



Haida Laas

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CALENDAR REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING DAYS

POLICY: 2ND TUES. OF MONTH, 7-10PM, TELECONFERENCE.

FORESTRY: 2ND WED. OF MONTH, 9:30AM-4:30PM, CHN MASSETT

FISHERY: 3RD THUR. OF EACH MONTH, 9:30AM - 4:30PM, CHN SKIDEGATE.

MASSETT REGIONAL: EVERY TUES, 9AM-4:30PM, CHN MASSETT.

**OCTOBER
11-13TH, RECONVENING 2000 HOA:
10 AM-5 PM, OMVC COMMUNITY HALL
(NO FACILITY AVAILABLE IN SKIDEGATE)**

**NOVEMBER
25-27 THE, 2ND QUARTERLY & LEADERSHIP PROCESS,
SKIDEGATE, 10 AM-5 PM**

Ocean Boundaries: Haida Nation reaches Agreement with Heiltsuk Nation submitted by Guujaaw

In order to be ready for the upcoming Aboriginal Title Case, for which CHN is preparing, agreements need to be made with our neighboring tribes on the mainland regarding the ocean waters.

Toward that, CHN in co-operation with the Hereditary Chiefs have had two meetings with the Heiltsuk Nation (Bella Bella) to come to an agreement on the line in

Hecate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound.

On July 19, CHN Representatives (Guujaaw, Harold Yeltatzie, Chief Iljawass, and Ernie Collison) traveled to Bella Bella to meet with the Heiltsuk Chiefs and Staff, and then on Sept 8, the Heiltsuk Chiefs and Staff came to Haida Gwaii.

The agreement is that the boundary will be drawn half way between Haida

Gwaii and the traditional territory of the Heiltsuk Nation.

There will be a formal map drawn then a signing of a Peace Treaty between the Haida Nation and the Heiltsuk Nation.

CHN, in co-operation with the Hereditary Chiefs, is also scheduling meetings with the Tsimshian Nation for the same type of agreement.

Please note that the Haida Constitution requires the

signature of Haida

Hereditary Chiefs along with those of the CHN President and Vice President. This is the law for any agreement to be signed by CHN regarding Haida Territory.

Council of the Haida Nation

President, Guujaaw

Skidegate Representatives:

Masset Regional Representatives:

P. Rupert Representatives:

Vancouver Representatives:

Vice President, Harold Yeltatzie

Henry Wilson; Gary Russ; Roy Jones Jr. Darlene Hooper

Charlie Bellis; Terry Hamilton, Frank Collison;

Bill White; Pansy Collison

Shelley Williams-Gladstone; Lois Rullin

Management

CHN Administrator: Ernie Collison

Fisheries Manager: Pat Fairweather

Forest Guardian Coordinator: Kiku Dhanwant

CMT Coordinator: Amos Setso

Ernie Wins the Edmonton Journal's Golden Pen Award!

A former student's reaction to the burning of the old Edmonton Indian residential school won The Journal's Golden Pen Award for the best letter published in the newspaper in July.

The letter, "Good riddance to the school of shame," was written by Ernie Collison, of Massett, B.C.

Journal reporter Andy Ogle, one of the seven judges for the award, explained why he picked Collison's letter. "Ernie Collison no doubt spoke for a good many of the former students (or perhaps one should say in-

mates) of the old Edmonton Indian residential school when he wrote this letter about the fire that destroyed the school in July.

"His letter got my attention and my vote because it had one of the strongest leads in the paper that day -- 'I attended the school . . . and it has burned an indelible place in my soul.'"

Now 52, Collison was born at Old Massett Village, B.C. He attended Grades 1-6 in Massett, and Grade 7 - 11 in Jasper Place where he went to Elmwood, Britannia and Jasper Place composite high. He lived in Edmonton Indian Residential School (IRS)

from 1961 to 1965.

"My surname then was Thompson," he said. "I returned home to Massett in the fall of 1965 and joined the work force at age 16, then became self-educated.



