



# Haida Laas

August 21, 2000

## CALENDAR

### August

21st, Chief's Policy Work Session, Skidegate, 1:30 - 4:30.

22nd, Public Policy Work session, Massett, K'aadsneea Sdang Longhouse, 7-10 pm.

23-24th, CHN 1st Quarterly, Massett, K'aadsneea Sdang Longhouse, 10 am.

25th, Tripartite, Massett, K'aadsneea Sdang Longhouse, 10 am.

### SEPTEMBER

5th, Public Policy Work Session, Skidegate Small Hall, 2-4 pm.

7-8th, Heltsook Chiefs with CHN, Ocean Boundaries (event schedule to be announced)

13th, Forestry Committee, Massett Administrative Office, 9 am.

### OCTOBER

4th, Forestry Committee, Massett Administrative Office, 9 am.

11-13th, HOA Reconvening: Governance, Skidegate, 10 am - 5 pm.

## Haida Challenge Weyerhaeuser Tree Farm License

CHN asks BC Supreme Court to quash TFL 39 in Haida Gwaii. Says the Crown can no longer ignore aboriginal title on Haida Gwaii, and the Court should set a standard for honorable conduct by the Crown in accommodating Haida title.

The BC Supreme Court has heard a week-long petition by the CHN which seeks to cancel part of the province's largest Tree Farm License, TFL 39, held by Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd.

The hearing took place July 31-Aug. 4, in Massett, before Justice Douglas Halfyard.

The Haida went to court to challenge the province's replacement (renewal) of TFL 39, Block 6, which lays entirely within Haida territory.

The CHN stated that while Haida Title is derived from our ancestry and not from any law of Canada, Aboriginal title is enshrined in the Constitution of Canada and is an encumbrance on Crown lands and the Minister of Forests had a duty to consider Haida Title before replacing (renewing) the license for a 25 year term, both in 1981 and 1995 for MacMillan Bloedel, and again in 2000 after the license was bought by Weyerhaeuser. In replacing the license then transferring, both the buyer and seller had a

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## Minister of Fisheries Meets With CHN

On August 2, the Minister of Fisheries, Herb Dahliwahl, met with the CHN Fisheries Committee to discuss fisheries issues facing the Haida Nation. The meeting was scheduled for one hour but extended into 2 1/2 hours.

### Haida Concerns Voiced

- ⇒ Decline of Stock;
- ⇒ Destruction of Rivers;
- ⇒ Diminishing Access of Haida To Resource for Food and Commerce;
- ⇒ Extinguishment of Commercial Fisheries;
- ⇒ Negative Impacts of Sport fishing;
- ⇒ Regulations which allow for disrespect and wanton waste of food.
- ⇒ Unemployment due to DFO mismanagement and regulations;

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## Council of the Haida Nation

President, Guujaaw

Vice President, Harold Yeltatzie

Skidegate Representatives: Heary Wilson; Gary Russ; Roy Jones Jr. Darlene Hooper

Massett Representatives: Charlie Bellis; Terry Hamilton, Vacant: C. White; Vacant: H. Yeltatzie

Prince Rupert Representatives: Bill White; Pansy Collison

Vancouver Representatives: Shelley Gladstone; Lois Rullin

### Management

CHN Administrator: Ernie Collison

Forest Guardian Coordinator: Kiku Dhanwant

Fisheries Manager: Pat Fairweather

Forest Heritage Coordinator: Amos Setso



# Keeping Informed

Submitted by A. Davis

The Haida Laas will bring you highlights of CHN activities. Detailed information and reports are available for public viewing at the CHN offices.

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS:** The Constitutionally required Record of Proceedings is available for Citizen viewing, at the CHN Offices. Inside these volumes you will find the minutes; motions and resolutions of HOA; CHN, and Tripartite. These volumes may not be removed from the offices. Viewing is by appointment, through the CHN Receptionist. Appointment is necessary because the office is small and heavily scheduled.

**COMMITTEE & PROGRAM REPORTS:** A clipboard of Committee and Program reports is available for Citizen viewing in both the CHN Skidegate and Massett offices.

Copies of material may be made for the cost of printing, 20 cents a single page. Requests for copies of items from the Record of Proceedings and the Report clipboards must be made in writing. Staff hours are scheduled according to work plans, and time is limited. Please be considerate of the work schedules.

