



# Haida Laas

*Newsletter Issue 3, August, 2001*

## *Haida Nation Protocol Update*

The last issue of the Haida Laas, (May 2001, Edition) provided information about the two agreements the Haida entered into with the Province: the General Protocol Agreement and the Haida Gwaii Forest Interim Measures and Land Use Planning Protocol Agreement. These Protocol Agreements are not land claim agreements or treaties. They are agreements that define the political intent between the Haida and the Province of B.C. and outline a process by which the Province and the Haida Nation will seek solutions to issues that are of immediate concern. For our part, it will put us in a better position or we won't bother with it. For the new Provincial government, they must decide, now, whether they want to play or fight.

The action plan that CHN has provided details the timelines and activities by which the objectives of the agreement would be achieved. CHN has submitted the plan to the Province and is awaiting a reply.

The Protocol sets aside our appeal of the TFL case while the Province commits to the protected areas of DuuGuusd and Government Creek. Land use planning has never been formally conducted other than for logging. Through this protocol the parties will lead a process of land use planning looking at all interested parties involved. Given these details the Province must now decide if this is the course they want. If they decide this is not what they want, the TFL case goes ahead. In any case, the title case goes ahead.

CHN will hold public meetings on August 30, K'a.ads'nee Longhouse, at 7:00 PM, in Old Massett and on September 6, at the Skidegate Community Hall, at 7:00 PM to update the Haida public, and to answer questions on this and any other topics related to Title and Rights. Guujaaw, CHN President will provide the information about the Agreement.

On September 13, the Haida All Leaders Meeting and on September 14 and 15, the CHN Quarterly Meetings will be held at the K'a.ads'nee Longhouse, in Massett. If any one would like a copy of the Protocol Action Plan, it is available at both CHN Offices. This will be the last quarterly before the annual House of Assembly, which is scheduled for October 10-13, at the Skidegate Community Hall, from 10 AM - 4:30 PM.

# *Tshimshian and Haida Moratorium on Gas Exploration*

May 14, 2001

The Tshimshian Nation and the Haida Nation continue to support the Moratorium on Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration. The Tshimshian and Haida have examined the issues and determined that the reasons cited for initiating the Moratorium have not changed. "The petroleum interests that are being promoted are within the territorial seas of our people", says Deborah Jeffery, President of the Tshimshian Tribal Council. "Our culture and identities are integrally tied to our land and seas, including the marine resources."

The cultures of the Northwest Coast peoples are derived from their relationship with their lands. The marine environment is amongst the richest on the planet while the coastal rainforests attract visitors from around the world. "The risk of harm from an accidental spill or from allowable discharge is not acceptable and they expect us to bear the risk", says Guujaaw, President of the Council of the Haida Nation. "We intend to pass on a life and culture to the following generations which includes fish and birds."

The position of the Tshimshian and the Haida is consistent with the position of the federal government. The Environment Minister David Anderson stated previously in the media dated August 9, 2000. "I am not going to in any way support lifting of the moratorium until it's clearly shown that the reasons for having it in the first place are no longer valid." He stated interested parties would have to satisfy concerns about the environment, the fishery, earthquakes and aboriginal involvement in any proposal.

Deborah Jeffery, President of the Tshimshian Nation and Guujaaw, President of the Haida Nation are united in their statement to the federal and provincial government, "The Moratorium on Offshore Oil and Gas Explorations must remain in place."

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## *Oil Exploration & Drilling on B. C.'s North Coast:* "A BACKWARD STEP"

### **FACTS**

\*According to the Geological Survey of Canada, the Hecate Strait is among the most earthquake-prone zones. It has a history of major seismic activity, with quakes recorded up to magnitudes of 7.0 (1929 and 1970) and 8.1 (1949).

\*Drilling platforms would be subjected to fierce storms and waves. High winds (exceeding 200 kph) over the shallow waters of Hecate Strait have been known to generate enormous waves – waves as high as 30 meters have been reported. (Parfitt, B. *A Crude Solution*. A report prepared by the Sierra Legal Defence Fund.)

\*Over 50% of the landed value of the commercial fishery catch in BC comes from the Hecate Strait, Queen Charlotte Sound and Dixon Entrance. This area is the migration corridor for hundreds of millions of juvenile and adult salmon. (West Coast Offshore Exploration and Environmental Assessment Panel, 1986).

\*Ten years after the catastrophic Exxon Valdez oil spill, marine biologists continue to uncover new evidence of the accident's ongoing impact on marine life. Recent scientific studies show that exposure to tiny amounts of crude oil results in premature death or abnormal growth in salmon and other fish species.