Ernie Collison's letter on the school of shame won The Journal's Golden Pen Award for July.

Recollections

"Some of my recollections of Edmonton: going to Oil Kings and Eskimo games; as a cadet and militiaman in the artillery, doing gun salutes with 105 howitzers; our IRS hockey team, the Sauce Lake Flyers, playing Hobbema; CHED; CFRN-TV; Fran Huck; the China

Clipper; skating on the St. Albert River; -40F winter/90F summer (I live in a temperate zone); my first espresso while skipping out of JPCHS (no Starbucks then); traffic circles; chokecherries; McDougall United Church (awesome pipe organ and choir); eating canned pork twice a day at IRS."

Collison is now in his eighth year as administrator for the Haida Nation.

CONGRATULATIONS ERNIE!

IN MEMORIUM

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 Gyaawhlans (Alex Jones)

Vesta Helmer
Margaret Hewer

Skidegate

Maude Moody
Chief Gitkun
(Nathan Young)

Roslind Russ
Marjorie (Bubby) Pearson
Nancy Jones

Condolences to the family of Dave Penna.

Pole Raising at UBC Museum of Anthropology, Oct 1, 2000

Submitted by Ernie Collison

Jim Hart was commissioned by the Museum to carve a new pole "Respect to Bill Reid". The figures, from bottom to top, are Wolf (Bill's clan crest), Raven and Grandmother of Ravens, Eagle and Grandmother of Eagles, then 3 Watchmen on the top. The new pole was raised in front of the Haida House in front of the Museum; it replaces the original pole that is now inside the Museum and will be put on display in the Museum. Bill Reid and Doug Cramner carved the original pole in 1962. It started to rot on the bottom.

Jim Hart and assistant carvers, Nika Collison, Paul White, Oliver Bell, and Michael Nicholl carved the new pole over a 6 month period. Jim expressed his thanks to many people who assisted in completing the pole including Darryl Collerman for his technical assistance; Lia Hart, Irene Mills, Barbara Wilson, Jeff "Gwalagaa: Haart, Trish Collison, Bev Hack, for painting; Ernie Collison for being MC and conducting the raising of the Pole.

Well over 1,000 people attended the pole raising ceremony, many of whom helped out in various ways including preparing the food, cleaning up, singing, dancing, running errands, carrying the pole and pulling on ropes, and enjoying the day.

On September 30, the day before the pole raising, Jim Hart called for a gathering of Haidas and everyone was treated to salmon cooked on an open fire, k'aaw, and many other foods and desserts. This was an informal and fun filled time that gave everyone a chance to visit and meet other Haidas and make new friends, and to share songs and dances.

Thanks go to many people who helped with complet

ing the carving and painting, cooking, the staff and friends of the UBC Museum of Anthropology, Canada Council Millennium Arts Fund, Royal bank, Vancouver foundation, Kaatza foundation, Bill Reid Invitational concert Series, and Museum of Anthropology Members and Friends, and especially the people of Musqueam in whose territory the ceremonies were held.

Jim wants you to know that he thanks all of you from the bottom of his heart for all the good work and feelings that went a long with the carving of the pole right up to the moment it was raised into its permanent loca-



Jimmy applies the finishing touches to the pole.

tion. He especially thanks Rosemary and the kids for their support.

LOST & FOUND

Lost: Haida Button Blanket with Eagle Design, owned by Ernie Collison. It went missing from under the big white tent at the Pole Raising at UBC on Oct 1. Finder, please call CHN Massett at 1-888-638-7778

Found: Button blanket cloth, found under the big white tent at the Pole Raising at UBC on Oct 1. Contact UBC Museum of Anthropology at 604-822-5919.

Policy Committee Report submitted by April Churchill

As we move towards the actuality of Haida Title to Haida Gwaii, it is important that the infrastructure necessary to management of our lands and resources is in place.

To ensure equality for all, within Haida Cultural values and standards, the processes are being be clearly defined.

