolence posts are filling the Facebook pages of each of the victims.

National Chief Shawn Atleo joined his home community of Ahousaht in mourning the loss of three community members and the pilot. He offered the following statement:

"Our whole community is deeply saddened by this unexpected tragedy. To the families and friends who are in mourning, please accept the heartfelt sympathies of the Assembly of First Nations staff and executive. As you grieve, know that our hearts and prayers are with you. We wish you courage and strength as you honor the memory of your loved ones."

The RCMP offered their condolences through a press release.

"Tofino and Ahousaht RCMP extend their sincere sympathies and condolences to the families of the victims in this tragic accident."

Said MLA Scott Fraser "It's a tragedy and everyone in the West Coast communities are very close to each other. The people in Ahousaht are devastated; the people in Tofino are devastated. I feel very much for the families and this tragedy," he said.

Funeral arrangements are on hold pending completion of autopsies. Final autopsy reports can take from several weeks to several months.

## The life cycle of the wolf

# "Qasii Qwayaciik" Eye of the Wolf project

Submitted by Josephine Marshall Johnston  
Coordinator of the "Eye of the Wolf project May 2010

What is a Wolf?

This is to all the "Eye of the Wolf" participants in the near past. To the youth, to the artists, to our elders. The Eye of the Wolf is made up of the youth looking through the eyes of the elders. The Eye of the Wolf include the many talented artists we have in our nations. Where do these wolves live? They live up and down the coast. They live in urban cities.

Few and far live on reserves. Some Wolves have adapted, or changed, to suit their surroundings. The old ones said "You can try to take my traditional curtains, you can try to take my language, and even try to take my offspring, but through our longhouses, community halls, our sacred ceremonies, our songs, our dances, through the echoes of our rattles, our youth are watching."

A wolf was born today, and through their tiny qasii (eyes) with the teachers and Quu'as values this wolf will grow up with the utmost law in Quu'as people.

Our iisak (respect), and our love.

"My spirituality is my family songs and dances. When I have a shawl on and dance my family traditional song, I feel proud." Evelyn Marshall (Robinson/Thompson) March 1999.

I interviewed my mother during the Quu'asa Counselling program, and I was asking her about her spirituality.

A quote from an elder "I have been seeing a counselor for many years, and this is the first time I was able to let go some of my hurt from the past". "Eye of the Wolf" project 2010.



This is the print that Raty Sim, aa-aat'sik, presented at the Eye of the Wolf project hosted by the Port Alberni Friendship Centre.

# Overcoming the impacts of the residential school experience

By Margaret Eaton

The past four years I have been working with Scott Hall, a lawyer in Victoria, to help our people get the best healing and compensation they can through the residential program that Canada and the churches have put in place.

Since I have begun the job it has changed time to time. It takes people awhile to get used to it being one way and then it may change. For those who do not know me, my parents are Tony and late Evelyn Marshall/Robinson. I am from the Ditidaht First Nation. I also have family ties through Kelismaht, Ahousaht, Lillooet and Tsesahat. I have two daughters and twin grandsons who turned two March 30. They are the fourth generation of residential school. They are who I work to make a healthier life for.

My late mother told me she never had birthdays, but what I remember as a child she would make the best for our birthdays. My mother would make me feel like a queen for the day. A good meal with family and balloons and a few gifts, which would seem small today, but as a child I thought were big. I love her for showing me that and now I passed it to my girls and now my grandsons. She showed me clearly that she changed that horror part of her life she encountered at the prisons, having no birthdays to the best memory of my mother.

My job involves a lot of traveling, but for the present time I live in Port Alberni. I travel to Tofino, Ucluelet, Nanaimo, Duncan and Victoria quite a bit. Also Zeballos, Kyuquot, Gold River and Ahousaht.

Doing this work, I am able to use what I have learned in education and life



experience. When I was working in the school district in my earlier years, I saw how our parents and grandparents had struggles to interact with schools. I saw it affected second generations by what the residential schools did to our parents and grandparents. I became an advocate for our children, parents and grandparents. I spoke between the ministry, the court system, the school system, the RCMP, and hospital/doctors. Meaning not only Nuuchah-nulth but any first nation needing support.

But it is a very new kind of job too, because I get to talk to people about the residential schools and the horrible things that happened there. When I started this job I could never have guessed how many people—boys and girls—were sexually hurt by the priests and nuns who ran the schools and anyone who worked there or students at times. Plus the physical harm, which was so bad. Some are scarred for life, for example: loss of hearing.

Christie Indian Residential School and Alberni Indian Residential School were some of the worst ones that I have heard

of your past that you put away for years and years.

Then we suggest counselling, which is paid for. My job also lets me go to the meetings/hearings where compensation is discussed and counselling is decided. But I also do traditional spiritual work with the people and do prayers. I make sure they are safe and help with the stress they go through. It has gotten much more fair than it was even three years ago in the compensation.

