

## SPEAKERS' GUIDELINES

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

*[the person who sizes up the waves so the boat can get out]*

**Dates:** Friday & Saturday, 23 & 24 January 2009

**Location:** Haida Heritage Centre at Kaay Llnagaay, Skidegate, Haida Gwaii

The time has come for the communities of Haida Gwaii to collectively address community interests in key marine and fisheries-related issues. The primary goal of *Gaaysiigang – An Ocean Forum for Haida Gwaii* is to encourage dialogue on the current condition of Haida Gwaii's marine ecosystems and marine-based economy, and to identify solutions to improve the health of our surrounding ocean and local communities. This will help to inform direction for marine use planning, sustainable marine resource management and successful marine-based economic development in Haida Gwaii waters.

The forum will have panel sessions on the following four themes:

- Traditional, Commercial and Recreational Fishing
- Fisheries Product Development
- Marine Industries (alternative energy, port development, shipping)
- Marine Tourism & Education (ecotourism, cruise ship industry, marine education)

Each panel will have four speakers, and we are asking each speaker to prepare a **10 minute presentation**. Please note that you will be held to this time limit! We would also appreciate it if you could use the first minute to introduce yourself, briefly outlining your affiliation (if appropriate) and experience in the area that you will be speaking about. In the following 9 minutes, we are requesting that each speaker focus their presentation on the following three questions:

- 1. What is your vision for the future (where would you like to see your marine interest/sector in ten years)?**
- 2. What are three challenges to achieving this vision?**
- 3. What are ways to address these challenges?**

The four panel presentations will be followed by 45 minutes of dialogue with forum participants, including an opportunity for questions and answers of the panel speakers.

Feel absolutely no obligation to use audio-visual aids – but if you intend to do so, please let us know in advance. We will have projectors and screens available for presentations, and we are requesting that speakers who intend to use PowerPoint or any other audio-visual aids provide us with a copy of their presentation by the evening of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 so that there are no delays in loading presentations during the sessions.

Haaw'a – thank you, we are thrilled that you have agreed to participate in *Gaaysiigang – An Ocean Forum for Haida Gwaii*. Community dialogue on these issues is an important first step to ensure a healthy and sustainable future for Haida Gwaii and the waters around us.

If you have any further questions, please contact Nika Collison at: [nika@skidegate.ca](mailto:nika@skidegate.ca) or 250.559.8133.