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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

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Gilakasla.... Spring is here, a time for new beginnings, but before we move forward we should look back and see what we have learned or gained.

I am very pleased to report that the Tribal Council has completed the Board Policy project with the help of Paul Willie of Gilakasla Consulting. The completion of the policies will help guide the Board with their duties and will also detail what is expected when appointed to the Tribal Council's Board of Directors. I believe the more organized we are, the more efficiently we can operate. The development of these policies will facilitate our ability to spend more time on long-term planning

and capacity building for both the Tribal Council and the individual communities. This in turn raises our accountability and transparency levels to the membership and INAC to a higher standing. Thank you to the communities, the Board and staff for participating in this project it could not have been done without your input, and Thanks to Bobbi for bringing this forward, your vision for a strong organization is what got us going!

We are also in the middle of the Financial Management training as well; Kristine Nicolson, CA has been the creator and facilitator of this project and has been doing an excellent job. The strength of this training is

that it comes from the First Nations aspect of accounting and reporting. Its valuable training and open to all Tribal Council members. We have a new Economic Development worker - Sandra Willie. A lot going on in this department, her enthusiasm is contagious! There are a number of projects we are submitting proposals for, so we will keep you updated. Our services are usually accessed by the member band Chief and Council, but we always welcome individual members to come in see if we can be of any assistance. Your input is important to us and we can be contacted a number of ways: Phone, email or drop by.

Halakasla, till next time

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

The purpose of this article is to briefly introduce myself as the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribal Council's new Economic Development Coordinator. I am taking over this position from Dawn Nicolson who has moved on to other exciting challenges; Administrator in the Education Department in Kingcome. I have had the great opportunity to be working with the MTTC for the last 10 months. I am delighted to be a continued part of the staff. I believe there is no magic involved with Economic Development, just challenging work for ordinary people that want the

responsibility. The key lies in sound planning, carrying out the plans, and then managing the new project, or program. I will show which economic opportunities are good ones, and how members should take advantage of them. This ensures that no business or programs get launched without careful thought and preparation. Economic Development is no small task. Planning is practical, organization is a skill, and that Economic Development is gradual. I am interested in providing my skills, qualifications, and experience to fully fulfill the requirements of this position. Throughout my

education and experience, I have learned that motivation and knowledge can mean the difference between success and failure. It often determines whether an individual will maintain efficiency or growth within the company. I will apply my energy effectively with this new opportunity. Accordingly, as a first step in my familiarization process, I would like to meet with the member tribes to discuss the needs, concerns and the direction they would like to take and what vital role I can be. Thank you for your time.

Sandra Willie

“Farmed Salmon contain PCB’s that can cause cancer”

DIOXINS/PCB’s

According to a recent study completed by independent scientists, farmed salmon is toxic and contains enough PCB’s to raise your risk of getting cancer. We knew, all along, that farmed salmon was full of chemicals. So why did it take so long for this to become public? So now that we know what is in a farmed salmon, we need to inquire and collect data on how it is affecting the



ceremonial purposes, since time immemorial. What are we going to do if the wild stocks are being contaminated by the 6 million or so farmed salmon in the Broughton Archipelago? Let us know your thoughts, your input is important to us.

wild stocks. First Nations people have depended on the sea and the land, for food and

Connie McIvor
Local Steward Coordinator

FIRST NATIONS OUTREACH COORDINATOR

Projects:

I have been working with Chief Henry Scow and Connie McIvor on detailing trap lines in the Broughton Archipelago, which have been documented and put on the map. The trap line owners have not been consulted with or accommodated for their loss when these fish farms are put within the trap lines.

Sea lice:

There was a sea lice meeting held in Alert Bay on January 5th and 6th. This meeting was to inform everyone of the results of the sea lice testing in the Broughton Archipelago. DFO spent a lot of money to do this testing, yet they did not do the

“proper testing”.

They did not go near any of the fish farms, because of the fear of spreading disease! The studies were only done on the wild stocks and how much lice is on them. So in reality, we didn’t find anything out. Alexandra Morton was the only one that presented facts that the closer you get to a fish farm, the more sea lice there is.

Contacts:

I have been gathering information from the First Nations, on the coast and inland communities, to see what their position is on Fish Farms. It’s important to know this information so that we can share our experiences with others.

A Kitkatla band member, will be coming to Alert Bay to meet with us. She will be diving in some locations in the Broughton, to gather information on the impacts that the fish farms are having on the environment. Sixty percent of the Kitkatla band members, are opposed to fish farms in their territory.

If you have any information on the fish farms or the wild stocks, please give us a call @974-5516.

Brian Wadhams/First Nations Outreach Coordinator

Connie McIvor/Local Steward Coordinator



SOCIAL ASSISTANCE (SA)

Namgis, Kwicksutaineuk and Tsawataineuk Band Members. *There is a chance that some clients will be cut off of SA!* If you are on SA, you need to inquire about what is happening to clients by April 1, 2004.

Do you know the answers to these questions?

