

Treaty Times

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Kitsumkalum Food Fishery Catch Monitoring Program. Do you have your calendar?

The Kitsumkalum Fisheries Program has been working together with other Tsimshian First Nations since 2007 to improve our catch monitoring program. We are in the second year of using a calendar system with the goal of obtaining a more complete and realistic account of the total numbers of fish and other seafood caught by Kitsumkalum members.

The objective of this program is to increase the capacity of Kitsumkalum fisheries staff and fisherman to produce accurate catch reports, and to play a more active role in cooperative fisheries management with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. In addition, this reporting system will provide concrete evidence of Kitsumkalum food fish requirements, and help in any future negotiations of harvest entitlements for all species (salmon, shellfish and other fish). Starting in January 2008, Kitsumkalum fisheries are being asked to keep track of their catches by writing down their catches (of all fish and shellfish/seafood species) on each day of fishing, using their own calendar. Kitsumkalum Fisheries catch monitors will keep in contact with each fisher on a regular basis to record your catch information, which will be used to identify Kitsumkalum's food fish requirements for all salmon, other fish and shellfish species.

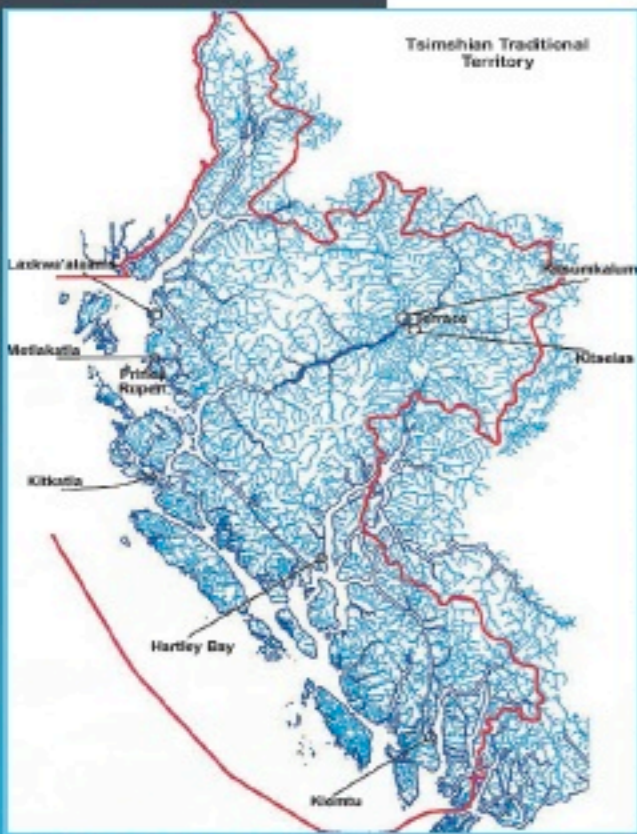
The catch monitoring area includes Traditional Kitsumkalum marine territory fin Fisheries Management Area 3, 4, and 5 (see maps that are with your calendar). Fishers are asked to write down the location name (or number on the above maps) on their calendar on the date of each fishing trip. This will help us to map out where fish are being caught in our traditional territory.

If you have any questions or concerns about the study, or know of a Kitsumkalum fisher who doesn't have a calendar, please contact the Kitsumkalum Fisheries program at 250.635.6177. If you have any pictures of yourself or family members harvesting for FSC please submit them to use in next year's calendar. Email newsroom@kitsumkalum.bc.ca



Warren & Alex Bolton, John Christensen, Howard Green

Traditional Territory Map



Did you Know?

The BC Government will be giving Climate Action Dividends of \$100.00 per person in the month of June. Those who have already completed their 2007 Income Tax will qualify automatically.



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Welcome to the Treaty Times!



Submit Your Picture and/or Story & Get Published

Through the Treaty Times, we will be giving the community a chance to actively participate by contributing photos and stories of our community, our people and our culture. Any photos or stories can be emailed as an attachment to:

newsroom@kitsumkalum.bc.ca

accompanied by a brief description of the submitted item along with your contact information. You

will have chance to have your story published in our next issue as well as submitted to the BC Royal Museum.



Ruby Ware, Owner of Nikita Marketing & Communications has been retained by Kitsumkalum Treaty Office as the agency of record to provide support for communications and marketing efforts by the band. "I am

pleased to work alongside some great people who are committed to making a positive impact for their people."

Kitsumkalum: Committed to Communication.

Kitsumkalum Treaty Office is proud to re-introduce the Treaty Times to the members and the community. The treaty office is committed to creating communication tools, such as the Treaty Times, so that members are aware of activities of the Treaty Team. We firmly believe that communication between the Treaty Office and the members of Kitsumkalum is imperative for successful treaty negotiations. In the upcoming months there will be several ways our Treaty Office will be reaching out to the community and we hope you take the opportunity to participate and provide feedback. Your participation will help shape a better future for you, your children and your grandchildren. Enjoy this year's first issue of the Treaty Times. Together, Getting it Right.

