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Canada's appeal of Fishing Rights Decision takes place in Vancouver

Ha'wiih, fishermen, community members, and other supporters packed the courtroom in Vancouver Dec 6 to 10 as Canada's appeal of the Nuu-chah-nulth fishing rights decision began.

The week-long hearing commenced with Canada's submission, followed by a submission by the legal team representing Nuu-chah-nulth Nations.

On appeal was the November 2009 decision by Justice Madam Nicole Garson, which recognized the right of Nuu-chah-nulth Nations to fish and sell fish commercially.

More specifically, Canada was appealing three main findings of the trial judge:

That Nuu-chah-nulth ancestral communities regularly traded significant quantities of fish before European con-

tact;

That trading in fish was an integral practice of those communities and that the practice translates into an aboriginal right to fish and to sell fish in the commercial marketplace;

That, except for the clam fishery, Canada's fisheries regulatory regime infringes the right to fish and to sell fish in the commercial marketplace;

The legal team representing Nuu-chah-nulth Nations concluded their submissions on the Friday, followed by a short rebuttal by Canada's lawyers. The Court adjourned with the Justices reserving their decision.

For full coverage on the appeal hearing, watch for the next issue of the Nuu-chah-nulth newspaper Ha-Shilth-Sa.

**Mark your calendars:
Nuu-chah-nulth Social Issues Forum is scheduled for Jan. 26 and 27, 2011 at the Hupacasath House of Gathering. See page 7.**



Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation welcomed the babies of 2010 at a ceremony on Dec. 7 held at Opitsaht. See page 17 for story.

Local Ford dealership steps up to help family in need

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Lance and Ruby Ambrose were living the life most Nuu-chah-nulth people want. They were active parents very much involved in the lives of their five children, and both were working for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Life was good and everyone was happy until something happened that would challenge the family in ways they never saw coming.

Lance was diagnosed with a serious illness which required immediate, intensive treatment. Health professionals offered little in the way of hope.

As the family pulls together to deal with Lance's medical needs, things like work and paying the bills are put on the back burner, being dealt with as time and resources permit. But the bills don't go away just because someone gets sick.

According to Van Isle Ford owner Will Pulford, the Ambroses had just purchased a vehicle large enough to carry their seven-member family last spring.



Ruby and Lance Ambrose with Dorothy McKay who gave the couple her winning ticket in the Win a Car Shootout promotion by VanIsle Ford. They had the opportunity to win a new vehicle during the Alberni Valley Bulldogs game on Dec. 12. The car dealership also donated the proceeds of the ticket sales for the promotion to the Ambroses as they deal with the challenges of Lance's illness.

Sadly, the couple returned to the dealership to explain their circumstances.

"They are a local family with five children and they have to do a lot of traveling," explained Pulford. The Ambrose

family travels frequently from their Port Alberni home to Victoria for Lance's medical treatments. Pulford and his team wanted to do something to help the family in their time of need.

The dealership sponsors Alberni Valley Bulldogs hockey games and their promotions department has sponsored a Win a Car Shootout to benefit charitable organizations in the past.

"We thought we could do something amazing with this," Pulford said. The dealership offered to use their Win a Car Shootout promotion to help the family.

According to Pulford, the public is invited to buy tickets for a chance to win game tickets, a meal at a co-sponsoring restaurant and a chance to shoot a puck from the blue line during a Bulldogs hockey game intermission for a chance to win a Ford vehicle valued up to \$30,000.

"In their time of need Van Isle Ford of Port Alberni, BC has selected the (Ambrose) family as beneficiaries of their annual Win a Car Shootout," said Pulford, adding he hoped benefits raised for the family would help offset their car payments and allow them to keep their vehicle.

Little Bavaria Restaurant co-sponsored the promotion by helping to sell tickets and provided the dinner prize.

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Vice President's Update

What will the future hold in treaty?

As always, I am inspired by the youth that I get to work with and speak to. One young lady in particular inspires me whenever I have the opportunity to speak with her and her classmates. She is a young mom and working hard to achieve her Grade 12.

When given the opportunity recently to ask questions when I was done speaking, she asked me questions about treaty. She asked me difficult questions.

I spoke about my experiences and what I had witnessed about how the treaty process has evolved and changed for some nations in a positive way, and how it has stayed stagnant for others. She listened intently without judgement, and asked further questions to gain clarity about something that was so important to so many of our people.

What inspired me was that rather than make assumptions or pretend to know and form an opinion before she had a deeper understanding of the topic, this young lady asked. She shared what she had seen and heard from members of her family. She shared her own concerns and yet she was so respectful and wanted to create an informed opinion for herself. She wanted to get an idea of the bigger picture.

Many of the issues and portfolios that I work on effect many different people in many different ways. If I am unsure, I need to ask those that know more. I need to ask things respectfully and not pass judgement or offer only criticism.

I am so blessed to do the work that I do and this young lady inspires me to move forward and continue to do this work even when it is tough, and when it is tough I need to stop and ask and offer solutions.

With that in mind, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Treaty Table has met twice in the past two months. What the future is of treaty for those at the NTC main table has been the major topic of discussion. What are our next steps going to be?

Of the nations that remain at the NTC table, what does the work moving forward look like? What are the priorities? These questions will continue to be addressed in the New Year. It is my hope that we will be able to provide more

information in the months to come. The work on RCMP relations continues to move forward in a positive direction. We met with Sergeant Chris Bear, the head of Aboriginal Policing for the Vancouver Island, and there is a meeting planned with the Seattle Police department to discuss what we are doing here that may be of benefit to their department.

Two of our Nuu-chah-nulth Nations have expressed an interest to have us assist with the creation of Community Tri-partite Agreements in their nations between the RCMP and the province.

Work has also taken place to begin to provide better support to our off-reserve Nuu-chah-nulth members and RCMP. There is much work that needs to be done in this area and we will continue to make this one of the priorities of the work with the police.

Children and families continue to be a major priority. I had the opportunity to attend an Indigenous Community Based Planning Conference hosted by the Ministry of Children and Family Development in St'seailas (Chehalis) territory.

Here we heard what other communities are doing in terms of creating systems of caring for their children and families that are more in line with the traditions and values of their Nation.

It was an inspiring conference where we also heard from the Deputy Minister, Leslie DuToit, that MCFD wants to work with Nations to support them in the ways that they want to care for their children.

She said that she recognizes that a cookie-cutter approach, where one program or initiative or form of legislation is



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Vice-president Priscilla Sabbas-Watts.

developed for all nations across BC, is not realistic as we all have our own ways of caring for our children. It is my hope that we see this support put into action.

I would like to acknowledge Melody Charlie for hosting the 3rd annual Evan Touchie Legacy tournament that focuses on health and well-being. I would also like to acknowledge Curtis Dick, Ken Watts and Katt Thomas for the work they did organizing the Giving from the Heart dinner held at Our Place in Victoria. It was my absolute pleasure to be a part of both events.

Merry Christmas to everyone in all of our Nuu-chah-nulth communities! I hope this holiday season allows everyone some time to spend with family and friends and to reflect on the blessings we each receive on a day to day basis.

Have a safe and happy holiday and a joyous New Year!



NTC Christmas Office Closure

Please be advised that all Nuu-chah-nulth offices will close at noon, Friday, December 17, 2010 for Christmas Holidays.

All offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Best wishes to all for a safe and happy holiday season!

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Kleco! Kleco!

Quu asa serves up Christmas season smorgasbord

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Staff and volunteers of the Quu asa Program got into the spirit of giving as they pooled their resources and threw a hot luncheon for drop-in guests on Nov. 30.

"As part of our program we provide services to a lot of the street people/low income adults in the Port Alberni area. This past August we provided a barbeque for the people," explained Charlotte Rampanen, Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services Program Acting Quu asa Supervisor.

The Argyle Street office was open most of the early afternoon as people trickled in for a bowl of hot soup or chili and bannock.

Singers were George Sutherland-Watts, Tyson Watts and Raven Watt, who sang a dinner song while Quu asa staff handed out lunches, oranges and baked goods.

Rampanen explained that Quu asa provides a variety of programs and services meeting the needs of people of all ages, but the Outreach Program, managed by John Gomez, focuses primarily on adults only because many of the other service



Charlotte Rampanen, acting Quu asa supervisor, helps to feed a community.

organizations focus more on families and children.

"We feed them a few times throughout the year and we try for times when they can't get meals from the other places like the Bread of Life. We do it to show people we are here and that we care and to let them know there are more services available to them," Rampanen said.

Quu asa takes a holistic approach to helping the community.

"People come in everyday for coffee or tea; that is a good way to engage the people and help them to begin to deal with their issues," she added.

Quu asa is also preparing Christmas care packages for their clientele.