**COMMITTEES:** You are invited to volunteer to sit on one of the CHN Committees of most interest to you.

There is no better way to know what is going on than by being there and doing it! Also, the work is exciting, fun and very rewarding.

**REGIONAL COUNCILS:** The Regional Councils are the primary link to Haida Citizens. Bringing your concerns and ideas to the Regional Council ensures your questions will be answered.

Regional Councils are not funded by CHN. Each Regional Council must provide their own funds for its activities. Your Regional Representatives can not support these Councils without Citizen Participation. Contact your Regional Representatives to find

out what you can do to help your Representatives most effectively bring your concerns and ideas to the CHN table.

*For a listing of your Regional Council members see page 1, at the bottom of the page. Council of the Haida Nation.*



**CHN MEETINGS:** CHN meets Quarterly for 2 days. These meetings are open to Haida Citizens. During these 2 days CHN passes motions which provide direction to the CHN Committees and Programs. Time is limited and citizen participation is in accordance to the CHN adopted rules of order. It will help speed things along if prior to a Quarterly, directing your concerns to your Regional Representatives or to the appropriate CHN Committee. This will ensure they are prepared to address your questions or concerns.

**WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS:** Written suggestions or questions will be forwarded to the Committee or Program which can most easily address the issue and will be answered by the Chair or Program Manager. The request must have a return address and must be signed.

## Suggested Format

- ⇒ Concern or Problem:
- ⇒ Possible Solution: (Brief Description of Possible Solutions, including an outline of possible plans.)
- ⇒ List of Resources Available to the Suggestion:
- ⇒ Possible or secured funding sources:
- ⇒ The level of time and/or resource you are able to volunteer or donate to the solution:

When making suggestions, please remember that the CHN human resource, time, and funds are limited. Great ideas need supporting resource.

Anonymous letters will not be considered. Recommendations made from a position of constructive contribution will help lighten the work load of the Representatives and employees.



# CHN Prepares for HOA October 11-13, 2000

## PUBLIC POLICY WORK SESSIONS

The CHN Policy Committee hosts two Public Policy Work Sessions, to include the Haida Citizens' edits into the proposed Governance Policies, which were distributed at the June 2000, HOA.

Please come prepared by indicating, "O.K." on the clauses which you agree with and noting those for recommended change. The policy drafts are available at the CHN Offices.

If unable to attend, please make your written edits to the draft policies and return to the CHN Offices, by September 5.

The proposed policies will be recommended for adoption at the October HOA.

For further information contact Harold Yeltatzie, Vice President, at 626-5252.

## PUBLIC WORK SESSIONS

=> August 22: Massett, 7-10 pm, K'aadsnee Sdang Longhouse.

=> September 5: Skidegate, 7-10 pm, Small Hall.

## CHIEF'S WORK SESSION

The Hereditary Chiefs will meet on August 21, from 1:30-4:30 pm, to edit the Constitution's, Hereditary Chief Articles and the Haida Leadership Process policy, to be recommended at the October HOA.

## GOVERNANCE WORK PROGRESSES

CHN has grown tremendously in a short time. This growth is due to the success of CHN implementing programs which are preparing the Nation to

manage our lands and resources. With growth comes the need for change.

An Organizational Specialist reviewed CHN policies and procedures, identifying areas where change would make CHN more efficient and effective in achieving the goals and objectives of the Nation. Suggested adaptations included ways of improving communication both internally and with the Citizens.

The organizational review identified areas in which CHN organizational structure and employee tasks could be streamlined.

CHN is currently developing the internal procedures necessary to making the recommended changes.

## POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair: Shelley Gladstone  
Bill White  
Terry Hamilton

Harold Yeltatzie, Portfolio  
A. Davis, Staff Support

Regular Meeting Days:  
3rd Tuesday Each Month,

## Minister of Fisheries Visit

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- => Problems associated to System of Area Management;
- => DFO Programming and Licensing difficulties.
- => DFO field and enforcement personnel targeting Haida, using excessive means.