The healing is what I notice is more important with our people and their children than the compensation. There is not enough money in this world to pay what our people went through. The people who meet with students/client about compensation are all kind and caring.

You can have anyone with you at the meeting - your family and your friends - or, if you want, no one at all. They try to make it as easy as possible and most meeting take minimum of two hours. The compensation they pay is based on the harm that was done, how it has affected your life with your family and your work. All the cases are different. There are new changes in this IAP, there is now "Personal Of Interests." This is where a student can be named. The Government made changes here. A lady called me panicking saying someone called her, saying she was mentioned. I assured her she doesn't need to go or speak to them. This is causing a lot of fear and anger among our people. If you have any questions call me and I will answer as best I can.

If you have any questions about what the residential school settlement process does, I can try to answer them. Please call me at 250 730-1714.

Good luck and kleco  
Margaret Eaton

## Uu-a-thluk Youth Intern

Uu-a-thluk is looking for a Youth Intern to work 28-35 hours per week for six months. The successful applicant will be based in Port Alberni and will work with Uu-a-thluk's capacity building coordinator and the Nashuk Youth Council to increase Nuuchah-nulth participation in sea resources. Uu-a-thluk will provide training and mentoring in relevant job skills.

The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to learn about Nuuchah-nulth fisheries and our cultural connections to the ocean.

This position is being offered through the Youth Eco Internship Program (YEIP) at YWCA Canada with funding from the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan. Candidates must be 15-30, unemployed, and Canadian citizens or permanent residents in order to be eligible to apply for this position. The wage is \$12/hr.

The YEIP particularly encourages applicants from visible minority, Aboriginal, immigrant, refugee and traditionally marginalized communities, and is committed to providing employment accommodation supports for youth with disabilities where reasonably possible.

To apply, submit your resume and cover letter to:

Uu-a-thluk, Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council,  
Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2  
Attention: Norine Messer  
Fax: 250-724-2172  
Email:

Only those candidates short-listed will be contacted for an interview.

**CLOSING DATE: Friday, June 11, 2010.**

## Kyuquot/Cheklesah First Nation

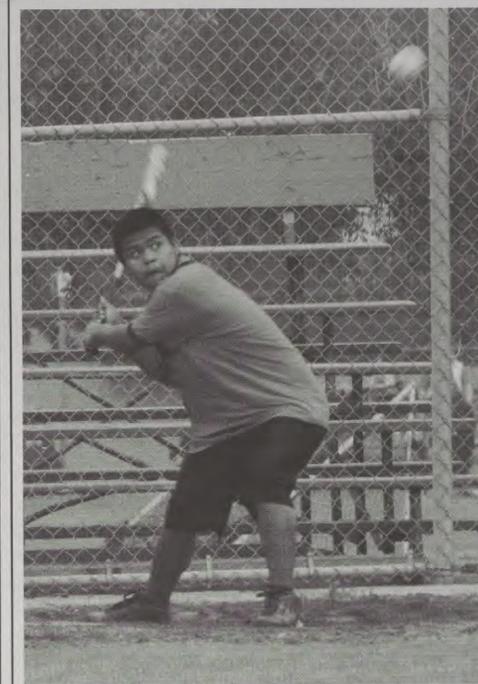
- Election of Chief & Council -  
June 30th 2010

List of Candidates May 28th, 2010

Chief Councillor  
Dennis, Joan Sarah  
Hansen, Peter  
Jules, Alexander  
Smith, Therese

Candidates for Councillor  
Christiansen, Linda Samantha  
Gillette, Joshua  
Hansen, Devon  
Hansen, Michael Anthony  
Hansen, Valerie  
Harry, Felix  
Jack, Leo Jr.  
Jack, Lillian  
Jack, Matthew  
John, Robert Sr.  
Jules, Charles  
Jules, Lana  
Nicolaye, Eleanor  
Oscar Anthony Sr.  
Short, Marilyn  
Smith, Alan  
Tyreman, Martha  
Vincent, Velina  
Woiwood, Kori

Michelle Corfield, Electoral Officer



At 18, Mr. Homerun, a.k.a. Sipton Jackson of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, is the youngest member on a team playing in the Alberni Valley mixed slow-pitch league. The Grey Wolves, made up primarily of Opitsah residents, went up against the Inmates on May 27 and unfortunately down to defeat, though they had a great time playing in the Sunday league.

June 12 2010 at 9:00am - 1:00pm

Tsawaayus (Rainbow Gardens) Auxiliary is having their Annual Spring Sale. There will be a garage sale, bake sale and Lucky 7 table. There will also be hot dogs for sale.

