

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 Lnagaay

January 22, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Ocean Forum

Haida Heritage Centre at Kaay Lnagaay

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*

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

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*

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

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