Since the middle of November 1999, through a grant from the Capacity Initiative, the CHN Policy Committee has been working on the governance, Terms of Reference; Policy and Procedure and the Haida Constitution. The steps taken to develop the CHN policy were:

1st: The HOA and CHN minutes; motions; and the Terms of Reference regarding Governance Policy were assembled.

2nd: The way business has been historically conducted was added.

3rd: Clauses to solve the problems that the Representatives and Citizens consistently bring up were inserted.

4th: Other FN Policies were used as models to fill in the blank areas.

5th: An Organizational Specialist spent a week reviewing the CHN Organization and made recommendation on ways to make the work more efficient. These suggestions were inserted into the policy.

6th: 65 Draft Policy Booklets were distributed at the June 2000, assembly so that Haida Citizens could make edits to their governance laws.

7th: CHN held two public meetings, one in Massett and one in Skidegate, to give the Haida Citi-

zens the opportunity to make edits.

8th: The Hereditary Chiefs sat twice to edit the Haida Constitution.

9th: The Policy Committee inserted the Citizen and Hereditary Chiefs edits into the proposed policy.

10th: The CHN brings the proposed policy and Constitutional amendments to the October 2000, HOA for adoption.

A Quorum of no less than 40 Haida Citizens is needed for HOA to adopt these policies.

Every attempt has been made to address the governance issues which have been stated year after year. Now, it is up to us to attend the HOA to ensure that Haida governance meets the standards of the law making body: The Haida House of Assembly.

CHN Policy Committee

Chair: Harold Yeltatzje
Members: Shelley Gladstone
Bill White
Darlene Hooper
Gilbert Parnell

New Volunteer Citizens:
Captain & Bernice Gold

Assigned Staff: A. Churchill

Regular Meeting Day:
2nd Tuesday of Each Month, Tele conference 7 PM-10 PM

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CHN POLICY BUILDING PLAN

CHN Committees and Employees are in the process of building and updating TORs and Policy for Land and Resource Management.

1. Adoption of CHN Internal Governance Policy.
 2. Forest Committee and Employees developing Forest Management Policy.
 3. Fisheries Committee and Employees, developing Fish and Oceans Management Policy.
 4. Lands/Environment Committee, developing land use Policy.
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October 11 – 13, 2000, HOA Business Agenda

submitted by April Churchill

In accordance to the Haida Constitution, CHN is mandated to adopt policy.

CHN adopted policy may be changed by a quorum of CHN. HOA adopted policy may only be changed at a duly convened HOA, comprised of no less than forty (40) Haida Citizens.

The 1999 – 2000 Council of Haida Nation, has determined that there are policies which the House of Assembly should adopt, to make certain that all future Council of the Haida Nations conduct business in accordance to the wishes of the Haida Citizens.

The policies to be presented at the October 11 – 13, 2000 reconvening of HOA, are the policies that outline the way CHN is to get the business of the Haida Nation done.

To help the HOA get through the Agenda and allow enough time to discuss the Constitution, Day 1, October 11, 2000, will bring recommended policies which are general to all governing bodies and pose the least controversy:

1. CHN Code of Ethics (Adopted In-Principle, 1999 HOA)

**Recommended Additions to Include Village Councilors and Hereditary Chiefs*

2. CHN Conflict of Interest (Adopted In-Principle, 1999 HOA)

**Recommended Additions: to Include all involved in CHN Activities*

3. CHN Swearing In and Orientation (Adopted In-Principle, 1999 HOA)

**Recommended Additions:*

-Orientation for New Representatives.