"Last year we gave away about 100 Christmas bags, which are made up of donated goods like gloves, hats, socks, fruit and Christmas treats...Whatever we can get. The gift bags show people we

A Nuu-chah-nulth dinner song always lightens the spirits and readies the body for a good meal.

remember them," said Rampanen. The luncheon was funded primarily through the Quu asa program with donations from staff. John Gomez and his wife contributed the smoked salmon soup.

Thomas Andrews appreciated the hot lunch. He said he went for breakfast earlier that morning at the Bread of Life and decided to wait around town the extra couple of hours so he could have lunch at Quu asa.

"I don't eat much, but I don't get bannock very often," he said with a smile.

To donate to Quu asa's Christmas gift bags, drop off donations at 5120 Argyle Street or call 250-724-3939.

Tseshah Market continues to evolve and expand

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Vancouver—Tseshah's band-owned business, Tseshah Market, is racking up the honours.

In October the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) bestowed its Outstanding Business Achievement Award on the Market, and on Dec. 1 the business received recognition from the BC Achievement Foundation, receiving a runner-up nod in the band-owned business category of the BC Aboriginal Business Awards.

Board Chair Mike Watts was pleased to shake the hand of Premier Gordon Campbell and accept the recognition on behalf of Tseshah Market's management and staff at a gala dinner held for the award winners in Vancouver's Hyatt Regency.

The foundation gave out 19 awards that night. Seven award recipients, one from each category, were selected for the 2010 awards. In addition, a further group of 11 Aboriginal businesses were noted



Claudine Watts, assistant store manager of Tseshah Market, and Board Chair Mike Watts, join BC Premier Gordon Campbell on stage on Dec. 1 to accept recognition from the BC Achievement Foundations in the band-owned business category of the BC Aboriginal Business Awards.

for their outstanding achievement. It is the second year for the awards. The BC Aboriginal Business Awards were launched in October 2008 to honour and celebrate business excellence.

"We had a lot of stiff competition for the award," said Watts.

An independent jury evaluated the submissions based on the viability, sustainability and competitiveness.

Top honors in the Community-Owned Business of the Year category went to Coast Tsimshian Resources LP.

Quinsam Shell Service Station near Campbell River also received honorable mention.

Satisfied, for now, with the runner-up acknowledgement, Watts said the Market is not sitting back and resting on his laurels. The board of directors wants the top award, and is setting high goals and striving for that kind of success.

The 30-year-old business is a consistent revenue maker for the nation, especially in the last dozen or so years, said Watts, even holding strong in the last two years of global economic meltdown.

"It feels great to know it's sustainable," Watts said.

The Market offers fueling services, a convenience store and deli, a gift shop, and is currently undertaking a feasibility study for an adjacent RV park.

Watts said the Market is always looking for ways to adapt to the market trends and expand operations.

"We've got to evolve. We're always thinking of how to make money for the community."

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Oreo cookie serves as practice puck for shootout

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Tickets were also available at the Port Alberni Van Isle Ford dealership. Ruby Ambrose launched a Facebook blitz on the Internet urging people to get out and buy tickets.

The day before the Dec. 11 Bulldogs game the winning ballot was drawn. The winner, Dorothy McKay, is an acquaintance of the Ambrose family and is aware of what they are going through.

In an act of generosity, she gave her winning ticket to Lance and Ruby, offering them her chance to win a free vehicle.

"I know the family, and I bought tickets to help them out; I thought it would be a good thing to donate it (the winning ticket) back," McKay explained.

Ruby was thrilled at the thought that



Ruby Ambrose readies to take her shot on net in the Win a Car Shootout promotion by VanIsle Ford.

she could win a car. "Oh my God, I don't know. I'm speechless. Everything feels like a dream and this has been the best dream of all,"

she said. Lance, Ruby and family sat on pins and needles through the first period of the Bulldogs game. Ruby said she would

be taking the shot, but said she hadn't played hockey in years. When asked if she had a chance to practice she laughed and said she shot an Oreo cookie around the kitchen for a while that morning.

At the first intermission Lance and Ruby were helped onto the ice. Red carpet was rolled out but it was clear the path was still extremely slippery and skaters helped support the couple as they shuffled to the blue line. Ruby lined up her shot as announcer Charles Mealey offered guidance; but she slipped on the ice as she took the shot and the puck trickled just a little wide to the left.

They did not win a car that night, but they did get all proceeds from the Win a Car Shootout tickets which totaled more than \$3,000.

National chief joins family living away from home

By Denise Titian and Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporters

The annual urban dinners for Nuuchah-nulth living away from home were held over the first couple of weeks of December this year starting in Vancouver on Dec. 2.

The dinners were hosted by the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council, and because the Vancouver dinner coincided with the First Nations Summit meeting held in Squamish, it provided the opportunity for leaders to take in both events.

Guests were delighted when Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, and his wife Nancy and their two children attended. A-in-chut holds a hereditary seat with the Ahousaht Nation and has been described as a "rock star" on the national political front.

"It's good medicine to be among family," he told those in attendance at the dinner held at the Vancouver Native Friendship Centre on East Hastings. Atleo said he was proud to be Nuuchah-nulth and proud to be Ahousaht. He commended the leadership and those at the tribal council, saying the good work they were doing is not just for the Nuuchah-nulth, but for Native people across Canada.

After shaking a few hands and greeting some old friends, he settled in for a dinner prepared by Julia Eaton and a



Elaine Corfield is Nanaimo's urban delegate and organizer of the annual Christmas Dinner there. This year she was laid up with a broken hip and so dinner had an oriental flavor.

team of elders.

Among those on hand for the event were Tseshah's Chief Councillor Les Sam, Hupacasath's Chief Councillor Shaunce Casavant, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation Chief Yee Ha'with Mike Maquinna and the three members of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council executive, President Cliff Atleo, Vice-president Priscilla Sabbas-Watts, and Executive Director Florence Wylie.

Said Chief Sam "I can't tell you how much we appreciate the meal. He wished the urban Nuuchah-nulth a Merry



Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council Vice-presidents past and present. On the left serving with her family is Dr. Michelle Corfield, and on the right is VP Priscilla Sabbas-Watts who was in attendance at the Vancouver, Seattle and Nanaimo Living Away From Home Dinners in December.

Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Lillian Howard attended the meal and said Nuuchah-nulth in the urban centres are one people who have something to look forward to each year with the living away from home dinners.

As in other years, there was much singing and dancing.

Said Casavant "I didn't realize how nice it would be to be here... I'm really glad I came out."

The Seattle Christmas dinner took place Dec. 3 at the Duwamish Long House.

Lorraine Williams, Tseshah, stepped

up by offering to cook the dinner. She and family, daughter Shirley Smith and grandchildren Tianna McDell, Jason Randles and Nathan Rush, cooked up a delicious turkey dinner complete with trimmings for more than 50 guests.

President Sabbas-Watts welcomed the people before Tseshah Chief Councillor Sam introduced his family and led them in the singing of a dinner song.

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Photos take in Seattle and Nanaimo by Denise Titian and in Vancouver and Campbell River by Debora Steel.

(Left) A-in-chut, Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, thanks and congratulates Julia Eaton and her team of cooks for providing the meal at the Living Away from Home Dinner hosted in Vancouver on Dec. 2 by the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council.



National Chief Shawn Atleo gets the big spoon for his chumus, while Florence Wylie, executive director of the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council, is content with the small spoon.



(Above) Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo visits with the manager of the Nuuchah-nulth treaty table Celeste Haldane at the Living Away from Home Dinner in Vancouver on Dec. 2.

(right) People were happy and honored that the national chief could take time to share a meal with them and shake their hands.



Assembly of First Nations National Chief A-in-chut, Shawn Atleo, looks on as a little girl points out her favorite-colored Christmas light on a stylized Christmas tree set up at the Vancouver Friendship Centre on Dec. 2.

Nuuchah-nulth gather in Vancouver to share a meal

The Living Away from Home Dinners provide an opportunity for Nuuchah-nulth-aht from home to reconnect with family and friends living in the urban centres, bringing news and good wishes for the upcoming year.



The Living Away from Home Dinner hosted by the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council in Vancouver on Dec. 2 attracted large families, and the young and old alike. It was a time to play, have fun, and join together for a wonderful meal of turkey and all the fixings.



Some people attending the annual Living Away from Home Dinner in Vancouver Dec. 2 became emotional when they heard the familiar Nuuchah-nulth songs. Ramona Gus (left) joined in the celebration by dancing in her chair as Robert Watts danced behind her (below).



While it was Julia Eaton and her group of elders that prepared the meal for those living away from home, it was a group of young people who helped to serve the people gathered at the Vancouver Friendship Centre on Dec. 2.



Robert Watts dances after the annual Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council Living Away from Home Dinner served at the Vancouver Friendship Centre on Dec. 2.



Ladies attending the annual Living Away from Home Dinner in Vancouver on Dec. 2 take part in the Huu yee, Huu yee dance to bring an end to a evening of wonderful songs and a great meal.