After providing the Minister with Haida historical fisheries background and the results of DFO's mismanagement, the Chiefs, Councilors and CHN Representatives, requested a meeting with the Minister, in the fall of 2000, to discuss a

Community Based Coastal Management Plan which addresses:

- Haida equity at the planning table and management level;
- Application of the Canadian law of priority: Conservation; Aboriginal Fisheries; Commercial; Sports fishing;
- Haida right to access, for food and commerce; and upholding Haida Title and Rights and the Canadian gov-

ernment's fiduciary obligation;

- Restoration of salmon to the rivers;
- Including fishermen at the 1st stages of planning;
- Reinstating funding of Pallant Creek Hatchery and funding other hatcheries.
- Administer Commu-nal License as an Aborigi-nal Fisheries; (Continued on page 4)

## FISHERIES COMMITTEE

CHN:

- Gary Russ: Chair
- Terry Hamilton: Member
- Charlie Bellis: Member
- Roy Jones Jr.: Member
- Bill White: Member
- Harold Yeltatzie: Portfolio
- Pat Fairweather: Staff Support
- Russ Jones: Consultant

Village Councils:

- Eddie Russ: SBC
- Ron Brown Jr.: OMVC
- Steve Samuels: OMVC



## Harold Yeltatzie, New CHN Vice President Two CHN Representative Positions To Fill

At the June 2000, HOA, Kathy Pearson resigned her position as the CHN Vice President.

In accordance to the Haida Constitution, Article 9.S5.b, "Council shall, from among their numbers select a new Vice President." CHN appointed Massett Regional Representative,

Harold Yeltatzie, interim Vice President.

CHN will bring a staggered election recommendation to the October HOA, at which time HOA will de-

cide when an Election for Vice President will be held.

In addition, Massett Representative, Christian White, a recognized Haida Artist, resigned his position, because the time required of CHN Representatives is extensive, leaving inadequate time for him to attend to his profession as an artist.

Alternate Frank Collison has stepped into Christian White's position. To fill the second position, the Massett Regional Council will hold a by-election in November 2000, following the reconvening of the HOA, in accordance to the Haida Constitution, Article 9.S5.d "The alternate will fill the vacancy, or the Regional Council may choose to have a by-election."

The Constitution states, that the Vice President calls meetings and administers the activities of Council, as such Harold Yeltatzie will direct his energy to:

- Improving communication both within CHN and with the Haida Citizens. This publication of Haida Laas and the Meeting Notices are part of achieving that goal.
- In cooperation with CHN management and governance, implementing processes to help CHN achieve the Haida mandates in an efficient and effective way.

The President and Vice President are ex-officio member of all CHN Committees, providing support as requested by each Committee. Vice President Yeltatzie's primary Portfolios are the Fisheries Committee, where he will share the chair's work load with Gary Russ; and the Policy Committee, where he is actively preparing for HOA 2000.

As a CHN Representative, Mr. Yeltatzie made himself available to Haida Citizens. This personal commitment to listening to Citizen concerns will continue through his term as Vice President.

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*"The system favors special interest groups, with Native fishing taking second place. The land has been raped of the salmon." Chief Sgaan Twi?waars*

*"Mismanagement of our resources is taking food from our tables and is taking our culture from us." Roy Jones Jr.*

## Fisheries Minister

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- Improving the relationship between DFO, MFO and ME;
- Implementing strong conservation practices for herring stock;
- Giving the commercial sector opportunity to provide for family;
- Change sports fishing lodges into eco-tourism facilities;
- STOPPING the practices of Catch and Release and throwing incidental fish, to a commercial fisheries, overboard. It violates the Haida Cultural Law of respect for life and food source.
- NO LODGE FISHING IN THE RIVERS!
- NO MORE LODGES IN HAIDA TERRITORY!

In addition, Cliff Friege, Gwaii Trust, requested the Minister to speak at Cabinet for the proposed transfer of SMFRA fund to on island management group, to be administered in perpetuity. This fund would help restore the Haida Gwaii Rivers.

Dahliwal assured the group he would review the concerns with his staff, pointing out that his Ministry has entered into 28 agreements with East Coast First Nations.

Mr. Dahliwal will bring the SMFRA proposal to the attention of Cabinet.

For additional information, the Minister provided the Observer (August 10, edition) with an interview.