-To provide time lines and identify responsibility

4. CHN Travel (Adopted In-Principle, 1999 HOA)

**No Changes Recommended, CHN has implemented CHN Procedure of this policy.*

5. CHN Discipline (Adopted by CHN, April 10, 1999)

**No Changes Recommended, CHN has implemented CHN Procedure for this policy.*

6. CHN Communication (First Presentation to HOA)

**To ensure the Haida Constitutional mandate to Communicate openly with the Haida Citizens.*

7. House of Assembly Rules (Adopted In-Principle, 1999 HOA)

**Recommended Additions, to ensure HOA Resolutions are acted on.*

8. CHN Elections (Adopted In-Principle, 1999 HOA)

**Recommended Additions: Made by the Electoral Officers, based on situations which arose during the election. AND edits inserted by the Massett Public Work Session.*

Day 2, October 12:

1. Haida Constitution (Aside from general

Housekeeping Amendments, the Primary Amendments include:

- a. Annual HOA Date;
- b. Staggered Terms;
- c. Length of Terms;
- d. Clarifications for HOA
- e. Clarification for Secretariat
- f. Chief's Council;
- g. Village Councils' Voting Rights;
- h. Board of Inquiry;
- i. Judicial Tribunal
- j. Recall, Removal;
- k. Holding dual elected positions

Day 3 October 13: Policies which Day 2, Constitutional Amendments would change policy clauses. Defines the Structure; Responsibilities and Limitations of:

1. CHN Governance Procedure

2. CHN Executive Committee

3. CHN Committees; Boards & Portfolios

4. Nation Process

- a. Haida Leadership
- b. Board of Inquiry
- c. Judicial Tribunal
- d. Enumeration
- e. Adoption of Haida Law

CHN 1st Quarterly Meeting, August 23 & 24, 2000 in Old Massett
Tripartite Meeting, August 25, 2000 in Old Massett

CHN 1ST QUARTERLY

ATTENDANCE: 11 CHN Representatives; 5 CHN Staff; 5 Hereditary Leaders; 5 SBC Council Members; 2 OMVC Council members; 9 Haida citizens.

MOTIONS CARRIED:

- #1: to adopt the Agenda for this meeting.
- #2 to adopt the minutes of the minutes of July 7, 2000.
- #3: To develop a Haida Land Management Plan and Policies for Duuguusd.
- # 4: That the recommended CHN Communication Draft Flow Charts and reporting procedures be adopted, as presented by the Communications Committee.
- # 5: That the CHN Policy Committee draft Personnel Policy and Procedures for hiring and dismissal.
- # 6: To table Constitution, Article 7, S3, and the matter of "ex-officio" to tomorrows Tripartite Meeting
- # 7: That the recommendation from the Policy Committee on the Internal Flow Chart 3 and descriptions of limitations and responsibilities for each entity: be adopted in its entirety.
- #8: That CHN step up protection of forest of Haida Gwaii.
- #9: That the Portfolio Reports: a) HG Marine Resources Group; b) Gwaii Trust; c) FP Cultural Foundation be accepted as written and that CHN reps read the reports at their own convenience.
- #10: That the CHN Fishery Committee investigates all factors leading to the loss of the Traveler II, and report back to CHN in writing, by September 30, 2000.

REPORTS:

- a) Finance and Administration:** Audited Statements to March 31, 2000, prepared by Carlyle Sheppard; Year to Date financial report of CHN from April 1, 2000
- b) Personnel:** Administrative Assistant has been hired CMT Dismissed Crew members, 2 former crew members were present to state their case for being rehired.

c) Review of Resolutions from June 2000 HOA

d) Dr Manfred Baur of Germany: Request permission to film a portion of his documentary "Peopling of the Americas" on Haida Gwaii – permission granted

e) CHN Representatives Swearing In: Pansy Collison, Roy Jones Jr., and Frank Collison were sworn in.

f) Heiltsuk Chiefs: Meeting and itinerary were set up to discuss the southern ocean boundaries

g) Archaeology Overview: A contract is being prepared so that CHN will participate in a mapping of all archaeology studies on Haida Gwaii

h) Cedar Inventory: A contract is being prepared so that CHN can continue with the inventory of all cedars on Haida Gwaii with intent to establish a management plan which would meet the needs of contemporary use and to preserve trees for future generations

i) Reports: President, Vice President, and Pr. Masset, Rupert and Vancouver Regions; & Reports from the Communications, Policy, Personnel, Forestry, and Fisheries CHN Committees.