IT'S OUR TIME

The amount of pain
you have created
over generations in time for this you know
is a genocidal crime
No apology will ever do
Do you not see
how you have hurt us
you have ravished our spirits for far too long
it's our time
to heal and love
once more
the pride the strength
of what once was a very proud people
Your residential schools are no more
long gone physically
but still in our minds mentally
You see you have failed to conquer us once again
we are a resilient people
who value our families immensely
our children now hurt
due to what you have tried and failed to do
for they love us more
than you will ever fathom
Today we hate you
Res School for all that you
stand for and all that embodies you
never
ever
come back
into our lives again !!

A poem by John Watts

Business recognition

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Tseshah Market has had two excellent store managers and the NEDC has assisted in the market's growth, both through finding funds to access and considering available options.

Watts reserved the big credit for the award recognition for the staff. They are well trained by the Market in a variety of programs, WHIMIS included, and provided skills that other employers can appreciate.

The board is gratified by the fact that many employees use their time at the Market as a launching pad for their careers.

He said the Market is in a key location along Hwy 4 at the gateway to the West Coast. Communities outside of Tseshah have been very supportive of the Market as well.

Watts said the gala dinner was an excellent night, with many dignitaries in attendance.

"It feels great to be the chair during this time of recognition," said Watts. "To know that we can be at the top of the hill is just a great feeling."

He said he has a huge appreciation for the foundation for recognizing the contributions of Aboriginal business in a wide variety of fields from across the province.



To the Residents of the District of Tofino
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SEASONS GREETINGS & BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS HOLIDAY
SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Mayor and Council
District of Tofino

Building bridges and capacity is focus of social forum

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Another social issues forum, the third to be hosted by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, will be held on Jan. 26 and 27, 2011 at the Hupacasath House of Gathering.

Everyone is welcome to attend, said NTC Vice-president Priscilla Sabbas-Watts, who will act as emcee for the two days.

This time the theme of the forum will be "External Agency Bridging," said organizer Shelly Royendyk.

Expect some high calibre speakers from such groups as the RCMP, Corrections Canada, and Victims Services, she promised. The message from the NTC executive will be delivered by Executive Director Florence Wylie.

Discussion will focus on such things as family violence, restorative justice, and bullying in the schools.

We'll be hearing about heart health from a personal trainer, and the RCMP about how Nuu-chah-nulth-aht can become involved in policing, as auxiliary members or regular members.

The goal is to create relationships with these external groups and find ways to build and bridge the works of the internal NTC agencies in a way that has never been attempted before, said Royendyk.

And the agenda is set up so that participants will have opportunity to discuss their individual concerns and issues during the time for open mic.

The social issues forums were initiated by a resolution from the tribal council's annual general meeting a few years ago as a response to some social problems being experienced in Nuu-chah-nulth communities at the time.

Said Sabbas-Watts, the NTC wants to continue to build on to the success of the past two social issues forums and the work being conducted by the NTC with police agencies.

A team that includes Royendyk and Sabbas-Watts has been meeting with police in the urban centres, and in the Nuu-chah-nulth communities, to discuss issues surrounding their dealings with First Nations citizens.

The discussion has been started, and now Sabbas-Watts wants to move the dialogue along so that tangible results can be realized from those first efforts. There will be a panel discussion to clarify what the role of the RCMP is, and how it can benefit the communities.

Sabbas-Watts believes that the forum is a good opportunity for community members to engage with these external agencies, to find support from each of the nations that make up the tribal council, while remaining autonomous, to build strength and independence, to share best practises and to problem solve.

All community members from all Nuu-chah-nulth territory are invited to attend. Lunches will be served.

NTC Staff Party 2010

Each year the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council gathers together its staff for some holiday fun. This year the luncheon was held in Port Alberni on Dec. 10 where a meal was shared, gingerbread houses and sleighs were constructed, and donations of food, clothing and cash were provided to the Salvation Army and the Bread of Life. Both organizations take up the responsibility to help people in need, including Nuu-chah-nulth-aht living in the urban centre, so each year NTC staffers do what they can to contribute to their work.

Here is a bit of a pictorial on some of the fun that was had. Happy Holidays and safe traveling over this joyous season.



Florence Wylie, NTC E.D., thanks staffers for their efforts this year.



Eileen Haggard, Nuu-chah-nulth education supervisor, made a fashion statement at the NTC party held in Port Alberni on Dec. 10...



as did Victoria Watts, the health promotion and social development manager.



We're not sure what kind of statement Rob Oldale, Senior BladeRunner Coordinator, is making.



From left to right: The Capital team (Doug Neff and Lance Adair) consult the Finance department's Lorne Brown and Sterling Watts (who served as emcee for the proceedings) on the construction of a gingerbread house.



NTC nursing staff—neat, tidy and efficient. Anybody still need a flu shot?



The Salvation Army's Captain Neil Wilkinson stops by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Christmas party on Dec. 10 to collect the donations gathered by generous NTC staffers. He is pictured with the party organizing committee.

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1. access for food and ceremonial fish and protocols between Nations; and
2. Review of the AAROM evaluation project.

Ha'wiih and Nations are encouraged to put forward their priority fisheries issues for this upcoming meeting. Please contact either Sally Hill at sally.hill@nuuchahnulth.org or Don Hall at don.hall@nuuchahnulth.org or by phone at 250-724-5757 with suggested agenda items for consideration of the Ha'wiih organizing committee.

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The Tshesht and Friends Christmas Market was held Dec. 11 and 12 at Maht Mahs gym with more than 30 vendors offering a variety of handmade products, including knitted hats, weaved baskets, carved placques and masks, Christmas wreaths and ornaments and baked goods of many descriptions. If you missed out, you should watch for the Mother's Day market in May.

IRS claimants information

The Independent Assessment Process (IAP) is a claimant-centered, non-adversarial, out of court process for the resolution of claims of sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and other wrongful acts suffered at Indian Residential Schools (IRS).

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The NTC Board and Executive have been made aware of various incidents experienced by Nuu-chah-nulth individuals whom felt that they were not treated with appropriate level of care or with fairness or respect during their seeking health care at the West Coast General Hospital, Port Alberni. The NTC Executive have met with the Administrator in the past and conveyed the desire to have improved quality of care to Nuu-chah-nulth-aht, and are prepared to take forward concerns that they are informed of. As a result, we invite you to bring forward your information so that where necessary appropriate steps can be taken.

Chief Councillor Shaunee Casavant of Hupacasath has volunteered to assist in the preparation and collection of any incident reports. **If you think you have been treated badly, or have witnessed poor treatment of others, please provide details by contacting her by phone at 250-723-8555.**

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- When- date and time of the incident

If you want immediate help while in the WCGH you can request to see the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations Hospital Liaison Worker, Pearl Dorward.



Students speak positively about NIC culture program

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tsaxana—A program at North Island College offered in the small community of Tsaxana near Gold River is challenging students while helping to move them closer to realizing their dreams.

Tim Johnson is one such student. He is taking Cultural Heritage Resource Management 120 and 130, while upgrading his English proficiency and getting credits for English 11 and 12.

The cultural heritage courses teach about Aboriginal people around the world, and help to develop an understanding about cultural tourism products and creating businesses around those products.

Johnson has worked in the past with some of Mowachah/Muchalaha's tourism-related business, and he hopes to contribute his newly-acquired skills to one day grow those and other business owned by the nation.

Geraldine Mark came out of the Kuutis program offered by the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program, which she credits with building her self-esteem and providing inspiration to continue her studies.

"Kuutis helped me become a better person and want me to strive," she shared.

Mack said she joined the cultural heritage program as a way to upgrade her English skills. She describes the program as intensive, but a great benefit of the program's small class size is that the students have learned a lot about each other and have bonded to work as a supportive and cohesive team on their many projects.

Dorothy George is from Ahousaht and has learned about land and marine life and the history of the resources in the



An intense learning experience awaited participants in the Cultural Heritage and Resource Management program offered through North Island College

territory, she said.

Another enjoyable component of the courses for her has been learning the First Nations' mythology around animals. She has also shared what she knows about her community while learning things she didn't know, like how the modern-day Ahousaht came to be by the amalgamation of six tribes.

John Amos also described the courses in the semester as intense, "but in a good way."

He said it was great experience for his work in Friendly Cove, where he hopes to one day establish a restaurant.

It gave him a lot of insights, he said, and it was exciting to learn about the history of not only his nation, but the nations of others.

Having been out of school for about 18 years, Amos said it was good to recon-

nect and relearn what he had forgotten in the English program.

Francine Savey graduated more recently in 2007 and the cultural heritage course caught her eye because she'd always been interested in First Nations studies.

She admits that the courses presented a lot of work, but she is having fun in class and learned a lot. For example, she's learned that First Nations have come a long way since the days of the ancestors, in good ways and bad.

Imelda Maquinna said the course was

fun and she liked being in it with everyone.