\*A scientist with Alaska's National Marine Fisheries Service, told the inquiry into the Exxon Valdez spill that for pacific salmon "in the egg stage, exposure to oil can be akin to taking a shotgun to DNA." The fish may survive he says, but they are damaged, not unlike children with fetal alcohol syndrome. (*A Crude Solution*)

\*Herring is at risk from blowouts or spills. A spill in the wrong place in March or April would represent the greatest threat because it would fall during the herring's spawning and larval stages. "Exposure to oil at this time could cause mortality or abnormal development. The effects on the early life stages of a year-class of herring could have long-term recurring consequences on herring stocks." (1986, Canada's and BC's environment and energy ministers report)

\*A major blowout would affect coastal ecosystems and the residents of the communities on the coast, in particular those communities who rely on harvesting coastal resources, like fish, clams, seaweed etc. "Depending on winds and surface currents, oil would come ashore in relatively higher concentrations in certain area. Diet, income, social structure and culture could be affected and the continued viability of some communities threatened." (West Coast Offshore Exploration & Environmental Assessment Panel)

\*In both the United Kingdom and Norway, numerous compensation claims have been made by the oil industry to the fishing industry. These claims were related to damage and lost fishing time caused by oil related debris.

\*Oil extraction has low level long term negative impacts on the surrounding environment. "From any oil operation like this you have chronic leaks. That would damage one of Canada's most biologically rich marine environments." (David Hocking, *the Province*, July 18, 2001)

\*Prior to actual drilling the industry must conduct seismic testing in the search for oil. These tests in themselves have negative effects on fish and other marine life: fish are killed due to blown up air sacks, marine larvae are killed and the feeding and migration patterns of fish and whales can be altered. (*Living Oceans*, 2001.)

\*In addition to the environmental risks associated with exploration and drilling there are risks to the workers. From CNN website here are a few of the major accidents in the last 20 years: (a) March 2001-10 people were killed in

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# *Husby Forest Product Letter to the Haida*

*shared by Guujaaw*

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June 19, 2001  
Guujaaw  
President  
Council of the Haida Nation

Dear Guujaaw:

**Re: Spirit of Mutual Recognition and Respect**

I have received a copy of a recent letter dated June 11, 2001 sent by "EAGLE" to the Forest Appeals Commission regarding a case pending before the Commission concerning HFP's Development Plans. The basis for this case related back to a general complaint registered by the CHN to the Forest Practices Board of BC.

In this complaint, HFP has maintained the position that any basis for the complaint was tenuous at best. To date, our position on this matter has been verified. However, this minor issue is symptomatic of a more general ongoing concern. The CHN through such institutes as the FPB, Gowgahi Institute, and now the "Eagle" group have chosen the path of confrontation rather than discussion and understanding.

As an understatement, both the CHN and HFP have issues to deal with. Some of these issues are complicated by the necessity of involving other parties which have caused HFP by circumstance to defend our interests.

But HFP has continually endeavoured to move forward on these issues. If they are resolved to the satisfaction of both of us, by default, we'll need to be working more closely together in a climate of mutual respect and recognition.

Towards this objective, HFP did not protest the recently signed "Protocol n Interim Measures and Land Use Planning" since we believed the intents were beneficial. However, we see a direct contradiction to the principles outlined in the Protocol when the CHN continues to essentially challenge my company with obviously trivial matters. The ongoing desire for the CHN to chose this path does not bode well for living up to the broader principles and objectives of the Protocol.

HFP has always been committed to open and honest communications with expectation for it to be reciprocated. We have always been there for the Skidegate and Massett Bands to help give business advice. But it appears you wish to encourage and promote a confrontational relationship. HFP certainly prefers to work cooperatively and constructively and maintains an open invitation to talk directly to the Bands and CHN. However, HFP can take a similar confrontational approach as the CHN if necessary.

I look forward to moving constructively forward in the future.

Yours truly,

Dave Husby  
President  
Husby Forest Products  
cc. Band Councils





## *Haida Nation Reply to Dave Husby*

August 9, 2001

**Re: your letter dated June 19, 2001**  
Mutual Recognition and Respect.

Thank you for openly stating your concerns, as we know it isn't easy to get along all the time, honest communications may be easier. Here is a review from our perspective of some issues that make for a troubled relationship.

Several years ago you made a proposal to the leaders of the Haida Nation claiming that if you didn't go into Duu Guusd you stood to lose your quota and even your license. At that time you proposed that we jointly log Duu Guusd, if that was not acceptable; that we allow a specified amount of logging in Duu Guusd after which you would not go in without the approval of the Haida Nation. You had convinced our people that while you couldn't sign an agreement in fear of losing your quota, your word was good....

The proposal was brought to the House of Assembly and a very difficult decision was made; to allow a few blocks to be removed as a means of protecting Duu Guusd... on your word. ...You took out those blocks and have done very well for yourself since then. Your applications for additional logging in Duu Guusd over the last few years, and the impression you gave the CHN and the Chiefs at the Homemakers building, lead us to believe that you no longer feel committed to that undertaking.

Over the last while, there has been public criticism from your offices, particularly Greg Willicot, who claimed that our CMT crews had improperly mapped and surveyed an area. Mr. Willicot knew that it was your own engineers who made the mistake and yet continued to use this misinformation in attempt to discredit our people and have our people replaced with outside archeologists.