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## Kyuquot/Cheklesah First Nation - Election of Chief & Council - June 30th 2010

### Notice of Poll

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Kyuquot/Cheklesah First Nation that a poll will be held:

Wednesday June 30th, 2010  
at Kyuquot Community Hall  
Poll hours are 8am - 8pm

To elect one (1) Chief and four (4) Councillors

Advance poll  
Tuesday June 29th, 2010  
At Kyuquot Treaty office 918 Island hwy, Campbell River BC  
Poll hours 1pm to 6pm

Votes will be counted and results declared immediately after poll-closing procedures are completed

For further information, please contact Electoral Officer  
250-741-7540 or email: michellecorfield@shaw.ca

Michelle Corfield  
Electoral Officer

## Youth

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He said he hopes the conference will encourage young people in other communities to take the initiative and ask elders and leaders to teach them how to reconnect.

Norine Messer is the capacity building coordinator with Uu-a-thluk, the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council department that funds the youth council. She said the elders who had been asked to help the Nashuk youth seemed genuinely pleased to teach and contribute. It's all part of the intergenerational bridge building that is so important to cultural protection and revitalization.

Victoria Watts helped with language building. She facilitated a language workshop and asked if there was just one thing that the young people would want to learn to say, what would it be?

"Why am I concentrating on just one thing," she asked the youth. "Because it's a beginning," she answered.

Many of the youth that participated in the conference were anxious to know "what's next?"

That's an issue for discussion in many of the communities in Nuuchah-nulth territory now that a fire has been started in the hearts of their young people. Many hope to organize their own youth councils.

What happened in the organization and execution of the youth conference was "pretty magical," said Messer. There is one thing very clear, however. Given an opportunity, youth are capable of being leaders of today.

"They are so capable, so awesome."

If you would like to know more about the Nashuk Youth Council, check out their facebook page.

## Family celebrates a great lady

On May 8 in Victoria, the Louie Family celebrated Lea's 70th birthday. We had a beautiful day with her, honoring her. Words were shared about how special she is and all she does for everyone she comes in contact with.

We love her very much. Nathan Charlie, Ren Louie, John Lyall, Guy Louie Jr. and Calvin Louie, along with Michael "Bear" Charlie, sang cultural songs, and Ren and Calvin danced for my mom to honor her.

We had a beautiful buffet, along with her birthday cake! My Aunt Donna was there and we were also able to celebrate her birthday as well.

We were treated to an Elvis show put on by our friend Randy "Elvis" Friskie from Vancouver. Later in the evening my mom and Aunt were treated to some Mauri dancing from our friends



The Louie Family celebrates Lea's 70th (right).

from New Zealand. Everything was so special. Thank you to all who attended. I would like to say a special thank you to Rick Lindholm, and my Uncle Greg Louie for helping to make the day special for my mom. Kleco, Kleco. Sharon Louie- Bond.

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The Policies and Practices follow the 1979 Indian Health Policy and the 1997 renewed Mandate from Health Canada in Ottawa. Eligibility is based on Indian registry status and be registered with the provincial health care in province or territory of residence.

An infant less than one year of age who is pending administrative processing to achieve status is covered under the parent or guardian for NIHB extended health programs.

A time-frame of three months is given for a child to get registered under the province or territory for regular health care, doctor, hospital visits and stays.

The following programs under NIHB are:

- Pharmacy
- Dental
- Medical Equipment/Supplies – (Hearing Aids), (Orthotics), Oxygen Therapy
- Vision Care Services
- Crisis Intervention Counselling
- Medical Patient Travel
- Provincial health care premiums

These programs are accessed via a medical doctor or specialist prescription – combined with pre-determination request via the Regional Health Canada office in Vancouver, BC – This is how providers who provide service to clients under the NIHB programs get paid.

The objectives of the program (s) are identified as the following:

- suitable to First Nations unique health needs;
- helps eligible First Nations and Inuit to reach overall health status on par with other Canadians
- is cost effective
- will maintain health, prevent disease and assist in detecting and managing illnesses, injuries, or disabilities

When denied service under any program, you have a right to appeal. Contact your home community to work with your CHR to assist you with you appeal process or the undersigned at 1-888-407-4888 or locally at 250-724-5757

Robert Cluett, CD – NTC CHS NIHB Program Coordinator

## Notice of Postponement of the Ahousaht Election:

Due to the recent tragedy in Ahousaht, the voting for Chief and Council that was to take place on June 1st will be postponed until Wednesday June 16. The time (8 am to 8 pm) and location (Tech Resources Room) remain the same. I will continue to accept mail in ballots up to the close of polls on that day.

