

# **Gaaysiigang – An Ocean Forum for Haida Gwaii**

*An All-Islands Forum to Address Marine and Fisheries Issues*

## **Art Show Opening Reception**

Haida Gwaii Museum at Kaay Llnagaay

January 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm

## **Ocean Forum**

Haida Heritage Centre at Kaay Llnagaay

January 23 & 24, 2009 from 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

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## **FORUM AGENDA**

### **Day 1 – Friday, January 23**

9:00 am        Doors open

#### **WELCOME & KEYNOTE SPEAKER [Performing House]**

10:00 am        Welcome & Opening Prayer  
Overview of Agenda – *John Talbot, Moderator*

10:20 am        *Keynote Speaker & Discussions*  
Dr Jeremy Jackson, Scripps Institute of Oceanography  
“Brave New Ocean – State of the World’s Oceans & Charting Our Future”

#### **SETTING THE STAGE – Haida Gwaii Marine Planning Initiatives**

11:15 am        *Panel Presentations & Discussions*

- Proposed Gwaii Haanas National Marine Conservation Area Reserve  
*Nicholas Irving, Project Manager/Marine Planner, Parks Canada*
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada PNCIMA Planning  
*Averil Lamont, PNCIMA Coordinator, DFO Oceans*
- Province of BC Coastal Planning & Links to Land Use Planning  
*Bruce Sieffert, Director, Land and Marine Resources, Province of BC*
- Council of the Haida Nation Marine Use Planning  
*TBA*

12:30 pm        Lunch & Activities

- Interpretative nature walk
- Tour the Haida Heritage Centre & Haida Gwaii Museum
- Marine organization displays in the Greeting House

**CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS**

1:45 pm *Panel Presentations & Discussions*

<b>FISHING</b> <b>[VENUE 1 – TBA]</b>	<b>PUTTING FISH ON THE TABLE</b> <b>[VENUE 2 – TBA]</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haida Traditional Fishing <i>Diane Brown, Traditional Food Gatherer/Medicinal Practitioner</i></li> <li>• Local Commercial Fishing <i>Lindsey Doerksen, Commercial Fishermen</i></li> <li>• Recreational Lodge Fishing <i>George Cuthbert, West Coast Resorts</i></li> <li>• Local Recreational Fishing/Ecotourism <i>Leandre Vigneault, Saltspray Explorers</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Seafood Processing <i>Colleen Marks, Albion Fisheries</i></li> <li>• Shellfish Aquaculture <i>Brian Kingzett, Centre for Shellfish Research, Vancouver Island University</i></li> <li>• Community &amp; Value-added Seafood Marketing <i>Dr Quentin Fong, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program</i></li> </ul>

3:15 pm Break

**DAY 1 SYNTHESIS [Performing House]**

3:30 pm Reflections on the Day  
What are we learning? Emerging Themes & Solutions  
Day 1 Wrap-up

4:30 pm Closing Prayer

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**EVENING EVENT [Skidegate Community Hall]**

5:30 pm Forum Hosts’ Welcome

6:00 pm Local Seafood Dinner – Catered by Gladys Hans & Crew

7:00 pm Welcome  
Youth Perspective – *TBA*  
HIGaagilda Children’s Dance Group  
Tribute to Fishermen – *Mike Meegan*  
Xaayda Tluu Dancers

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## Day 2 – Saturday, January 24

9:00 am Doors open

### WELCOME & KEYNOTE SPEAKER [Performing House]

10:00 am Welcome & Opening Prayer  
Brief Overview of Day 1

10:20 am *Keynote Speaker & Discussions*  
Rick Steiner, University of Alaska Marine Advisory Program  
“The Need for Citizen Engagement to Protect Our Seas and Coasts – The Exxon Valdez Example”

### CONCURRENT PANEL SESSIONS

11:15 am *Panel Presentations & Discussions*

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<b>MARINE ENERGY &amp; TRANSPORTATION [VENUE 1 – TBA]</b>	<b>MARINE TOURISM &amp; EDUCATION [VENUE 2 – TBA]</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative Energy <i>Matt Burns, NaiKun Wind Energy</i></li><li>• North Coast Shipping &amp; Industrial Developments <i>Chris Picard, North Coast Skeena First Nations Stewardship Society</i></li><li>• Sustainable Energy Planning <i>Jacques Morin, Independent Energy Consultant</i></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marine Research &amp; Education <i>Anne Stewart, Outreach Coordinator, Bamfield Marine Station</i></li><li>• Local Ecotourism <i>Barb Rowsell, Anvil Cove Charters</i></li><li>• Gwaii Haanas Tourism <i>Dennis Madsen, Heritage Resource Conservation Manager, Gwaii Haanas</i></li><li>• Cruise Ship Industry <i>Dr Ross Klein, Memorial University Professor &amp; Author</i></li></ul>

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12:30 pm Lunch & Activities

- Short films in Classroom 1: “The End of the Line” & “In Defense of Our Treaties”
- Paddle a Haida Canoe (weather dependent)
- Tour the Haida Heritage Centre & Haida Gwaii Museum
- Marine organization displays in the Greeting House

### SUSTAINING OUR SEAS & COMMUNITIES – Engaging Communities & Taking Care of the Ocean

1:45 pm Challenges, Solutions & Visions for the Future

- Topic 1 – Performing House
- Topic 2 – Bill Reid Classroom
- Topic 3 – Classroom 1
- Topic 4 – Classroom 2

3:15 pm      Break

**MOVING FORWARD [Performing House]**

3:30 pm      Reflections on the Day  
What are we learning? Emerging Themes & Solutions

4:00 pm      Commitments & Next Steps

- Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve & Haida Heritage Site
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Province of British Columbia
- Council of the Haida Nation

Forum Wrap-up

4:30 pm      Closing Prayer