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In the Community | Calendar of Events

July 15 | Hosting Leadership Dinner

Kitsumkalum, will be host to a dinner for federal and provincial governments, regional district, Kitsumkalum Chief and Council, and our neighbors which will include Haida Gwai, Haisla, and Gitsan. Outcome for dinner will be reported in the next issue of the Treaty Times.

July 15 & 16 | TFN Treaty Society Tripartite Treaty Session

The TFN Treaty Society (Tshimshian First Nation Treaty Society) will be conducting a Tripartite Treaty Session and will be reviewing the Agreement in Principal as well as the legalities. Please contact Allan (Kitsumkalum Treaty Office) for further information at abolton@kitsumkalum.bc.ca or phone (250) 635.1718.

Deadline Sept 15 | National Aboriginal Achievement

NAAF (National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation) will be distributing nomination forms. For information please go to www.naaf.ca/html/awards or contact Jamie at (416) 903-4331 or jmonastyrski@naaf.ca

Stage 4 | Draft AIP Mailed Out | What's Next for You



The Agreement in Principal was mailed out to all registered members of Kitsumkalum this month. So you might be asking yourself what is it and what does this mean to me? An AIP (Agreement in Principal) is stage 4 of the treaty process (there are 6 stages). It is the stage before the final agreement is signed. The purpose of sending out copies is to make sure that members are included in the evaluation of the treaty process and the progress of current treaty negotiations. Kitsumkalum Treaty Office is committed to communicating with it's members and hope that the members will review the AIP and provide feedback. "The Treaty Office hopes you will be actively involved in treaty negotiations taking place as

this will impact you and your family for years to come and will be irreversible once the final agreement has been voted upon, so we hope our communication efforts will help you understand treaty negotiations," says Treaty Negotiator Alex Bolton. If you did not receive your AIP copy or would like another copy please contact Lynn Bolton at the Treaty Office at 250.635.1718.



Kitsumkalum Participates in Traditional Ecological Knowledge Studies

Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) will be completed by First Nations Involved in marine-use planning to support decision-making as plans are being developed. There is growing recognition, both nationally and internationally that aboriginal people, who have always relied on their natural resources, have unique and extensive knowledge about their local environment, how it functions, and its characteristic ecological relationships.

This knowledge is an integration of the experiences and observations of people who have lived, worked, and adapted to an ever-changing marine environment throughout their lives and who have also learned from the knowledge and stories passed from earlier generations.

In Canada, it is recognized that there is a need to incorporate TEK into marine planning and this has been identified in legislation through the Canada's Ocean Act and National Marine Conservation Areas Act. If we are to successfully move in the direction of "co-management" or have increased First Nation involvement in decision-making, there will be a need to accurately collect and incorporate TEK into the existing scientific knowledge base.

Historically, resource management and marine planning initiatives have been science based and have revolved around the formalization of data, hypothesis testing, and repeatability.

Traditional knowledge does not follow the same process or rules and it was largely recognized as anecdotal and unreliable by the scientific community.

This perception of TEK is changing, and there is increased awareness around the fact that the two knowledge banks are not in direct competition but rather are complimentary and provide different types of information on the same ecosystem. It is understood that scientific data is collected at larger spatial scales or shorter temporal scales than those that inform TEK; therefore combining the two greatly increases the resolution and volume of knowledge, resulting in a better understanding of the natural processes and human interactions with nature.

The new information will be collected through interviews with knowledgeable and experienced people in your community. The interviews will include identifying important resource use and ecological information on marine charts. All collected information will be archived in databases and electronic mapping software to ensure it is available for current and future decision-makers in your community. Full documentation of resource use and ecological trends in your territory is important to ensure that your community's interests are protected throughout the entire territory.

How You Can Be Involved: Your Community Coordinator will be starting the new TEK interviews in the near future. If you are someone or know of someone who is knowledgeable of marine resources and wished to participate in the study, please contact your Community Coordinator. By participating in the study, you will ensure that your important information is being considered when marine management decisions are being made. You will also contribute decision-making that puts the interests of your First Nation first.

On the Cover



"House of Sim-oi-Ghets" means "House of Chiefs" in the Tsimshian language.

The general store and gift shop was originally built and opened in 1971.

In 1995 the Kitsumkalum Community Center rebuilt the 'House' to resemble a traditional long house.

The new building was re-opened in April 1996.

Please welcome our summer student - Aaron Horner to the team.



Pictured below Nina Peden —TEK Surveyor