**Robert McKerracher**  
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## EXECUTIVE-LEVEL OPPORTUNITY

### Band Administrator

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**Some duties and responsibilities include:**

- Serve as the primary point of contact for the administrative operations and related business interests of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation;
- Ensures the coordination and preparation of all Council of Chiefs business;
- Develop proposals to access additional resources or services;
- Oversees and monitors financial and program matters;
- Provide leadership, motivation and direction to all staff.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- BA or Masters in Public or Business Administration with five years of experience in Leadership-level position involving business development, financial analysis and strategic planning;
- Excellent organizational, strategic, planning and implementation skills;
- Understanding of financial reports, budgetary processes and project reporting requirements;
- Able to identify key issues; and, creatively and strategically overcome internal challenges or obstacles;
- A well-defined sense of diplomacy, including solid negotiation, conflict resolution, and people management skills;
- Provide a clean criminal record check and provide at least three references.

Qualified applicants should send cover letter and resume by **June 11, 2010**. Please state in your cover letter your date of availability and salary expectations. Direct your application to:

**Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council**  
P.O. Box 1383  
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2  
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## Family celebrates life of Margaret Jack with a feast

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Campbell River**—More than 100 people arrived at the Navy League Hall in Campbell River on May 22 to join the Jack family in a celebration of the life of their mother, Margaret Jack of Kyuquot.

Margaret's daughter, Anita Baker, explained that it was one year ago, exactly, that Margaret's heart failed without warning and if it weren't for the efforts of her sister, Bonnie, who performed CPR until the ambulance arrived, Margaret would not have survived.

On May 22, 2009, Margaret was seated in the living room of her Campbell River home. Her daughter Bonnie sat

nearby chatting while using a laptop computer, Anita explained. As Bonnie gazed at her computer monitor she noticed it seemed to take awhile for her mother to respond. When she looked up she saw her mother convulsing.

Despite the sheer terror and panic of the moment, Bonnie was able to begin CPR and have her boyfriend assist with the 911 operator, all while crying hysterically. The ambulance

arrived in about four minutes and paramedics took over resuscitation efforts.

Margaret was resuscitated at the local hospital but was sent to Nanaimo Regional Hospital where she stayed in an induced coma for five days.

"They didn't know what was wrong with her," said Baker.

Two weeks later Jack was diagnosed with myriad medical problems that, with proper medication and a pacemaker implant, became manageable.

But recovery wasn't immediate. Baker said when her mother emerged from her induced coma she had lost some of her memory.

"She thought it was the 1980s and she kept asking us to call dad and tell him to pick her up and



Bonnie holds a cedar and grass basket that mom Margaret Jack made in gratitude for her swift action when Margaret became critically ill.

take her home," said Baker. The family didn't have the heart to remind their mother that their father passed away a few years before.

Not knowing how to handle the situation, the family consulted the doctors who told them it would be okay to tell her the truth. She needed the information in order to regain her memory and so they did. Today, says Baker, Margaret is pretty much returned to her old self and she's very much happy to be alive.

She sat quietly at a back table hugging grandchildren that came to greet her.

Then Kelly John said a prayer as people waited to be served their dinners of fried salmon and halibut steaks or turkey. Sisters Bonnie, Anita and Lillian were busy in the kitchen preparing food and directing servers.

Emcee Ralph John told the people that a year had passed since Margaret spent a lot of time in the hospital. He told the crowd that the family wanted to take the opportunity to thank them for all that they've done for the family and for being there to celebrate Margaret's survival.

Speaking on behalf of Margaret, granddaughter Star Frank told the crowd that her grandmother was grateful for what Bonnie did.

"If it weren't for her, (Margaret) wouldn't be here today," said Star. She presented a cedar and swamp grass woven basket to Bonnie that Margaret had made herself. Bonnie accepted the beautiful gift and gave her mother a tearful hug.

Reading from a prepared speech, a tearful Bonnie said, "Thank you all for coming to celebrate the life of our precious Margaret Jack... whom about this time last year crossed into both worlds." She went on to say the family was grateful her mother was allowed to stay in this world to be with her family.

"Mother...we love you with all our hearts and celebrate your life today as you are given back to help us grow yet some more," said Bonnie.

"We want to thank you for being there for our family in our time of need," said Star to her guests. "Thank you to those of you that gave us money, cooked for us, sat with us; it means a lot to us," she told them.

Star thanked Anita for staying with Margaret day and night while she was in intensive care, tending to her needs.

Margaret posed for photos with her children and grandchildren before giving gifts to special people in her life.

## CORRECTION

In the May 20, 2010 edition of Ha-Shilth-Sa in a caption under the photo that showed the Tseshah Market donation of \$10,000 to the Alberni Athletic Association, we incorrectly identified Anna Masso as being with the Tseshah Market board of directors. Masso was, in fact, attending the event as the association secretary. We apologize for any confusion or embarrassment our error may have caused.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### Manager of Teechuklth (Mental Health)

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) is seeking a Manager of Teechuklth to be responsible for the overall management of the mental health and wellness programs for NTC members and community. This position is based out of Port Alberni, and reports to the Director of Community and Human Services.