Ministry of Fisheries Meeting, August 2, 2000



## Forest Guardians Hlk'yan K'aws kyaangaay laa

Kiku Dhanwant, Coordinator  
Barney Edgars, Assistant Coordinator  
Melanie Gladstone Liaison/Assistant

Submitted by Kiku Dhanwant

The CHN mandate includes asserting Haida rights over Haida Gwaii forests. To achieve the goals of that mandate, CHN has established the Forest Guardians to monitor, document, make referral comments, file complaints, advocate and identify agenda items for CHN political action. The Forest Guardians are directed by CHN.

The staff has been gathering resources and developing strategic plans to respond to the logging pressures in Haida Territory.

Hlk'yan K'aws kyaangaay laa (Those who look after the forest) activities include:

- \* Reviewing forest development plans and watershed assessments for fish bearing rivers;
- \* Assessing forest practices;
- \* Monitoring, logged areas for windthrow;
- \* Filing complaints with MOF and the Forest Practices Board;
- \* Developing a Haida Forestry Policy;
- \* Implementing monthly field trips so the Haida may see the forest companies treatment of Haida Gwaii forests.

### Asserting Use and Occupancy of Haida Territory

The Hlk'yan K'aws kyaangaay laa also seek funds to expand the forest program. A proposal has been submitted to build facilities at culturally important areas. The sites will serve as base camps for forest, heritage and fisheries crews and to also provide facilities for Haida use at traditional sites. The sites will be available for other cultural activities and programs, as well. Please share your ideas about this project.

### Information Sharing

To properly serve the needs of the Haida, we need to hear Haida Citizens' concerns and ideas. Watch for advertisements of public meetings, scheduled for September. Bring your thoughts to share with Hlk'yan K'aws kyaangaay laa.

To share your suggestions, concerns, and questions contact Kiku, Barney and Melanie at 250 - 626 - 6058; Fax: 626-3844; or Stop by the office, located in the Haida Gwaii Skills Center in New Massett.

## Forest Heritage Program

Amos Setso, Coordinator

### CULTURALLY MODIFIED TREE PROGRAM

The CMT Program crew is Roy Collison, James Stanley and Clarence Thompson.

On August 21 and 23, Barney Edgars, Forest Guardians, and myself will begin to review the CMT buffer zones as to whether or not the buffer zone is adequate.

### CEDAR INVENTORY

CHN is in the process of developing a 1,000 year forestry plan, that will ensure forest resources are able to provide for future generations.

An important part of this planning is the Cedar Inventory Project. Phase IV, which will estimate the amount of standing Cedar suitable for monumental art, scheduled for field work two months this fall; and analysis of the amounts of standing younger trees to be done for two months this spring.

The project has been funded through SMFRA and involves gathering information and data, technical training; cruising and identifying Cedar stands for size and potential Haida use, and mapping of the information.

### THE HAIDA BRING HOME 148 HAIDA ANCESTRAL REMAINS FROM THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION

Haw7aa for bringing our naaniis and chinaays home! And in such grand fashion: 148 bentwood boxes, button blankets and cedar mats!

The Haida delegates were able to let our regalia and ceremonial items, stored in the museum collection, dance and hear the songs of their people once again!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the repatriation of our ancestors!

### Forestry Committee

#### CHN:

Co-Chair: Terry Hamilton  
Gary Russ

Member: Pansy Collison

Member: Charlie Bellis

Staff Support: Barney Edgars

Guujaaw: Portfolio

#### Village Councils:

Steve Samuels, OMVC

Norman Marks, OMVC

Richard Russ, SBC

#### Regular Meeting Days:

2nd Wednesday of Each

Month, CHN Office Massett,  
9 am.



# CHN Travel Reports

## June - August, 2000

### Turning Point III

**Travelers:** Guujaaw; Ernie Collison  
G. Russ; H. Yeltatzie

**Date:** July 12  
**Host:** David Suzuki Foundation

**Where:** Prince Rupert

**Objective:** In cooperation with other coastal tribes and government, to plan and develop an Interim Measures Agreement process and restructure the Treaty Negotiations process so as to provide both sides equality at the negotiation tables. Sponsored by David Suzuki Foundation.

**Outcome:** Participants each took responsibly for components of the planning process, to be completed for Turning Point IV.