Michelle James said she's an entrepreneur at heart and wants to one day open a chumus store with a little extra product, like selling First Nations' art work.

Yvonne Murphy and Candace Savey round out the small group. Candace recommends the course to others, if it is to be offered again. It is still in the pilot stage and being adapted and modified so the goals of the group can be reached.

The students credited their instructors with understanding their unique needs and the pressures of adult family life. Many of the student have children that require their attention.

Roz Latvala worked on the grant to set up the program offered through the college. She teaches the English courses and acknowledges the students' goals to improve their English skills. She has enriched the essay writing and research paper components of the courses.

Ros Bradford teaches both the culture courses.

On the day that Ha-Shilth-Sa attended the class, North Island College's director of Aboriginal Education was also in attendance. Vivan Hermansen said the cultural heritage program was developed six years ago, prompted by the leadership of the Mowachah/Muchalaha First Nations around the time that Yuquot was recognized as a national heritage site.

She said that the courses will conclude with a two-week placement in a tourism business or cultural interpretation or cultural heritage operation.

Funding for the program came from the Ministry of Advance Education.

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Youth in Kyuquot learn how they are connected, how much they are valued

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Houpsitas—It's nice to break free of a routine and do something different, and that's what the young men of Kyuquot did on Nov. 30.

It was the first time they were to take part in a retreat designed to build their self-esteem and teach them about their responsibilities in the wider world.

The young women of Kyuquot had participated in an annual retreat for the past three years, and this year community leaders thought it was time to do something for the community's young men. They joined the women at a nearby lodge at Walter's Cove where a variety of activities were scheduled that "would keep them on the good path," said Janice John. The goal for the community was to continue to guide the young people.

Elders joined the group to discuss respect, self-respect and respect for others. Kicking off the day was a discussion with local RCMP who enlightened them about some of the facts of life of being Aboriginal in Canada.

Said Constable Leith Lynch, if any of the young people were to commit a crime and go to jail, Aboriginal youth can expect to spend more time incarcerated than other offenders in Canada. He said he didn't know why this was so.

He told the young people that over the

age of 12, they could be convicted of a crime. Even if it was a first offence, as an Aboriginal person in Canada, they would be more likely than other offenders to go to jail.

As a testament to the community of Houpsitas, Lynch said he had been serving Kyuquot for four years and had never had to investigate a serious crime there. He said that speaks to the strong attitudes of the people and their restrictions on alcohol or drugs in the community. It speaks about the guidance and teachings the community has been given, said Lynch.

He went on to discuss the age of majority for drinking outside of Kyuquot, and the laws around consumption. Lynch went on to discuss the conditions of being in the drunk tank, the steel cage that people are kept in while they sober up, the concrete floor where people are expected to sleep.

It's a very inhuman place, he said. Though police in charge of the cell try to stop some of the behavior of other inmates, he said nasty things still happen there. He said people defecate on others, among other things.

Lynch discussed the use of tobacco and marijuana, the gases and chemicals that can pollute the body if the substances are used. He talked about dealing in drugs and the penalties associated with dealing. And the lengths that police would go to convict a dealer.

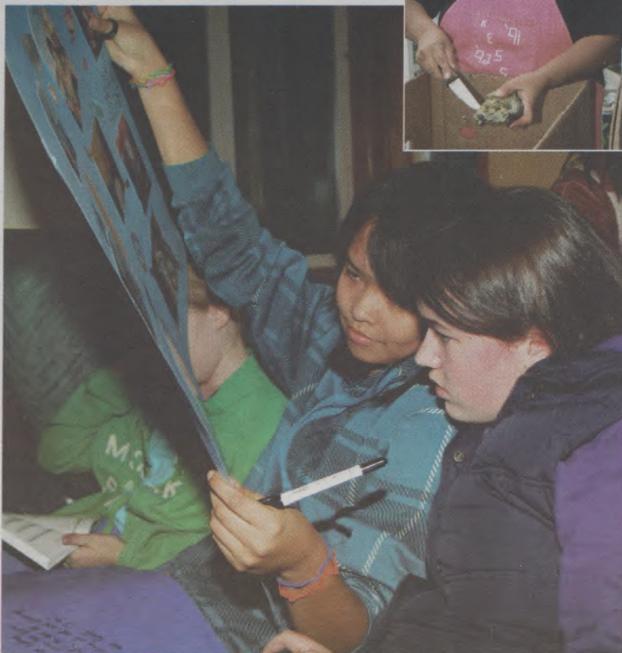
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Colin Hanson, Ed John and Tanner Jack took part in the young men's retreat in Kyuquot on Nov. 30.



Henry Jack shows Maddy Vallee some tricks with yarn while they wait for the dinner bell during the retreat in Kyuquot.



Chelsea Jules and Emma Vallee look over an affirmation board. Top: Natalie Jack prepares some oysters for dinner.



The "How Are We Related?" game tangles up participants in a web of yarn, which is thrown from one person to the next while family ties are explained.



Constables Dale Sheets and Leith Lynch discuss elements of the Criminal Code, like the legal age for drinking, with the young people of Kyuquot.



Photos by Debora Steel

Proud stand taken on whaling traditions

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Charlotte Coté's new book provides a fascinating glimpse into the whaling traditions of the Nuu-chah-nulth, specifically those of the Makah and Tseshaht, and the legal path taken to return to a harvest of this marine resource.

Spirits of our Whaling Ancestors: Revitalizing Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth Traditions is an especially enjoyable read, because many of the sources used in the making of the book, published by UBC Press, are so familiar in this community.

The writing is also entirely accessible, not burdened with a heavy academic hand. Coté is an associate professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Washington, but she writes with the warmth of a letter sent home to her family.

Coté is Tseshaht, daughter of Evelyn Watts and Jack Georg. Granddaughter of Grace and Hughie Watts, and a descendent of Sayach'apis. She spends much of the beginning of the book describing the work of Sayach'apis with the anthropologists Edward Sapir and the legacy left by them, as well as Alec Thomas, grandson of Sayach'apis, in the form of such material as the Nootka Texts.

At the heart of Spirits of our Whaling Ancestors, however, is the very deep spiritual connection the Nuu-chah-nulth have with the whale and how prominent the role whaling plays, not only in the culture and traditions of an ancient people dating back to their creation stories,

Spirits of our Whaling Ancestors Revitalizing Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth Traditions by Charlotte Coté is available from UBC Press www.ubcpress.ca 1-800668-5959

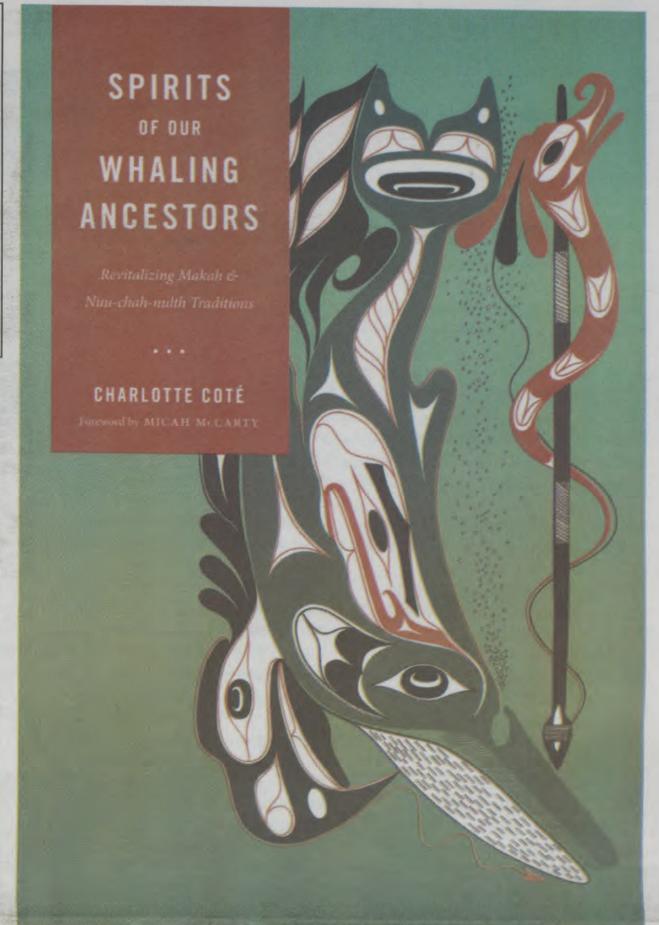
but in their contemporary identity, despite a long absence from the practice of whaling.

Coté is a generous writer, discussing candidly the spiritual rituals associated with whaling, and central to that, the practice of oo-simch, ritual bathing. She is an enthusiastic writer, as evidenced by the opening paragraph in her introduction to the book:

Excerpt:
It was May 17, 1999, the day my sister Charlene called from Victoria, B.C., to share the news that members of the Makah Nation had been successful in their whale hunt in the ocean waters near Neah Bay, Washington. A thirty-foot maa'ak (grey whale) gave its life to feed the Makah people, an act that elicited in me a sense of excited disbelief...I was overwhelmed and ecstatic at what the Makah tribe had just achieved.