**Responsibilities will also include:**

- To manage the NTC Teechuklth team within a framework that balances the benefits of both psychological and qu'u'asa approaches;
- To manage delivery of Clinical Counselling, Prevention, Qu'u'asa, NIHB Mental Health programs;
- To recommend and manage allocation of available resources to most effectively respond to mental health needs of Nuu-chah-nulth communities and members;
- To ensure that terms of contracts, including service delivery, reporting and evaluation are completed in a timely manner.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- Masters degree or PhD in either Psychology, Counselling, Social Work, or related professionals qualification with a specialization in mental health; or a Masters' degree in Health Administration or related field plus experience managing mental health services;
- Minimum of 5 years of proven experience in delivery of a services program within a First Nations environment, preferably including administration of contracts, supervision and training of staff;
- Experience with successful proposal writing and negotiation with funding organizations;
- Good communication skills, both written and oral;
- Understanding of First Nations history, developmental challenges, and opportunities will be considered an asset;
- Personal wellness plan, and experience in effectively supporting staff to maintain their own wellness plans;
- Provide acceptable references and criminal record check.

Apply by **June 4, 2010** by sending your cover letter, resume and 3 references to:

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## Letter to the Editor New lessons learned

Dear Editor:

I am a student in Grade 10 at Alberni District Secondary School. I am working on an assignment in my Communications 11 class about residential school. As a person of Aboriginal descent, I think it is important for the general community to understand the harsh treatment many First Nations people endured in the residential school systems and in ways which we are healing.

The first residential school started in the 1840s. The last residential school closed in 1996. The reason for these schools was to convert Indigenous children to Christianity and to "civilize them." Children would be forcibly removed from their families to go to the schools. If families failed to send their children willingly, they would be threatened with prison. By 1930, over 95 per cent of Aboriginal children were placed in residential school where many were abused, physically, sexually and mentally. These children and teenagers who were mistreated this way would have to live with this for the rest of their lives.

Aboriginal people have been affected as individuals and as a group because of the abuse inflicted by the residential school system. As these children became adults, and eventually parents, they knew

no other way to raise a child but the way they were raised as children. Therefore, these children would grow up being abused. Loss of language and culture was consequently another affect of going to the schools. The residential schools would not tolerate students speaking their own language. A few ways they would be punished is standing for days or having a needle put through their tongue. Many survivors of residential school turned to drugs, alcohol, and suicide to deal with their pain.

Working together to heal as one is necessary for residential school survivors. Healing ceremonies, sweat lodges, improving their education are a few ways to help heal. We can get through this by showing other people that we can do it, and we can be successful. By proving ourselves and working together we can show everyone that we are strong, and can get through this together. Although as much as we try, the pain from the past won't be forgotten. Working together is our best bet.

This assignment hasn't been easy for me to write, but, it has been a profound experience to learn new things about residential schools, and their past.

Sincerely,  
Mercedes Brown

## Dinner a success!

Dear Editor:

The Alberni Athletic Association extends its heartfelt thanks to the many organizations, businesses, performers and individuals who made a contribution to the Sportsmen's Dinner. This overwhelming support made the Athletic Hall fund-raiser an outstanding success. Although the amount raised has not yet been finalized, early indications are that the funds raised have exceeded the

Committee's expectations.

On May 7th many former team members, guests, speakers, supporters and volunteers had an opportunity to reminisce about their experiences in the Athletic Hall(s)4 Thanks to the dedicated efforts and generous donations of so many we can all look forward to the completion of the new Hall.

Denny Grisdale  
Alberni Athletic Association

## Salmon farming

Continued from page 2.

"They really know the ins and outs of the business," said Maquinna, adding their knowledge puts the Canadian government's counterpart to shame.

According to George, Norway's government officials talked openly about problems they've encountered in the industry, including sea lice, and the steps they are taking to address the problem. He says their scientists have made some advances in dealing with sea lice. Sea lice, he said, die in fresh water so site placement is being studied and so is feed formula.

The chief was taken to salmon farms and to a feed factory where he would see, first hand, how things are done. According to George, while at the feed factory he learned Norwegian scientists are working on a feed formula that can repel sea lice.

Overall, Maquinna said the Norwegians run a very clean operation with effective waste management practices. "There is very little impact to their ecology," said George.

At the Cermaq annual general meeting, the delegation was met with a small British Columbia delegation protesting Norway's salmon farming industry. The delegation included Darren Blaney of Homalco First Nation, Nicole McKay, Wilderness Tourism of B.C. and Professor Neal Frazer.

Maquinna saw B.C. protestors waving the flags of Norway painted over with sea lice.

"It was a disgrace, what they did to the Norwegian flag. Their soldiers fought next to ours in World War II and Norway isn't only about fish farming," said George. He refused to shake the hand of a man who admitted to painting one of the signs.

George took issue with what Darren Blaney of Homalco First Nation had to

say. "They said we (Ahouasht) sold out to Mainstream Canada and he said we're desperate residential school people for signing the protocol with Mainstream," he said.