- How will people continue to pay rent?
- Where will they go if they are evicted?
- Where will people live? We have no shelters for the homeless people.
- Some houses are CMHC. How will Band Councils pay for default mortgages?
- How will people buy food for their families?
- How will people provide the basic necessities of life for their family?

Give your band office a call and inquire about these questions and ask your own, before April 2004 comes.

Gilakasla,

My name is Devin Perrault and I presently play for an U-14 rep soccer team and we lost last weekend in the finals for the Provincials. For Phoenix School sports, I am on both the wrestling and basketball team and have made it to the Provincials in both activities.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone in my community of Alert Bay for continuing to support me both financially and spiritually, which has made my athletic goals easier to achieve. Without the support of my family and friends, it would have been difficult to stay in all these sports (in which I LOVE)

From Devin and Family

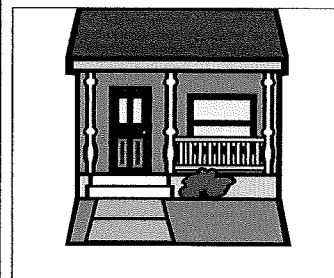
All the way down here in Campbell River

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)

The MTTC partnered with Living Oceans Society of Sointula to give an information ONLY workshop on MPAs. Technically, there is only one MPA in BC, Gwaii Haanas. Steve Langdon, from Haida Gwaii, came and shared their experience with us. The Haida have designated and managed the Archipelago as the "Gwaii

Haanas Heritage Site", and thereby will maintain the area in its natural state while continuing their traditional way of life as they have for countless generations. We also had guest speakers from Washington, Salish Center for Coastal Communities, Tsawout First Nation, Vancouver and Victoria. Peggy Svanvik attended

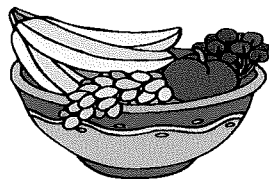
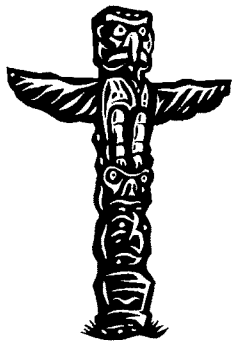
as an elder and opened the workshop with a prayer and some very wise words. This workshop offered some good information and we hope to get more information in the future. If you would like to know more about this workshop, please contact us at the Tribal Council.



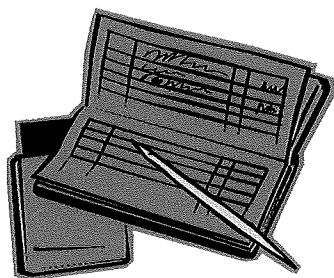
"Looking after our communities and our families can make all the difference"

Fish Farm Site Information

Connie will be interviewing people and gathering information on the fish farm sites in the Broughton Archipelago. We need to gather traditional information and the family names of where food was, and still is, gathered. Currently I have been asking the government to remove the Burdwood Group fish farm, out of the Broughton. I have found out some information on Burdwood Island, but welcome any information that you may have. This information includes: old village sites, burial sites, clam beaches, how they were and how they are now, fishing, what kind of fish and who you fished with, trap line owners, crabs shrimp, seaweed, prawns, spawning and holding areas, etc..



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MEMORIAL POTLATCH INVITATION

LATE HEREDITARY CHIEF Pu-ti-'da-ga-me

WILLIAM PETER GEORGE SR. FAMILY IS HAVING A MEMORIAL
POTLATCH

You are invited to a memorial potlatch. In between, there will be an Indian
Marriage, transferring down the Chieftainship Name.

MARCH 20, 2004 9:00 AM GWA'SALA-'NAKWAXSA'XW WALKAS HALL

CHOLESTEROL

Cholesterol is a waxy substance made naturally in your body. Your body needs some cholesterol to work properly, and it can make all it needs. Cholesterol may cause problems if your body makes too much or you get too much in your food. This can lead to blocked arteries, and when this happens, heart attacks and strokes can occur. There is "good" and "bad" cholesterol. The bad kind, LDL (low density lipoproteins) blocks arteries. The good kind, HOL (high density lipoproteins) helps clear the bad cholesterol out of your arteries. All food that come from an animal source, contain cholesterol.

Six ways to control your blood cholesterol are:

1. Eating less fat and cholesterol.
2. Eating more fruit, vegetables, whole grains and legumes
3. Controlling your weight.
4. Being active.
5. Quit smoking.
6. If on medication, take it as prescribed.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR FIRST NATIONS

Training Seminar: *Tuesday, March 23, 2004 Wednesday, March 24, 2004*
9 am – 5 pm Coffee and lunch
provided for participants

Location:
Presenter:

MTTC Boardroom, Alert Bay, BC
Kristine Nicolson, Chartered Accountant
MTTC Band Financial Advisor

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Please register prior to March 19, 2004, so we can make appropriate arrangements for catering and course material.

*This course is offered free of charge to participants, as graciously funded by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.