From there she states her goal in writing the book: To explain how the reviving of the whaling tradition has cultural,

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Novel features Ahousaht and Hesquiaht characters

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

We've all seen them on convenience store shelves, the colorful romance novels with insanelly beautiful couples locked in passionate embraces.

Many still collect the books, but in the digital age, publishers are moving away from the traditional print novel to the more modern, less expensive Ebook.

That is how author Theresa Scott's 1987 novel Savage Betrayal found its way from the dusty piles of out-of-print historical romance fiction back onto the Internet and available for purchase.

Savage Betrayal, Theresa Scott's first novel, is set on Vancouver Island in the early 1800s. It is the story of Fighting Wolf, a mighty Ahousaht warrior and his lovely Hesquiaht captive, Sarita, who, according to the publisher, are caught up in a love that transcends their tribe's enemies.

In the story, two warring tribes attempt to make peace through marriage.

"When Fighting Wolf...asks for Sarita's hand in marriage, her father, a Hesquiaht Chief, hoping to forge an alliance that will put an end to their tribal feuding, agrees. Sarita doesn't want to marry her enemy and is miserable."

As the story goes, Fighting Wolf has no intention of honoring the agreement and kidnaps Sarita to avenge his father's death. The kidnapping sets the stage for the couple's love-hate relationship.

Excerpt:
"You have pleased me. And you'll

continue to please me, until I tire of you." It was an order.

Sarita's jaw dropped. "You—you worm! I will continue to please you!" she repeated in a high shriek. "You—you—!" Words failed her. "Let me tell you something, O high and noble chief!" Her eyes blazed. Her hair in tangles, her back straight, she faced him, proud and undaunted. "You do not please me! You will never please me!"

Fighting Wolf had to admire her courage. "You're fortunate we're not in my village. Some of my people, hearing such talk to their war chief, would demand your death."

Sarita grimaced at him. "Go ahead and kill me! You've taken everything else from me! Why not my life, too!"

Scott loves writing and says, with fiction, it's great if the audience likes it. And if they don't, well, you just have to let it slide. She is aware that her book is not true to any events between the Ahousaht and Hesquiaht but is a story based on imagination.

For Scott, romance writing is about adventure stories for women and her writing focuses on her female characters.

Scott chose Ahousaht and Hesquiaht characters because, she explained, writers should write what they know about. And she knows a little about the Nuu-chah-nulth people having grown up in Tofino and Ucluelet in the 1970s.

She met Nuu-chah-nulth students during her time at Ucluelet Secondary School then went on to UVic, moving away to Washington State in 1977.

A decade later she wrote Savage Betrayal, which sold well but went out of print in 1994. She wrote the sequel,



Former West Coast resident Theresa Scott is the author of the e-book Savage Betrayal, which features Ahousaht and Hesquiaht inspired characters.



Savage Revenge in 1991. The print books now can only be found in used book stores or used online.

But Scott says she recently bought back the rights to the books from the first publisher and the titles are now available through Ebook publisher, Red Rose Publishing.

An Ebook or electronic book, is a downloadable file found on the Internet. An electronic version of the book can be downloaded to your computer for reading or onto an Ebook device or onto

some cell phones. Savage Betrayal and Savage Revenge Ebooks cost \$5.99 each and are available on the Red Rose Publishing Web site or links can be found on the theresascott.com Web site.

Scott was grateful that there is renewed interest in her writing.

"It would be great if my book inspired people to write their own stories," she said.

Book provides a primer on rights and title battles

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social and spiritual significance that not only will reaffirm the identity of the Nuu-chah-nulth as whaling people, but will strengthen the whaling First Nations' communities by "reinforcing a sense of cultural pride."

This perspective flies in the face of western contemporary attitudes of whaling, and that struggle between world-views is not lost on the writer. In fact, through Coté's storytelling, the perspective of the Nuu-chah-nulth and their great respect for the mighty sea creator that has sustained them over centuries is

fully explored.

And what is clear from the writing of Spirits of our Whaling Ancestors is that it is no small thing to hunt a whale. It requires long months of preparation, both physical and spiritual, courage and the commitment of an entire community.

This is as true today, though many of the challenges are different, as witnessed with the Makah's endeavors to rekindle their whaling tradition in the 1990s, as it was in the past, as sung and danced about by Nuu-chah-nulth in ceremonies to this day.

Spirits of our Whaling Ancestors also

provides a primer to rights and title battles that have changed and shaped the legal landscape, both here in Canada and internationally. For example, the book discusses the difficulties the Makah had to prove that whaling had been a continuing tradition when commercial harvesting had decimated the species and conservation held harvesting at bay for many decades.

"Even though the Makah did not whale for more than seventy years, Micah (McCarty) argued, case law clearly establishes that the absence of practicing a treaty right in no way extinguishes

that right."

McCarty, who was involved in the Makah whale harvesting endeavor in a significant way, writes the forward to Coté's book. He's correct when he concludes that Coté "takes us to the heart of an emotionally charged debate on the philosophical differences between Native beliefs and those founded in the animal rights movement."

He said that the book is profoundly important to the understanding of cultural diversity, by Coté taking a proud stand on the issue of whaling and shedding light on sacred traditions.

Deep family connections re-discovered at retreat

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Lynch also talked about bullying and harassment. The young people described a variety of the ways that they had been bullied in the past, like name calling.

"Kids can be in each other's faces for whatever reason," said Lynch.

Hitting, punching, kicking, pinching, spitting, biting and slapping are all examples of physical bullying.

Threatening is another form of bullying, as is mental abuse, like isolating or ignoring others to make them feel bad.

"You can be charged with a crime for bullying," he told his audience.

There is also Internet bullying, said Lynch, the fastest growing crime today.

"You have to be very, very careful," he said of talking to people on the Internet, because there is an element of people on the Internet who pretend to be something they are not. Like older men pretending to be younger to lure youth away from their communities and families and do harm to them. Lynch suggested the young people make sure parents know who the young people are speaking to while on the Internet.

Constable Dale Sheets, who is a 21-

year member of the RCMP, with four years with Canada's musical ride, said he has enjoyed his first posting on the coast. He said young people sometimes get into trouble when they suffer from a lack of pride in themselves or a lack of respect for others.

He asked if the community had ever been policed by an RCMP member who was First Nations. There had been only one. He suggested the young people consider a life in policing.

"Why don't you join the RCMP," he asked.

Many people believe they can't do it, but he assured them that they could.

"I was afraid," he said. But that didn't stop him from joining the RCMP.

In conclusion, he advised the young people to "have faith, have pride and have respect."

Elder Kelly John spoke about his time on the streets and the addictions that led him to a life of crime. Now 28 years sober he recalled those times

He said it was the lowest of the lowest point in his life..

"It's a life that's really hard." The young men were sent out on a

scavenger hunt on the beach while the young women were gathered to discuss feminine issues.

After lunch the group gathered to put together affirmation posters. They drew their names on the posters and decorated them with family photos and stickers.

Later, classmates and facilitators, parents and others went around the room and wrote positive messages on the boards. They were later presented to the young people by family with statements to why

the young people were so valued in the community.

The game "How are we related" was also played, where participants throw a ball of yarn from one person to the next while each describes their family connections. With a web of yarn around the players, they soon learned that their roots run deep in the small community and all were connected in some manner dating back generations.

Community & Beyond

Christmas Toy Box Free Garage Sale Dec. 17

Port Alberni

The society hosts a monthly free garage sale to provide low income people with clothing, children's toys, household appliances, kitchen items and bedding. Since the garage sale is of no cost to recipients, KUU-US is looking to the community to provide donations. This year, the society will be hosting a free Christmas garage sale to provide low income men, women and children with Christmas items suitable for gifts. Donations of good quality items such as children and teen clothing, children's toys, games, crafts, Christmas decorations, and items suitable for gifts would be greatly appreciated. Small item donations will be great fully accepted on Monday to Friday between 10-2pm. The Garage Sale will be held at 4917 Argyle Street on Dec. 17, adults can pick out items for their children from 12 - 2pm and from 2-4pm children can come and pick out items for their family. If you would like to know more about this initiative, please phone 250-723-4050. This is not a typical garage sale; it is meant to reduce barriers and intended only for those that do not have financial means.

Adult Graduation Ongoing Port Alberni

Adult Graduation Ongoing

Port Alberni

Seeds has ongoing registration for adults who want to graduate. For more information call Sheena at 778-421-2450.

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Port Alberni

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Memorial for Karen Smith Feb. 19, 2011

Campbell River

We look forward to sharing this time to remember such an admired and loving person who touched many lives. Please email lady_vincent@hotmail.com or call (250) 332-5967.