Maquinna maintains he respects the authority of other ha'wiith in their respective traditional territories and he expects the same in return. He takes issue with outsiders who try to tell him what to do in his ha'wulthi.

"We have to deal with NGO's (non-government organizations) who I hear are now trying to stop development of our Lot #363," said Maquinna.

"I think fish farmers are getting the short end of the stick and we're still going to go ahead with them; 60 per cent of our people work on those farms," he pointed out.

George said he's all for wild salmon conservation and admits walking with Cosy Lawson, a Tofino activist, who marched to Victoria last month to protest net pen salmon farming to conserve wild sockeye.

"There's more to it (wild salmon stock declines) than just salmon farms; there's logging practices that ruined salmon creeks, there's over fishing."

He said he took part in the herring fishery before its collapse.

"People made a lot of money herring fishing and it collapsed and now a big chunk of the food chain is gone," said George.

He suggested that if conservationists were serious about saving the salmon they would shut the sports fishery down.

"But that's not going to happen," he said, adding, "it would shut tourism down and it would shut Tofino down."

My concern is to keep our guys working. He said he's learned that it is important the people get all the information they can on a given subject before passing judgment.

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June 26  
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# Huyaaqiml-Flying Geese Moon: April 19-April 23

Submitted by M. Amos  
Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker  
-Gold River

We had come to a place in time where we would find if we are really prepared to plan an event when things have been so difficult with life trials.

Because of the theme "Hishuk-ish-tsawalk" we had last year, it was that we as a school could plan the Cultural Week in a very short time. Team work was what was needed and just knowing what had to be done.

We invited the elder to give their advice on how a Potlatch was conducted as Captain Meares is hosting one on June 11. We would like to say thanks to Cecelia and Max Savey, Gloria Maquinna, Jack Johnson, Violet Johnson for sharing their knowledge. This is a beginning stage for preparing for next year as this has never been done in our school. Without our elders who dedicate their knowledge and time to our school it would be more difficult. It is a big help for us.

To Cory Howard, who moved his family back home and has offered what he does well, singing. He will be teaching our young men to sing so that they will be prepared for the event in Tahsis.

To Hilary Savey and Jimmy Johnson who have allowed themselves to be available in our school. They have given permission for us to use a song that was given to their daughter Mary. They will be involved with the practice every Wednesday after school.

On Monday, we invited a number of facilitators to help teach our students to

make different crafts. They demonstrated in the foyer for classes to observe throughout the day.

To Allison Howard, who comes faithfully when needed to teach her expertise that she has with making shawls and vests. She has a very good relationship with the youth.

To Francis Jack, an artist who works at the Day Care in our community comes to our school when he is requested. He is a very talented young father with expertise that will take him far.

To Hilary Savey, a past student, who has come to share her knowledge in making projects in beading. She has learned this from her mother. She is very dedicated in allowing herself to be available when we need her.

To my co-worker Beulah Howard, who came to assist in teaching cedar head bands to the students. It was so much fun and we had students who were teaching others to make one. We will be using them as teachers next year. New talent coming up!

To the other facilitators who could not make it, there will be another year. We encourage others to be a part of teaching our youth in school so that it will be carried on in the future. But we do need to have a criminal record check done for everyone who comes into the school.

On Tuesday, we had a Hip Hop performance. It was an awesome performance and enabled our students to see what the options can be for them out there.

On Wednesday and Thursday, the school invited a cartoon artist to demonstrate to students who were interested in this type of art. Individual students were invited and it was done in a classroom.

Friday, this was a very special day for

the school. We invited Suzanne Chisholm who did the documentary about Luna. She showed the movie and it was an hour long. Very well done! Invitations went out to the elders Violet Johnson, Jack Johnson, Gloria Maquinna, Eugene Amos and Larry Andrews. The students were very happy and pleased with your presence.

Suzanne then went to individual classes where students could ask questions and discuss the whole event that happened here in our area. There were many, many questions and one thing that was mentioned was that the movie received 24 awards throughout the world. The students were impressed by this, that a little town of Gold River is on the map. She mentioned that there is a movie being made and that is coming in the future. No names mentioned who will be in this movie.

Every year we usually invite someone from our community to cater a lunch for the school. This year the students pre-

pared the lunch, we invited the Elders and community members to come join us and mingle. They made homemade chili, bannock and chumas. I would like to just acknowledge all the students who prepared the lunch, the staff that helped in ensuring that things were properly done, to all those who came for the lunch. Kleco!

Every year we discuss what we can do better to enable us as parents, students and staff to involve ourselves in the planning of the Culture Week. Without you supporting as staff this would not happen and to have our Principal Mrs. Fehr, who is there all the time to make sure things are being done properly for the school.