TRIPARTITE

The Tripartite Process is a meeting of CHN, Hereditary Chiefs, OMVC, & SBC. The Haida Leaders bring information forward and to solve problems and issues.

ATTENDANCE: 2 CHN Reps, 4 CHN Staff, 3 Hereditary Leaders, 5 SBC Council members, 6 OMVC Council members, 13 Haida Citizens.

AGENDA DISCUSSION

- 1. AMB (Gwaii Haanas)-** Terms of Reference for CHN appointment will be prepared for next HOA.
- 2. Economic Development:** TFL 39 5% Takeback – OMVC and SBC are interested in a joint venture with Weyerhaeuser. This presents a unique situation as the TFL 39 court case has not had a ruling, a legal opinion will be sought prior to any joint venture undertaking
- 3. Gwaii Trust** – CHN has submitted a response to Gwaii Trust on the proposed re-structure, and on the matter of the Community Infrastructure Fund for CHN eligibility.
- 4. Japanese interests** – Some corporate interests have

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. **FISHING LODGE DEVELOPMENT AT PORT LOUIS:** *The CHN is directed by the AHOA to stop the attempts to develop a fishing lodge at Port Louis, including opposing changes to land use designation by GIAPC and SQCRD. Monte Brown/Christian White.*

PROGRESS: Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District turned down the rezoning request. CHN Executive Committee continues to work on the long-term solution to this problem.

2. **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES FOR TOURISM:** *The CHN is directed by the HOA to develop environmental policies concerning tourism development and seek to apply these in the Kiusta area. Sharon Matthews/Lois Rullin.*

PROGRESS: Has been added to the 2nd stage of the CHN Policy Development Work Plan.

3. **PUBLIC SESSIONS AT CHN QUARTERLY MEETINGS:** *The CHN Administrator work to improve the timing of responses to letters and telephone inquires; and that the CHN is directed by the AHOA to set aside a half day during each quarterly for public participation and discussion. Ruth Gladstone Davies/Christian White.*

PROGRESS: The suggestions from an Organizational Review of CHN, for improving communication, are currently being implemented by the CHN employees, as well as CHN and CHN Committees, itself. It takes time for people to get use to doing things in a new way, but everyone is working very hard at learning and doing the things needed to improve CHN communication.

At the 1st CHN Quarterly, CHN adopted a Communication Flow chart and has since developed and implemented procedures. CHN also designated a half day of the Quarterly for citizen participation. Soon into the agenda it became apparent that CHN would not get through its business agenda without the half day. Rather than blocking a half day, agenda discussion was opened to include citizen participation.

At the Quarterlies, decisions are made that only a quorum of CHN may make. It is through these motions that the CHN Committees and employees receive direction. It is important for CHN to get through an agenda.

CHN has held five (5) public meetings, in order to maximize citizen participation: 2- for citizen input into the policy; 2- for citizens to make their forest concerns known; and 1- for helping to develop the Razor Clam harvest regulations.

4. **CHILDREN OF HAIDA CITIZENS AND BAND COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP:** *The CHN facilitate public meetings in Skidegate and Masset in the fall of 2000 to discuss the citizenship and membership policies of the CHN, SBC and OMVC and related issues. Darlene Hooper/Tana Hooper.*

PROGRESS Meeting to be scheduled.

5. **PROTECTION OF INDIGENOUS PLANTS IN HAIDA GWAI:** *That the Council of the Haida Nation research, plan and implement a method of protecting and preserving these plants for future generations. Barbara Wilson/ Darlene Hooper.*

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BE IT RESOLVED (Continued)

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PROGRESS: The CHN Forestry Committee; Policy Committee; Forest Guardian and CMT employees are in the process of assembling all historical forest related Resolutions; Motions; Terms of Reference; Policies; and Procedures and compiling a comprehensive Forest Management Policy, in addition those policies to address immediate need are being developed or revised by Committee and employees. The Forestry Policy development will be done using a similar process as the governance policies were developed.