Nuu-chah-nulth Council of Ha'wiih / Forum on Fisheries Jan. 17 to 19, 2011

Port Alberni

To be held at Maht Mahs. For more information, contact Sally Hill at 724-5757 or sally.hill@nuuchahnulth.org.

Sewing Circle Each Monday Evening

Port Alberni

Seeds hosts a sewing circle every monday evening at 6:00 at the Seeds building 5001 Mission Rd.

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Work continues on managing marine resources

Hello there, my name is Brian Tate. I am from Ditidaht First Nation working as a Fisheries Technician with West Coast Aquatic.

I have experienced working with a wide variety of sea life this past year, such as crab surveys, salmon- test/food fishing, mussel sampling and river swims.

Having started in December o2009 with some training, I soon moved into my work in January here at Ditidaht with crab surveys with Phillip Edgar, Jim Lane and Sabrina Halvorson. This entailed measuring the widths, identifying sex, counting of limbs and checking the shell conditions: Level 1-hard, level 2-soft, and level 3-very soft from 10 crab traps.

Also, the number of commercial traps and sport traps were counted and locations placed on a map. This is conducted year-round and is now in its final year. All this data has given Ditidaht the ability to make fully informed decisions and or recommendations regarding crab management in their territory.

In April we set up a sockeye counting fence at Hobitan River. With the help of Jim Lane and Sabrina Halvorson, the fence was constructed across the river with a holding pen in the middle where the two counters were situated.

The holding pen gave us the ability to capture and measure, as well as scale sample the returning sockeye. This fence was in place up to the third week of July counting approximately 4,000 sockeye returning to the system.

Approximately is used because there were some heavy rain falls in May causing the fence to be blown out by high river flows and lose a week's worth of counts.

The Hobitan system traditionally had a large number of sockeye returning, but over the years has deteriorated to very low abundance.

In August we went food fishing for sockeye off Port San Juan and Bonilla Point with the Midnight Raider, a 42-foot gillnetter that Ditidaht purchased last year to provide sockeye for the Ditidaht people. Although the numbers caught were minimal and did not reach as many members as anticipated, this was a learning experience for the Raider crew.

This being Ditidaht's first fishing vessel of this capacity to be out in many



Brian Tate takes part in a crab survey for Ditidaht as part of his work as a fisheries technician with West Coast Aquatic.

years, they gained valuable experience giving a positive outlook for the future.

The Ditidaht fisheries department also brought on a summer student to provide a valuable learning experience as they worked alongside me and other fisheries staff. This individual participated in

duties the other staff members performed, including giving them the training to obtain their Small Craft Operators Certificate, which all fisheries staff requires.

This transitioned into Spring salmon test fishing at the end of August with

both Ditidaht boats Midnight Raider and the Belosh. The test fishing for Springs measures the volume in the lake throughout the run and what the male to female ratio is. The ratio also informs us about what number of three to five year olds returning and when the peak season has arrived when the male to female ratio reaches 50/50.

This is the same process for our Nitinaht Chum during October and November. Measuring lengths, otolith and scale sampling is also performed throughout these seasons.

During these salmon returns, I had the opportunity to swim the Nitinaht River to visually count the returns.

From July to November, Phillip Edgar and I gathered California mussels once a week and sent them off to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency in Vancouver where the mussels were sampled for toxins. The CFIA then puts out a Red Tide warning if toxin levels are too high.

So my past year has been busy and full of new experiences although working in similar environments from past duties as an Aboriginal Guardian and Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's Harvest Monitor Program Coordinator.

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust 2010 Call for Projects

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) is pleased to announce the eighth allocation of funds to support research, education and training initiatives that promote conservation and community health in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region.

The CBT has \$50,000 available in this Call for Projects. Each project will be funded to a maximum of \$8,000. This Call for Projects is only one stream of CBT funding. The CBT Advisory Committees have a discretionary funding budget which is used to support projects in the areas of Culture, Education, Marine & Aquatic and Terrestrial. Please see our website or contact staff for more information on applying for discretionary funding. Proponents of larger projects are also asked to contact staff to share their plans and discuss other means of leveraging funds.

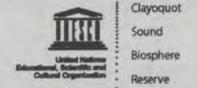
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Moutcha Bay Fishing Resort showing new Marina looking across Moutcha Bay project by Chatwin Environmental & Civil Team

Amos paddle presented to the Amazon Tribe

Brian Chatwin, president of Chatwin Engineering Ltd, presented a Nuu-chah-nulth paddle carved by Patrick Amos of the Mowachah First Nations to Chief Manuel Andl of the Sani Community on Oct. 3.

Patrick Amos' Wolf Paddle was purchased by Brian Chatwin at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council golf tournament in August after a hotly contested bidding auction. This fundraiser was set up to raise money for the Tlu-piich summer games.

Chatwin was in the Amazon jungles of Ecuador doing some volunteer work for the Sani community helping them develop solutions to their infrastructure problems.

"When I first visited this village in July I received an Amazon paddle which I took back to Canada. I thought it would be a wonderful thing to be able to exchange the gesture by bringing back to this indigenous culture some work of art from the west coast of Canada, to show to them the great strength of culture that our west coast First Nations have.

"I talked to the artist, Patrick, and he provided me with the meaning of the art which was translated to the people at their community meeting," Chatwin said.

The Sani Community is a tribe of the Kichua Nation and is located on the Rio Napa deep in the headwaters of the Ecuadorian Amazon jungle.

For economic development they operate an Eco-Lodge for tours into the Amazon. The species are so abundant here that it is estimated that on one hectare of land there are more species than in the entire North America.

Chatwin Engineering Ltd. has worked as the civil consulting engineers for many of the tribes of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for the past 29 years, and have offered up practical solutions to infrastructure problems in isolated areas, acting as the engineering department to the Tribes.

Recently they have opened up an Economic Development Department to add capacity to their First Nations clients to help them move towards greater financial independence.



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WORK OPPORTUNITY

Resolution Health Support Worker

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council/Teechukl (Mental Health Program) is seeking a term, full-time Resolution Health Support Worker to provide cultural support and counselling to individuals engaged in the Independent Assessment Process. Based out of Port Alberni, this unique position would be best suited for someone who has a desire to support individual survivors of residential school (survivors and persons of interest). The term will run to March 31, 2011 with a possible extension.

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Qualifications:

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Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2
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Email: hr@nuuchahnulth.org
(Word, pdf and rtf attachments accepted)



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Chatwin said, "The skills that I brought to the problems on the Rio Napa were the skills that I learned when I had the honor of working for all of the great people on the west coast of Canada.

They had the same problems; isolated areas where parts and services were hard to get, untrained staff for infrastructure and limited finances."

Klecko's - ꞑekoo

The family of Jan Gallic would like to sincerely thank the friends, family and community members who showed their love and support after the passing of our beloved husband, father and grandfather James (Jim) Gallic.

Thank you to all of those who took the time to drop off flowers, food and cards. A special thank you to the Robinson family, for all of their support, love and kind-

ness, even during their own difficult loss.

The support and compassion our community has reached out to show to our family during this difficult time has and continues to bring comfort to Jan, Debra, Wendy, Jason and Lisa, and all of the grandchildren. With sincerest thanks from all.

DITIDAHT RATIFICATION NOTICE DITIDAHT FIRST NATION NOTICE of POSTPONEMENT

Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Ditidaht First Nation that the poll will be postponed to ratify the *Ditidaht Election Regulations* Under the direction of the Ditidaht Tribal Council due to the unpredictable weather conditions throughout the Island the ratification vote will be postponed until further notice

We are very sorry, but due to extreme weather conditions, we are postponing the ratification vote; we do not want to put band members' lives at risk.

We will provide the band membership thirty days notice prior to the ratification vote of the date, location, time and place of the poll.

Thank you for your understanding and please drive safe and have a Safe and Happy Holiday.

Sincerely,
Y. Kathy Brown, Electoral Officer,
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See original notice below...

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I will count the vote immediately following the ratification vote at the Barclay Hotel at the close of poll and will declare the results immediately following the count. A simple majority (50% plus one) of those that vote is required to ratify the Regulations.

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Given under my hand at Ladysmith, BC, this 22nd day of October 2010.

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Please call the NTC Post-Secondary team @ 1-877-677-1131 or email
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Birthdays & Congratulations



To my handsome son Sheldon A.T. Dick a happy 20th birthday for Dec. 2. Hope you had a great day. I hope you like the picture I picked. It's one of my favorite ones. I miss your curly locks. You looked so cute you have such a beautiful smile. Love always Dad, Mom, Sabrina, Steven, Bradley.



We would like to wish our beautiful granddaughter Shawntaye Mack a happy 8th birthday for Dec. 4. Hope you had a wonderful day. Love ya whole bunch grandpa Sid, grandma Sharleen, aunty Sabrina, uncles Sheldon, Steven, cuz Bradley.