We have come to another year of many changes and many challenges in all our lives. We have seen the growth in many and many who have made difficult choices, but we are still here and that is good.

Chuu!

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### The scheduling for the community visits is as follows:

Kyuquot	June 14 2010
Oclucje	June 15 2010
Ehatis	June 15 2010
Mowachaht	June 16 2010

For communities that are not on this schedule we had no known diabetics. Please do not hesitate to call me if you do have diabetics in your community.  
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Submissions are due by June 11.



### Safety Graduation!

On May 17, Haa Huu Payuk School's Grade 4 DARE class completed their last DARE Retro Bill's Safety Tips presentation with Port Alberni Aboriginal Policing's Cst. Scott MacLeod. Although only four lessons were produced for the Grade 4 level, the class expressed interest in seeing all Retro Bill's 20 safety tips. When surveyed as what was their favorite safety tip, the class voted unanimously "What should you do if you find a gun?" A close second was "How do you avoid fights?" Congratulation to Sybastian, Alvin (not pictured), Karl, Jeremy, Benny, Lakisha, Payton, Lorissa, Ricki, Kalilah, Arthur, Derian, Christina, Sheldon, Lyndsay, teacher Ms. Thibodeau and Mr. Netzer for completing all the lessons.

### In Memory

My loving Bro Lawrence J. Mack  
November 8, 1960 - Died February 25, 2009



We didn't know that day,  
That God would call your name  
In life we loved you dearly,  
In death we feel the same  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you didn't go alone,  
For a part of my went with you (Zoom-Zoom)  
The day God called your name.  
You left me peaceful memories  
Your love is still our guide

And though we cannot see you  
You're always by our side  
Our family chain is broken  
And nothing seems the same  
But as God call our names one by one  
The chain will link again

Love and miss you  
Chops  
Your sis Bernice and Gary Newnham  
And Savannah Mousseau

### In Loving Memory

Rose Marie George - nee Seitcher - May 18, 1942 - January 14 1978

Already it's been 32 long, long years since you left us, o so sudden, it still hurts bad yet.

There are no real answers as to why, I tried looking for a full 13 years, I found no answer.

I was always left with more questions, it left me - not caring about anyone - myself - my daughter - my siblings, my friends. I do not ever try to justify - but to understand, I still am not able to let it sink into my body, soul, spirit.

I found that I had a rage unequal to many rages which dies down or goes away for some intelligent persons. I was never quite intelligent enough to let it go, it went on and on for a full 13 years, it was a young Adams lady, who woke me up to reality. thanks to you - I know you know whom I mean. My late wife rose, we were opposites drawn to each other as much of nature provides for us. You with all your kindness, me with my rage. I found

some parts of the answers, it was my parents, the residential school, the non native society, our very own 1st nations people. Anything related to authority figures, ie police, teachers, supervisors. The church in my case was the united church.

However - I found part of my answer, I had to remember what happened - forgive, not forget but forgive. The feeling always comes back,

So I had to learn how to quickly say a prayer to remind myself - I forgave all aspects with no conditions. The triggers come far and far between now - so I have to work on my own issues. This is meant for understanding only not to justify. Rest In Peace My Dear and Late Wife Rose Marie.

I loved - I lost dearly so much of my life I lived for. Now there is a beautiful daughter, and 2 beautiful grandchildren who never had the chance to meet you. Till We Meet Again.

Written by Corbett George  
Ahousaht 1st nation

### Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Grade 12 Graduation Celebration

Saturday, June 26, 2010  
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Huu-ay-aht First Nation

Grad registration forms will be available at the N.T.C. Office at the end of May. At this time we will also post the application on our website and send it out to all our tribes. Grads we are hoping that this early notification will give you the opportunity to mark this date on your calendar and send us your application form once it is available. Chuu!



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Cory Hanson of Ehattesaht builds a modern-day fish weir to help gather information about sockeye salmon in the Park River.

# Fish weir construction spurred on by community

Submitted by Cory Hanson

My name is Cory Hanson. I am the fisheries technician for my nation (Ehattesaht). To date our main project has been a fish weir, which we've constructed to get an estimate on salmon numbers for the Park River, near Queen Cove. The project has been moving along, slowly but surely. With help from a number of people around the area, I have come up with the structure, the fence, and traps. I have enjoyed working on it every day for the past couple of weeks, explaining to office visitors what the plan is, and how it's going to work—along with what I was actually doing.

The weir project started up because Ehattesaht members were curious about how the Park River was doing. We wanted to know how fish numbers were holding up, and which numbers were higher than others for the different species of fish. People who have helped on the project include Dave Miller and Virgil John. Almost everyone in the band office here has put in their two cents.

The Park River is important to

Ehattesaht because it is one of the few rivers big enough to hold fish, including salmon. It is also one of the rivers of our Ha'wiih. The one specific kind of salmon we are looking for during our project is sockeye, one of our nation's most treasured species.