6. **REVIEW OF REPORT "LIBERATING OUR NATIONS":** *That the Policy Committee read, provide recommendations on how to use this document in a timely respectful way. Lavina White/ Lois Rullin*

PROGRESS: At the First CHN Quarterly, CHN Policy Committee member, Darlene Hooper reported that after reading through the document, it was the recommendation of the CHN Policy Committee that this Resolution would be better addressed by the SBC and OMVC Social Development professionals, as they have first hand knowledge, as to "Childwelfare" issues.

7. **DEFEATED**

8. **OFFSHORE GAS, OIL AND MINING MORATORIUM:** *That the AHOA, reaffirms the Haida Nation position of no gas and oil exploration, and mining in Haida Gwaii territories; and that the CHN, through the CHN Lands Committee, make the Haida Nation position widely known; and that the CHN actively lobby for the Province to maintain existing moratoria. Sharon Matthews/Lois Rullin. AND*

MOTION 11: *That a Working Committee be struck, comprised of representatives of CHN, OMVC, SBC and Hereditary Leaders, to explore and research issues in the oil and gas industry and the effects it may have on the Haida Nation. Wayne Wilson/Lois Rullin.*

PROGRESS: CHN Land Committee Chair is Charlie Bellis; SBC has appointed Wayne Wilson; Gilbert Parnell and alternate, David Crosby; and OMVC has appointed Ron Brown Jr.; Steve Samuals; and Norman Marks to this Committee.

9. **WITHDRAWN**10. **DEFEATED: SUPPORT FOR HAIDA CITIZENS FACING LEGAL CHARGES**

Previous to HOA directing, through defeat of this resolution, that the Nation will not to pay legal fees for individuals charged on resource charges, CHN had committed to contributing some funds to the Tony Brooks case. Since receiving direction from HOA CHN has not provided financial support for individuals' legal charges.

11. **PROTECTION OF HAIDA CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** *That the CHN develop a method for labeling designs and other visible articles as "Haida" through means such as a certificate of authenticity in order to protect Haida artists. C. White/ C. Williams.*

DONE: Artist Certificates of Authenticity and labels are available at the CHN offices.

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Be It Resolved (cont)

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12. RECOVERING COSTS OF REPATRIATION OF HAIDA ANCESTRAL REMAINS: *The CHN consider all means including negotiation and court action to recover costs of repatriation of Haida ancestral remains. A. Churchill/ R.Jones Jr.*

From 1st Quarterly: The cost for repatriation of the remains at the Canadian Museum of Civilization was about \$250,000, raised by fund-raising; donations; proposal writing; and Village Councils' contributions.

Museums have no budget to support repatriation but the money can be lobbied for from the governments. OMVC and SBC have sent a letter to the Canadian Heritage Branch to lobby for funds to support repatriation. **Recommendation:** CHN, SBC, and OMVC meet with the Ministers to address the governments obligation to paying for Repatriation.

RIGHT TO ACCESS

WOOD, submitted by A. Churchill

The Haida Nation has the right to access Haida resource. CHN has implemented a Right to Access Permit for Haida use of Haida Gwaii timber. For further details and application contact the CHN offices. * * *

Archeological Overview

submitted by A. Churchill

CHN will begin compiling and digitizing all Haida Gwaii available archeological information, to include location of CMTs Haida place names and oral histories attached to place names; known Haida archeological sites and geographical information which is stored in libraries and archives.

This information will be inserted into a GIS digital mapping system. This is a living project which will continue as information becomes available.

The project is funded through the Resource Inventory Corporation's, FRBC.

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CMT ACTIVITY

submitted by Gary Russ

Rory Annett, MOF district Manager, made an application to the Archaeology Branch (BC) to cut down a Culturally Modified Tree in the Chindikundl Creek area, because when a future road is constructed, the CMT will become a danger tree. Ironically, the only way that the CMT can be declared a danger tree is if the road is already in place. The district manager in his letter to the Archaeology Branch states that there are over a hundred CMT's in the area. We are saying that if that is the case then maybe the whole area should be left intact. We feel very strongly that the only people who can give permission to cut down a CMT are the Haida people.