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### Meeting with Heiltsuk Chiefs

**Travelers:** Iiljuuwaas; Guujaaw;  
H. Yeltatzie; Skilay (E. Collison)

**Date:** July 19  
**Where:** Bella Bella

**Why:** Define Ocean Boundaries

**Objective:** To discuss the southern ocean boundaries of Haida Gwaii with our neighbors, the tribes of Bella Bella.

**Outcome:** September 7-8, The Heiltsuk Chiefs will come to Haida Gwaii to finalise a Southern Ocean Boundary agreement. The identification of these boundaries is essential to the Haida Title Case.

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### **Haida Challenge Weyerhaeuser**

responsibility to determine that the license was clear of any incumbrance.

The Province has been animated by denial of Aboriginal title," said Louise Mandell, counsel for the Haida. "It has given away an interest in the land that it does not have, and then says: "We don't have to consult until you prove your aboriginal title in court."

But the Haida case turned the tables on the province by arguing a reverse onus is on the Crown to prove it has somehow extinguished aboriginal title or otherwise removed it as an encumbrance on the Tree Farm License.

"Until they do that, they have to assume the existence of aboriginal title. Provincial title is encumbered, there is no ambiguity. Denying recognition is no longer an option," said Mandell.

The Haida Nation cited volumes of evidence of Haida Title already in the possession of the Crown?

\* The Supreme Court of Canada has said repeatedly that we should turn our minds away from the question of does aboriginal title exist and towards the question of coexistence. But after every ruling the province has

*"We are on a ladder. A ladder that will lead us to the top of this system, the Supreme Court. After we have gone through that system, one thing will remain the same: The Haida will still, and will always be the rightful owners of Haida Gwaii..."*

*Charlie Bellis*



## Fisheries Committee Update

Submitted by Roy Jones Jr.

**Southern Provider:** The CHN vessel, Southern Provider as had a fair salmon season this year. She has been set up for the halibut fisheries, which will start in the early fall. In terms of the cost of set-up and the long-term benefit, CHN did very well.

Monty Steward-Burton has been hired as the captain, for the year 2000, halibut & salmon fishing. Monte's performance and production will be monitored and reviewed for future consideration as captain.

**Traveler II:** The Traveler 2 was declared a loss and we are still waiting for the insurance company to finish their report. The Fisheries Committee will conduct its own investigation into the events surrounding the loss of this vessel.

**Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy Conference, Kamloops, June 6th-7th:** Many issues were covered but the issue of most concern is the Intertribal Fisheries Agreement, which links all First Nations, from the Alaska Border to the Head waters of all major B.C. rivers.

**Strategy for Rebuilding Abalone, Prince Rupert August 1:** The meeting was not well attended by other First Nations because of their activities with the

fishing season. DFO has had a 12 year closure on abalone and report that there has been no improvement in the stocks. Because of this situation, DFO has started the process of licensing Land Base Abalone Farms and see this as the future for abalone.

**Restructure:** The CHN Fisheries Program has grown extensively over the last few years, as such, requires excessive committee attention. Primary to the CHN mandate of preparing the Haida to manage Haida territory and resources, is the mandate to settle the land and resource issues, at a government to government level.

To provide the Fisheries Committee the time necessary to achieving governance goals, CHN has directed the Fisheries Committee to develop a plan for separating the Fishery Licensing Program and Pallant Creek Hatchery from the CHN Fisheries Committee and administering them under the Haida Nation's Economic Development Corporation.

To ensure Haida monitoring and enforcement over Haida Territory, the Haida Gwaii Watchman Program will remain under the guidance of the CHN Fisheries Committee

**New Chair:** Roy Jones Jr. has stepped down from the Fisheries Chair. In the interim, Gary Russ will assume this position. Roy Jones Jr. remains a member of the Fisheries Committee.

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## HOA Resolution Update

### Authenticity of Haida Art

Certificates have been issued to Haida Artists and a Haida Artist Registry has been established. Artists who have not received their package may pick up a complimentary package which includes labels identifying your work as Haida Art. Artists can contribute to this effort by making their Galleries aware of the program; Haida citizens can contribute by informing off-island Haida Artists of the program. Contact the CHN Receptionists for further details.

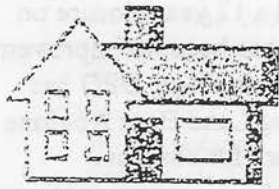
The artists listed in the CHN Artist Registry will be listed free of charge in the CHN website. The website will be operable by the end of October, barring unforeseen problems.