I believe this project is important because it has to do with our salmon. This project got going because Ehattesaht members have asked for it to be done, funded in full by our nation. Weirs have been used traditionally for centuries, not just by Ehattesaht, but by other Nuuchah-nulth Nations.

We built the weir using 2x4s and stucco wire fencing, along with some chicken wire to ensure the openings weren't too large. We constructed the trap using the same thing: 2x4s, fencing, and 2x12s to serve as the fyke and lids. With this kind of trap, we can let the salmon go when we have finished our documentation, ensuring they stay in the river to provide for future generations.

Cory Hanson is the fisheries technician for Ehattesaht First Nation. He can be reached at coryhnsn@gmail.com for more information.

## In Memory

In Loving Memory  
Mom - Effie Williams  
Passed away June 4, 2007

Mom - where do we begin? Words cannot express how someone feels sadness. It doesn't seem like you're gone. It's been 3 years now. We will cherish these memories. Special moments we had with you.



You were taught well. You hardly said a mean word to anybody. That was you caring for one another. We will miss this special bond we had with you. You liked everybody. It hurts, we feel like crying.

Together in our hearts forever. We got to know you were kind, charming and joyful. You had pride and a sense of humour. You were fun to be with. And you had respect for people. We had the good times we shared with you.

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## Nuu-chah-nulth Co-host International Conference

The 12th Annual International Congress for Ethnobiology wrapped up in Tofino on May 14, bringing to a close one of the largest conferences the town has ever seen. Attracting more than 350 people from over 50 countries, the congress was hosted by Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, the Tofino Botanical Gardens, and the International Society of Ethnobiology.

"The congress is about bringing people together who study the relationship between humans, ecosystems, and the environment," said Kelly Poirier, a member of the congress' organizing committee and Tseshaht First Nation. "We want to ensure the relationship between culture and biodiversity remains invigorated for future generations."

Held bi-annually in different locations around the world, the congress plays host to scientists, academics, journalists, indigenous scholars, and community activists who tackle difficult and challenging issues. This year's themes included food security and sovereignty, language, and the preservation of sacred places. The Nuu-chah-nulth principle of Hishuk-ish Tsawalk (everything is one) was the overarching focus.

"As Nuu-chah-nulth, we understand the relationship between language and our governance to the places where we live and the health of the ecosystem. Hishuk-ish Tsawalk gives everyone a word to define that relationship," Poirier said.

Nuu-chah-nulth people and Nations participated in every level of the congress. Umeek (Dr. Richard Atleo) was the session's keynote speaker. Poirier and sister Dawn Foxcroft sat on the organizing committee,

along with Levi Martin of Tla-o-qui-aht. Another sisterly duo, Gisele and Tsimka Martin of Tla-o-qui-aht, delivered field trip sessions, while others took part as panellists and presenters (including Eli Enns, John Rampanen, Levi Martin, and Umeek.)

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation also performed a memorable opening ceremony featuring traditional songs and dances. "Those were picked by the Ha'wiih," said Levi Martin. "They're usually a show of what they have in their territory."

The Congress included a wide range of formats for people to share their knowledge, ideas and experiences, ranging from talking circles, to film viewings and discussions, cultural performances, field trips, oral presentations and poster sessions.

Uu-a-thluk staff and contractors hosted a session featuring Central Region Biologist Katie Beach as moderator. Participants included Dawn Foxcroft talking about Uu-a-thluk's unique approach, Don Hall talking about Nuu-chah-nulth fishing rights, and Beach talking about sea otters in Nuu-chah-nulth Ha-ha-houlthee.

Later in the congress, the Nashuk Youth Council talked about their journeys to reconnect with traditional foods through Uu-a-thluk-sponsored activities. Their session featured a screening of seven digital stories. "In 1778, Nuu-chah-nulth people discovered Captain James Cook," said Damon Rampanen to many chuckles. He later added, "To this day, youth are colonizing ourselves by buying things because other kids have it. You don't want to be known as the kid who doesn't have the iPod."

The youth received a standing ovation for their efforts, drawing comments from participants from around the world. "We salute you," said Finnish audience member. "All the stories you have told—you have done a great thing."

Poirier later reflected on the congress' success. "We wanted to give people a taste of what it's like to live in this coastal community and I think we've achieved that. That's probably the most exciting part."



### 12<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ethnobiology

## Did you know?

Twenty years ago, at the inaugural ICE held in Brazil, more than 600 people adopted the Declaration of Belém, which outlines ways to recognize Indigenous experts as authorities and meaningfully and equitably engage Indigenous people in all projects that affect them, their resources, and their environments.



Members of the Nashuk Youth Council address delegates during the International Congress of Ethnobiology. From left to right: Damon Rampanen, Nikkie Watts, Tony (Herbert) Mountain, and Keenan Jules.

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