MOF and industry seem to be waffling on the existing CMT agreement that is in place and are trying to eliminate the CHN out of the consultative loop.

Thank you for your time and consideration, if there are any questions regarding fishery or forestry issues please give me a call at home (250) 559-4519 or I can be reached through the CHN office at Skidegate.

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Forestry Guardian *submitted by Kiku Dhanwant*

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CONCERNS KNOWN TO US ABOUT THESE ISSUES, 626-6058

JS JONES

Plans to Log Old Growth in Jiininga and Dover Trail, two very important areas to the Haida.

Plans To Log Copper River 45-50 Year Old Stands: After a watershed assessment is completed, and the proposal for logging in the Copper River watershed is advertised, the public and the CHN will then have 60 days to send in their comments to JS Jones and the Ministry of Forest (MOF) District Manager.

The Copper River has not healed from the previous logging impacts on fish bearing streams and further logging of young trees is a concern for the CHN.

OTHER PROPOSED LOGGING AREAS include hills behind Queen Char-

lotte City, Maud Island, Deena River, and Skidegate watershed, just over the ridge from Spirit Lake.

WEYERHAEUSER

1. Weyerhaeuser is now using a feller-buncher (hotsaw) to clear-cut trees in the old burn along the Yakoun River. This machine can fall, limb and stack 500 trees per day. The areas being logged are important cedar bark gathering areas and an important source of future cedars for monumental art and other uses.

2. Weyerhaeuser uses a method of logging called Variable Retention. Variable retention on Haida Gwaii is different from clearcutting in that they leave strip or patches of trees within the harvested area.

Our windthrow surveys have shown that many of these patches and strips are blowing down within a year of logging.

HUSBY

1. The approval of Husby Forest Development Plan for 1999-2003 was reviewed by the Forest Practices Board after a complaint was filed by the CHN and Gow Gaia Institute. on September 26, 27, 28 2000., the review panel heard the results of the investigation into the Husby Plan, and will decide whether the Forest Development Plan should be approved or rejected. Results of the Review panel' decision will be noted in the next Haida Laas.

2. Husby has done a watershed assessment in Tartu Inlet and is seeking approval to log in this area. Much of this area has been logged and there are already 144 slides in this watershed. Any further logging will add to the damage of fish bearing creeks. If you have any information on this area,, please contact us at the above e number.

3. Husby's logging plans in Duuguusd are

FORESTRY COMMITTEE

COUNCIL OF THE HAIDA NATION:

**CO-CHAIRS: TERRY HAMILTON
HAROLD YELTATZIE**

MEMBER: PANSY COLLISON

MEMBER: CHARLIE BELLIS

PORTFOLIO: GUUJAAW

STAFF SUPPORT: B. EDGARS

VILLAGE COUNCILS:

STEVE SAMUELS, OMVC

NORMAN MARKS, OMVC

RICHARD RUSS, SBC

NEW VOLUNTEER CITIZEN:

SUE COWPAR (POLICY)

REGULAR MEETING DAYS:

**2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH,
CHN OFFICE MASSETT, 9AM-4:30 PM.**

on hold until the end of December, 2000. The Cabinet has placed a moratorium on logging in this area until December 31, due to Haida concerns.

SMALL BUSINESS

The proposal for logging in Kootney Inlet, a Haida Protected Area has been approved and road construction has begun.

FOREST HEALTH

Canadian Forest Service will be meeting with the CHN on October 24th to discuss their concerns about the insect epidemic that has been turning the second growth trees brown for the last five years. The CHN Forest Guardians will be working with the Canadian Forest Service to assess the damage to second growth stands and its implications for the cutting rate on Haida Gwaii.

Fishery Committee, submitted by Gary Russ

We have made DFO aware that the Haida want a continuation of the Roe-on-Kelp Fishery for local fishers. We

have been attempting to have some input into the management (or lack thereof) of our resources for a number of years but our concerns continue to fall on deaf ears.