We would like to wish our nephew Michael Cootes a happy birthday for Dec. 2. Hope you had a great day. Many more to come. Love always Sid, Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish our beautiful sis Marlene Dick a very special and happy birthday for Dec. 11. Hope you have an awesome day. You deserve nothing but the best. Love Always Sid, Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish our bro James Dick a happy nifty fifty birthday for Dec. 15. Man, you're getting up there hola. Just kidding. Have a great day. Love always Sid, Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish our sis Mary

We would like to wish a little princess Anika Jensen a very special and happy 2nd birthday for Dec. 9. Hope you had an awesome birthday and hope you receive what you want. Love always Sid, Sharleen and family.



Brawn a Happy 50th Birthday for Dec. 15. Many more to come. Holy you're getting up there huh. You're lucky though because you don't look like you're 50. Anyways best wishes. Love from Sid, Sharleen and family.

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This picture was taken at the Fall Inservice for Aboriginal Infant Development Programs, Aboriginal Supported Child Development and the Weaving Our Baskets Workshops held in Richmond this past October. Pictured in the photo is the Lt-Gov. Stephen Point, Jennifer Touchie, Marie Lavoie, Jackie Watts, Laurie Hannah, and Lani McClellan.



Jenny Mack dances to a Tseshaht dinner song in Seattle.



Ahouasht's eldest Seattle resident Burma Morris and daughter Gail attend the Living Away from Home dinner on Dec. 3.



And Tigger too... Born on Dec. 9 at 12:45 a.m. weighing 8 lbs, 3 oz. made Rylan Lucas-Johnson the youngest of many babies attending the Campbell River Living Away from Home dinner on Dec. 13. His parents are Paul Johnson and Mavis Lucas.



Shirley Smith looks on as Lorraine Williams does the cooking on Dec. 3 in Seattle.



Parker Mack and family enjoyed a meal on Dec. 3 at the Living Away from Home dinner held in Seattle.



Abbigail Harry, 2, joined dad Kyle Harry and brother Ayden at the Campbell River Living Away from Home dinner on Dec. 13.



Celebrating his first birthday a day early was Brandon, with mom Anita Amos and grandma Barb Wells bringing a birthday cake to the Living Away from Home dinner in Campbell River.

Mmm Mmm good. Alison Vincent put up a fine meal for the Campbell River urban family. It was standing room only for this year's dinner.



Urban communities share time together

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"It's great to see all of you that made it here," Sabbas-Watts said, noting it was difficult for some to find the long house.

"It's great to see people who live far away from home. You're always in our hearts and it's nice to sit with you and share a meal at this time of the year," she continued.

Darrell Ross Sr. said an opening prayer as Nuu-chah-nulth members from Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Kyuquot and Tseshaht sat down to dinner.

The microphone was passed around so that all the urban members would have a chance to introduce themselves and reconnect with home.

In Nanaimo on Dec. 12, nearly 100 arrived at the Fairview School Gym for a Chinese food feast. Organizer Elaine Corfield told Ha-Shilth-Sa that she had broken her hip and spent the past week

in the hospital. Cooking a traditional Christmas dinner for so many people would have been impossible for her so she did the next best thing and ordered take-out.

The people didn't seem to mind and lined up for their share of chow mien and sweet and sour chicken.

In Campbell River on Dec. 13 it was standing room only in the hall for a meal prepared by Alison Vincent, who accommodated everyone graciously.

Each urban dinner has its own unique flavor, and the number of children being served at this dinner was amazing. The youngest in attendance was just four days old.

Dinners were held in Port Alberni on Dec. 14 and Dec. 15 in Victoria. These occurred after Ha-Shilth-Sa's deadline, but we will bring you photographs in the next edition in the New Year.

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Tla-o-qui-aht welcomes 18 babies born in 2010

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Opitsaht—Driving rain and gale force winds could not stop family members from taking part in the third annual baby welcoming ceremony held in Opitsaht Dec. 7.

Each year Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation employees, whose jobs are to work with children and the community, join forces with Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) support staff to put up a celebration to officially welcome babies born to community members in the previous 12 months.

In 2010, 18 babies were born to Tla-o-qui-aht residents of Opitsaht or Esowista. According to Debbie Neuwirth, NTC Mother's Support Worker for Child and Youth Services, several family support workers, including Nora Martin, Carol Martin and Bev Dorward, got together to plan an event that would include not only the moms and babies but also the fathers and grandparents, elders and families.

"I supported the community through the planning of the baby welcoming, using my experience from the past baby welcomings," said Neuwirth.

"I spoke with other communities on how they do their baby welcomings, and shared relevant teachings that I had received from elders."

From the input she received, Neuwirth learned that entire families played a role in raising a child and for that reason all were invited to help prepare for and take part in the event.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation organizers started making plans early on, arranging drum-making classes for new fathers, facilitated by brothers Randall and Arnold Frank. The finished drums would be presented to the new babies.

Meanwhile, mothers were invited to take part in workshops with Mary Martin where they would learn to weave cedar bark headbands for their infants.

On Dec. 7 family members sat down to lunch. Emcee Joe Martin and Randall Frank asked for a moment of silence to remember those that had once celebrated life but have since gone home.

Afterwards, the men sang a prayer song belonging to Tim Sutherland of Ahousaht. They said Sutherland gave them permission to use the song at any happy occasion. Parents and grandparents stood holding babies as they danced, thanking the Creator for the new lives they were blessed with.

A delicious seafood lunch was served, complete with smoked salmon, steamed clams, crab and prawns, as Joe Martin instructed his guests to continue to eat as he shared stories with them. He was abiding by the traditional way hahupa or teaching is done; speaking while his guests are eating so they can take in what they hear; nurturing their bodies and brains at the same time.

He talked about respect for children and about how to raise them to be strong and proud.

"Don't curse them or ridicule them. That ruins their self-respect," he advised, adding the greatest gift you can give a child is self-respect.

Another way to respect the children is to care for the environment in order to leave something good for the next generation, he advised.

Following lunch the men sang a Tla-o-qui-aht warrior song as a procession of mothers and babies re-entered the room and were seated facing the audience.

Joe Martin said the song, now a Tla-o-qui-aht anthem, was chosen to remind the people never to scare the children or make them live in fear.

"If they are afraid, they will never learn to their fullest potential," he explained, adding a frightened or timid child cannot open themselves enough to take in all the



Bev Dorward and with her son River at the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation baby welcoming held in Opitsaht on Dec. 7.



Debbie Neuwirth

born to their extended Tla-o-qui-aht family in 2010. Starting with Jada Frank, he explained the close family ties between himself and Jada's father James Frank. He explained he is also related to the mother Sheena, who is descended from the Charleson family where his mother came from.

"Her family roots extend from Ehatesaht to Hesquiaht to Tla-o-qui-aht," he told the audience before acknowledging the rest of the Frank babies.

Randall's son Arnold carved a beautiful paddle, which was presented to Deb Neuwirth and the NTC on behalf of the Frank babies and their families.

"We are very proud (of the new babies) and we want to thank you for sponsoring this very important event," he told Neuwirth.

Many of the speeches made by new fathers, or first time grandmothers to the new babies, were emotional and tear-filled. One father recalled looking into his son's eyes for the first time as he tearfully thanked his girlfriend for bringing him into the world.

Carol Martin acknowledged the Tla-o-qui-aht Head Start and Health Programs and the NTC's Debbie Neuwirth.

"We're welcoming the babies into the community. We want to recognize how special the new ones are and recognize their parents," said Martin.

"I feel honored to work with the community again this year in doing what was needed to make this celebration a success," said Neuwirth.

Players finish season at the top of their game

By Sam Laskaris
Ha-Shilth-Sa Contributor

Kevin Good and Isaiah Taylor concluded their high school gridiron careers in the best way possible. The 17-year-olds were the lone Aboriginal players on the Nanaimo-based John Barsby Bulldogs that captured the provincial high school varsity AA football championship this past weekend.

The Bulldogs downed the Handsworth Royals from North Vancouver 53-27 in the B.C. final held Dec. 4 in Vancouver.

For the John Barsby squad, it was a splendid end to a memorable season. The Bulldogs were undefeated during the 2010 campaign, winning all 12 of their matches.

Both Good, a running back, and Taylor, a defensive tackle, were key members of the Bulldogs' roster.

In fact, Good was selected as the most valuable player in the provincial final after he rushed for a season-high 248 yards on 22 carries.

Despite their winning ways, Good said

the Bulldogs always felt as though they were underdogs in their games because of their relatively small school enrolment (about 800 students).

"All the other teams were laughing at us because of how small our school is," said Good, whose father is Tseshaht and mother is Snuneymuxw.

"We played our hardest though and we came out on top each time." Good said winning the provincial title was meaningful to him this season as it was his final year of high school ball.

Last year the Bulldogs had advanced to the provincial quarter-finals. And during his first two years of high school, Good and his teammates had made it as far as the B.C. semi-finals at the junior level.