# CHN PREPARES FOR HOA

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## Building Haida Governance

The stages of building a government structure can be compared to building a house. Each stage serves a different purpose to ensuring the structure is able to serve generation after generation.

Construction begins with architects and skilled builders. The Haida governmental structure began with the finest of architects and our builders were craftsman. Using the plans laid out by our ancestors, today's craftsman are applying the knowledge, skills, and tools passed to us from those, such as Alfred Adams & Peter Kelly, whose lives were dedicated to retaining Haida Title and Rights.

Haida Cultural Values are the foundation of Haida Government. The building of Haida governance upon the values that have sustained the Haida for thousands of years, ensures our "House" will stand forever.

The Haida Constitution is the frame work of the government, identifying the principles and structure by which we govern ourselves and our territories.

Once the Constitution is ratified, it will take 2 years for HOA to amend. This time line is necessary so that changes will only be made with Haida Citizen consent. BUT..the length of time required to make changes to the Constitution will make achieving the Haida mandates difficult... if the Constitution is too detailed.

HOA Resolutions and Motions begin to add detail to the Constitutional framework. HOA resolutions and motions, made in accordance to the Haida Constitution, provide CHN with direction, as to how the mandates are to be carried forward; and may be changed or rescinded only at a duly convened HOA. Changes can occur annually or in cases of extreme urgency, in 20 days at a special convening of HOA. CHN may not change these HOA directives.

CHN Policies are rules for carrying out activities. Who, what, where, when, and why are some of questions an-

swered in policy. Responsibilities and limitations are generally identified.

CHN policies can be changed by Council. The Constitution, Article 10.S4, provides a way CHN can make immediate change when need arises. For example the CHN employee discipline policy might become illegal if Canadian legislation changes and would require the ability to quickly make policy change, at little cost.

CHN Procedures provide the step by step process of ensuring policy is followed. Procedures define items such as: which person does what, at what part of the activity, on which form, signed by whom, submitted to who, by what timeline. Procedure provides consistency, organization and a way to monitor activities. CHN Procedures may be changed by CHN.

The application of the Constitution; Resolutions; Policies and Procedures can be related to driving a car. The car (Haida Nation) must stay on the road (Constitution; Resolutions) but the driver (CHN) must have the ability to change lanes, take curves, respond to highway signs, pedestrians or deer, (Policies and Procedures) in a timeline that keeps the car from crashing.

There is policy which CHN must not be able to change without the approval of HOA. The governance poli-

## CHN Policy For HOA Adoption

- ⇒ Code of Ethics
  - ⇒ Conflict of Interest
  - ⇒ House of Assembly
    - \*Resolutions
    - \*Elections
  - ⇒ CHN Internal Governance
  - ⇒ CHN Executive Committee
  - ⇒ CHN Committees
  - ⇒ Regional Councils
  - ⇒ Communication
  - ⇒ CHN Process
    - \*Haida Leadership
  - ⇒ Secretariat Internal Governance
  - ⇒ Adoption of Governance Law
  - ⇒ Possibly: Enumeration
- Amendments to the "Adopted in Principle"
- Haida Constitution will also be recommended for adoption.
- HOA adopted a CHN Travel Policy, which CHN has implemented through CHN Travel Procedures. Some requirements of travel include:
- ◆ Identification of budget capability and purpose;
  - ◆ Signature of 2 of 4 Exec. Committee Members
  - ◆ Full Attendance
  - ◆ Written Travel Reports
  - ◆ Reimbursement when "other" agency funds attendance
- Travel is paid to attend meetings and governance gatherings but not to attend funerals or other on-island



# FINDING ANSWERS

CHN is mandated and was formed to solve the land and resource issue and to govern and manage those resources. The work involved in achieving these mandates is huge and very costly. In comparison to the government and industries' resources and funds, CHN is in a "David and Goliath" situation. CHN accomplishes as much as it does because of the commitment of the electeds, employees and volunteers.