Other issues that

we are addressing are: R.A. Young's court case, kelp harvesting on Haida Gwaii, a dog-fish fishery in Skidegate Inlet, funding for Pallent Creek Hatchery, and DFO is attempting to start an octopus dive

fishery. We have again informed DFO they are not to conduct these new fisheries on Haida Gwaii.

Please come out to the continuation of the House of Assembly on October 11, 12, and 13, 2000.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

CHN:

CHAIR:

GARY RUSS

MEMBER:

TERRY HAMILTON

CHARLIE BELLIS

ROY JONES JR.

BILL WHITE

PORTFOLIO: H. VELTATZIE

STAFF SUPPORT:

PAT FAIRWEATHER

CONSULTANT: RUSS JONES

VILLAGE COUNCILS:

EDDIE RUSS: SBC

RON BROWN JR.: OMVC

STEVE SAMUELS: OMVC

REGULAR MEETING DAY: 3RD

THURS. EA. MONTH, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, CHN SKIDEGATE.

Right To Access Fish & Game

Right To Access Fish and Game Identification Cards are available at the CHN offices. The cards help us understand the amount of fish and game we use and will need in the future. These catch estimates help us ensure that the Haida traditional stewardship laws, regarding the respectful use and care of our food sources, are followed.

The access cards also ensure that we are not stopped, by governmental agents, from exercising our aboriginal right to access.

The Traveler II, submitted by Ernie Collison

CHN owned fishing boat, the "Traveller II", was lost April 30, 2000 near Langara Island with no loss of life or injury. Everyone is glad the Captain Charlie Brown, Nick Brown, Mike Morrison, and Rollie Morrison were safely rescued by the "Sanglinay". At the time of the loss of the boat, they were Halibut fishing. A claim is in progress with the insurance company for total loss of the boat.

The CHN Fisheries Committee has since contracted Mike Morrison to fish the halibut quota of the "Traveller II" on his own boat, "Miss Jennifer Ann".

The CHN Fisheries Committee is monitoring the program and will have a final report for CHN.



CHN
Haida Laas Box 549,
Masset
Haida Gwaii, VOT

Haw'aa submitted by
Harold Yeltatzie

here have been so many changes to the CHN internal duties, where staff plays a major role. The staff in both Skidegate and Old Massett have adjusted to these new areas extremely well and deserve a huge Haw'aa, for they are the heart-beat of our CHN.

Also, to the CHN Representatives, "Haw'aa" for your patience and understanding. Accountability in all internal areas is now working beautifully.

Haw'aa, to those reading the Haida Laas for taking the time to read the Haida Newsletter; those who have attended the CHN public meetings and to those who assisted in developing the policies to be presented at the HOA, October 11-13.

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expressed interest in coming to invest with the Haidas

6. Repatriation of Haida Ancestors The Repatriation work from the Canadian Museum of Civilization (CMC) is nearly completed. The Old Massett and Skidegate volunteers are commended for their work. While in Ottawa, Committee members asked the CMC Gift Shop about royalty payments made to CHN for the sale of replicated Haida Art. CHN and Haida Art Community representatives met a few years ago with Museum Representatives and told the museum to stop the replication project but the museum stated that it had a legal arrangement and the project would proceed. There are also arrangements between contemporary artists and the museum for replication of their work. *Action: CHN, by motion, is directed to follow up on checking issues on the matter of replication of Haida Art pieces*

7. Fisheries: The CHN Halibut Quota contract currently operating with Haida Fishermen is discussed, the percent breakdown will be reviewed by the CHN Fisheries Committee.

8. Gwaii Haanas - AMB Employment Agreement

Bev Haines raised a matter of a letter of offer for employment to her which makes demands on her reporting to the Manager of the office, to which she feels is not appropriate. *Action: Guujaaw will sit with the Haida AMB members to review the matter and come up with a decision & CHN will lead a review of the Canada/Haida Agreement for Gwaii Haanas, and operational matters of Gwaii Haanas*