"This year everybody wanted it real bad," he said. "We came together as a family. The team had really good chemistry."

Taylor said the Bulldogs had a lofty goal early on this year.

"From the beginning of the season, that was our goal, to win the (provincial) championship," he said. Winning the title without dropping a single game made the John Barsby season even more

memorable.

"It was definitely a goal to be undefeated," added Taylor, whose father is Ahousaht and mother is Tseshaht.

"As a team we all had the same goal."

At 5-foot-7 and just 155 pounds, Good admits he is a bit undersized for a high school senior running back. He believes there are a couple of main reasons though why he was able to enjoy plenty of success.

"It was mostly the coaching," he said. "And our offensive line was big."

With just over 30 players on their roster, the Bulldogs did not have as many bodies on their club as some other teams.

"But we had a lot of tough guys," said Taylor, a 5-foot-11, 185-pounder. "And we had the biggest 'O' line in the league. It was nice to have them on our team."

Despite the score in the provincial final, Taylor said the Bulldogs did not have an easy match.

"It was a pretty tough game," he said. "They started to pick it up in the second half. In the third quarter we were only ahead by 10 points. And it was just in the end that it started becoming a blowout."

For Taylor, winning a provincial foot-

ball title was another impressive highlight to his memorable high school career.

Two years ago he captured top honors in the 74-kilogram category at the national high school wrestling championships in Fredericton, N.B. Taylor also participated at the Canadian championships, which were held in Vancouver this past year. He competed in the 74-kilogram division again and placed third.

Though their high school football careers are over, both Good and Taylor are hoping to continue playing the sport.

Good has yet to decide where he wants to go for his post-secondary schooling, but is hoping to play at the college or university levels.

Taylor is leaning towards attending the Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo, which does not have a football team. If he does opt to go there, he said he would continue his football career at the club level with the Nanaimo Redmen.

Birthdays & Congratulations



I would like to send a very Happy 1st Anniversary to my very loving husband, Mr. Daniel MacIntyre. On Dec. 24, 2009, you made me the happiest woman on earth. We said our vows and promised to love each other in front some family and friends. It was 14 years in the waiting, but was well worth it. Thank you for being the best, loving, caring and respectful husband you know how to be. I love you very much and I know that love is returned without a doubt in my heart. And I can only wish and pray that we have many, many more years together to celebrate! With lots of love, your Wife Mrs. Erica MacIntyre.

Happy 29th birthday to Rosie. You've caught up to son! Love Jack and Jack.



Happy 7th Birthday Grace! Love Mom and Dad.

We would like to wish our family in Ukee a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We miss you all and think of you. Hope to see you soon. Take care. All our love Sharleen, Sid and family.

We would like to wish all our family



Happy 1st birthday to our daughter Brooklynn Jayde Rita Storm Joseph for Dec. 12. Oh my goodness where has this year gone. Seems like yesterday you were a brand new baby. Watching you grow this past year has been the best feeling. No words could explain watching you change in so many ways, our queen B. We love you with all our heart baby. Love Mommy and Daddy



Happy 1st Birthday Hunter Samuel! Love always, your mom, dad and all your family here in Victoria.



Your very 1st Christmas followed by Boxing Day Baby girl. Happy 1st Birthday to our daughter Madison Grace Johnson. A year has already quickly passed us by. We have enjoyed all the moments watching you grow into such a "boss". Looking forward to another great year! Lots of love from dad, mom, Tis and Dora (Louie, Molly, Chris and Dorian).

and friends in Port Alberni a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays and have a safe one. Take care. All our love, Sid, Sharleen and family.

Happy Birthday to our son Nathan Watts on January 11, 2011. Hope you



Happy 14th birthday to my daughter Veronica on Dec. 4. Verna Jules.

have a good one. From Mom and Dad. Happy Birthday to Jayden Hamilton on January 5, 2011. Have a fun day! From Grandma and Grandpa in Port Alberni. I'd like to wish my daughter Naomi Seitcher and Felix Thomas a very happy birthday Dec. 8. Also to Neil Keitlah on Dec. 7. You all have a very happy birthday and also a very Merry Christmas to your families. Mom/ant Del.

Dec 13th is my lil bro's b'day. Happy birthday to you. Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday Dear Michael. Happy Birthday to you! I hope have a great day, Nugget. Much love for you, best wishes. Love always, your older sis, Strawb, Bucky and kids.

Happy birthday to Ranye on Dec. 7 and Rick on Dec. 10. Love youth Auntie Verna Jules.

Happy 46th birthday to my special sister Virginia. Love your sis Verna and also your niece Veronica, and also my niece Christen Jules. Happy birthday. Love your auntie Verna and your cousin Veronica too.

Rochelle Amber Camille Williams and Monte James Schleiff of Everett, Washington would like to announce their engagement. The couple has chosen August 8th, 2011 for their wedding ceremony, which will be held at Belle Chapel in Snohomish, Washington.

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

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Uu-a-thluk

TAKING CARE OF

Uu-a-thluk Intern Shares Love of Culture



Damon performs with the Nashuk Youth Council.

Student interns like Uu-a-thluk's Damon Rampanen are the subtle backbone of many successful education programs. With a passion for his heritage and an ardent curiosity, the 19-year-old Rampanen has enriched Uu-a-thluk's cultural offerings over the last six months through his work as a capacity building intern.

Tracing his heritage through Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, and Heskiaht First Nations, Rampanen is the son of Rose Marie Andrews and Joe James Rampanen, and the grandson of Charlotte and John Rampanen and Gretta Andrews. Since starting work with Uu-a-thluk in June, he has shared some of this diverse heritage by teaching old family songs to youth attending Uu-a-thluk programs.

He also delivered a multitude of cultural activities during Uu-a-thluk's summer science camps and feasting activities. This included leading traditional foods events and performing Nuuchah-nulth prayers.

"Damon worked to bring culture into the camps," says Uu-a-thluk capacity building coordinator, Norine Messer. "He kept camp attendees focused on fun while they learned, which was a great help."

"I also got the rare opportunity to do traditional pit cooks for different Nations," says Rampanen of his work, "teaching

kids how to do traditional cooking while meeting elders and learning history on cooking and harvesting food from them."

Between working for Uu-a-thluk, attending VAST alternative school, and planning a career in the tourism field, Rampanen is a busy man. Yet he still finds the time to work towards his goal of learning to speak fluent Nuuchah-nulth.

Rampanen cites trying to learn his language as one of the biggest challenges he has faced. He longs to speak fluently and use his language everyday, but finds it extremely difficult to maintain the required focus.

"I am trying, though," he says. "It's just finding the right way to learn that is most comfortable for me, which I haven't done yet - but I will."

For his work with Uu-a-thluk, Rampanen expresses gratitude.

"Working with Uu-a-thluk has been really fun and good experience for me. I have met so many interesting people and learned so much from when I started working to now," he says.

"From harvesting fish and sea resources, to helping keep the ocean clean so that we [Nuuchah-nulth people] can continue practicing our traditional ways..."

Rampanen is also a founding member of Uu-a-thluk's Nashuk Youth Council, which strives to engage youth in activities related to Nuuchah-nulth ocean resources.

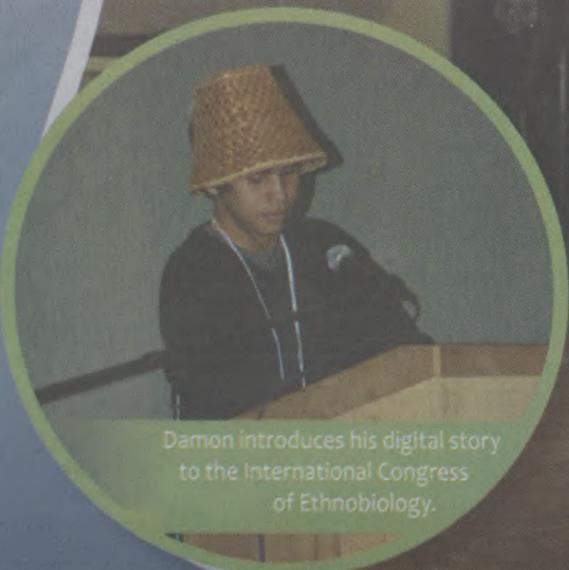
He takes part with the support and encouragement of his uncle, John Rampanen. Rampanen says that John is the person who inspires him most, and his work with the youth council is some of what he is most proud of thus far in his life.

"It's been really fun reconnecting with who I am and my First Nations' roots," Rampanen says. "It makes me happy and I feel proud of everything that I am doing today."

Special thanks to the YWCA's Eco Internship Program and the B.C. Capacity Initiative for providing funding towards Damon's internship with Uu-a-thluk.

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—Damon Rampanen



Damon introduces his digital story to the International Congress of Ethnobiology.



Damon Rampanen dances for Ha'wiil and elders at the Nashuk Youth Conference, May 2010.

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