## CHN Contacts for Land and Resource Issues

- ⇒ CHN Forestry Committee: Chair, Terry Hamilton
- ⇒ CHN Fisheries Committee: Chair, Gary Russ
- ⇒ CHN Lands and Environment Committee: Chair, Charlie Bellis
- ⇒ CHN Negotiations & Litigation: CHN President; Vice President and CHN Administrator.
- ⇒ CHN Governance Issues: CHN Executive Committee, Guujaaw, President; Harold Yeltatzie, Vice President; Terry Hamilton, Massett Representative; Gary Russ, Skidegate Representative.
- ⇒ Monitoring the conditions in the Forest & CHN Forestry Youth Program: Forest Guardian Program, Kiku Dhanwant, Coordinator & Melanie Gladstone, Youth Coordinator.
- ⇒ Culturally Modified Trees, Cedar Inventory, and Archeology Projects: CHN Heritage Program, Amos Setso, Coordinator.
- ⇒ CHN Fisheries Program, Watchman Program, Pallant Creek Hatchery: Pat Fairweather, Program Manager.
- ⇒ Any national land and resource issue not listed: Ernie Collison, CHN Administrator; Guujaaw, President; Harold Yeltatzie, Vice President.

In addition, CHN supports the efforts of the Village Councils, as requested through the Tripartite Process, in achieving their mandates and objectives associated to Culture; Language; Education; Social Development; and Health.

The CHN support is in the form of letters of support; lobbying; and providing direction, in terms of the effect Village actions will have on the mandate of the Nation.

Village Councils of Old Massett & Skidegate  
The Village Councils provide programs, services and

local governance for their communities.

Contact the Village Councils for lists of Village Committees and Chairs and for the listings of the Program Administrators. OMVC: 626-3337 & SBC, 559-4496

Administration	Economic Development
Health	Cultural and Heritage
Social Development	Youth Programming
*Band Enrollment	Housing
Infrastructure	Education

*\*Band membership and Haida Citizenship are two different items. Band membership is governed by the laws of Canada and need to be addressed with the Village Council. There is a national movement by First Nations to solve the problem of 3rd generation Bill C31's, who are not eligible for a Band Membership.*

*Haida Nation Citizenship, as defined by the Haida Constitution, is anyone of Haida ancestry. Band affiliation does not qualify a person for Haida Citizenship and many Haida Citizens do not qualify for Band Membership.*

## Haida Clans

The clans are led by Hereditary Chiefs, as advised by the clan members. Questions regarding protocol; clan cultural law; clan obligations to other clans; clan crests and names, etc. are answered by the Clan Leadership.

## In Memory

Since January 2000, the following is a listing of Haidas and Spouses who have passed away. (It is respectfully acknowledged that there may be a name not listed, however, condolences and prayers go to all those who have lost a loved one.)

### Massett

Jane Bell  
Nancy Edgars  
Mandy Savino  
Chief Gydawhlans  
Vesta Helmer

### Skidegate

Maude Moody  
Chief Gittkan  
Nancy Jones  
Roslind Russ  
Marjorie  
Pearson





CHN  
 Haida Laas Box 549, Mas-  
 sett  
 Haida Gwaii, VOT IMC

*Haw7aa to all  
 those who  
 attended the TFL  
 39 case, showing  
 the unity and  
 solidarity the  
 Haida!*

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## Haida Challenge Weyerhaeuser

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reverted to denying its constitutional and fiduciary duties to First Nations. In this they're something of a repeat offender."

The Haida said the province has long possessed clear and compelling evidence of Haida Title and that the Haida have lived on Haida Gwaii for almost 10,000 years, and a long, costly trial to prove the obvious is unnecessary.

"We're talking about the life source for Haida people," said lawyer Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson. "The logging of old growth forests has made it more and more difficult to find large cedar trees. If TFL 39 continues unchecked, there will be irreparable harm to the landscape and therefore to the Haida culture. There is a lot more at stake for the Haida people than there is for Weyerhaeuser."

Guujaaw, CHN President, said, "The hearing revealed the real position of the Crown, where they argue that they do not have to consult, negotiate, or act in good faith unless aboriginal title is proven. It is clear now that the problem with treaty negotiations and lack of real dialogue, is the attitude of the Crown. The case was fairly heard and we look forward to the decision of the Supreme Court of BC."

## HAW7AA

### XAADAA 'LAA ISIS!

- \* \* \* \* \*
- \* Dalang aa uu iitl' kil 7laagang!
- \* Ken Beddard, for helping to make the meeting with the Minister of Fisheries happen.
- \* The Hereditary Chiefs, for leading us in strength and dignity throughout the TFL 39 Court Case.
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