Operational guidelines for management of logging around CMTs had been jointly established by ourselves with all licensees including your company and the MoF. Your company has chosen to ignore these guidelines in maximizing your take. You told us that your concerns for continuing operations have been more for your crews than yourself. Sadly, one of our people got seriously injured, in fact disabled in your operations after 16 years of logging for you. As he waits on WCB to come through with a settlement he has become impoverished. He was hurt again as he got no note of concern or phone call let alone any support from your company.

When the CHN filed a complaint that the MOF was allowing you to log murrelet-nesting areas, you got hollering mad. After you beat the case, the FPB appealed and we asked to participate because we didn't like the ruling and we believe the panel was deliberately stacked in your favor, and you're mad again. If our complaint is tenuous, you have nothing to worry about. If the province and their policies allow you to log murrelet habit, that doesn't make it right.

Your company has had more concessions, breaks and leeway from the Ministry of Forests than anyone else, and that might be none of our business. Where ever there is an effect on the land, it is our responsibility. We view the MoF and the industry as one partners and we have to consider the effect not the personalities.

We are committed to the principles of mutual respect and cooperation, however this does not mean that we let you have your way with the land, nor does it mean that we will agree on everything. Respect means respect of the lands as well as each other and respect of our differing interests.

We do not consider due process to be confrontational and we are interested in what you might have in mind in your taking a 'confrontational approach'. If you have issues, we are always willing to sit down and try to work things out, just set a date with our Administrator. In any case, you can't always expect things to go your way.

Thank you for your attention

Guujaaw, President CHN



# Haida Aboriginal Title Notification

Haida Laas, August, 2001

May 18, 2001

**To:** Weyerhaeuser; Timber West; Teal Group; J.S. Jones; Western Forest Products; Husby Forest Products  
**Cc:** BC Treaty Commission; BC Government; Government of Canada

Be advised that Haida Aboriginal Title covers all of Haida Gwaii and surrounding waters. Jurisdictional disputes and liabilities for infringements and damage related to resource extraction could impact your company.

'Aboriginal Title' as described by the Supreme Court of Canada, provides a unique layer of title, which predates the 'sovereignty' of the Crown. Aboriginal Title also includes Constitutionally protected rights to the land and resources placing an encumbrance over Tree Farm Licenses 'if proven'.

When the Province issued a replacement and transfer of Tree Farm License 39, the CHN challenged the replacement in the BC Supreme Court. We advanced the case that while the Haida Nation has not proven Title, the Province and the Licensee were well aware that Haida Title likely exists. We cited the evidence available through the public domain, through formal notice, and in the Provincial archives, which clearly shows the existence of Haida Aboriginal Title. Further to this, to enable this transaction, it was up to the Province, to ensure clear and unencumbered 'Crown Title'. Given the evidence in front of them, the Province failed to take steps to accommodate our interests prior to the issuance or replacement of TFL#39.

While this case was not about proving Title, the Supreme Court of BC held that the evidence strongly indicated that the Haida Nation could likely prove Aboriginal Title. The Court also held that the Provincial Crown was under a moral duty to negotiate any further replacements of TFL#39, and that there could be no further denial of the probability of Haida Title. The court did rule however, that we must prove our Title to establish an encumbrance. All of the benchmark aboriginal cases have lost at this level of court. The CHN filed an appeal of the Court ruling.

The CHN and the Province have since negotiated a non-binding protocol to place the court action in abeyance in order to allow time to resolve some of the issues of immediate concern. This Protocol sets out processes to address the issues of 'Protected Areas' and management of the lands amongst other things. While provisions for negotiations with your company have been included in the Protocol, this does not compel or bind you in any way, whether or not you participate is up to you.

We intend to prove 'Aboriginal Title' in order to clarify the issues of law and provide a true basis for negotiations. While proof of 'Aboriginal Title' remains an outstanding issue, Haida Title remains the basis of our negotiations with any other party.

As we sort through the jurisdictional matters, it is in everyone's interest to minimize any undue hardship through dialogue and mutual respect. To accomplish this, we expect to be working closely with the local communities, the BC Crown and your company if you chose to participate. The Protocol provides the opportunity to begin the process of reconciliation now.

We remain committed to the principles that we have agreed to in the Protocol and will actively seek resolutions. At the same time, it is broadly recognized that substantial changes are needed in the forest industry.

We all carry the responsibility to do what is best for lands that we all depend upon and for all the people who call these islands home. Thank you for your attention

Guujaaw  
CHN President

## *CHN FOREST GUARDIAN SPECIAL PROJECTS*

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### Youth Contribute To Haida Mandate

The CHN E-team is currently building a plant enclosure at the Golden Spruce Trail. The plant enclosure will be used for educational purposes, as well as for conducting plant studies.

The E-team has received job related training and practical eco system, both with hands on experience.

Educational Programs that were provided for CHN E-Team funding include:

- ◆ Radio Operators course
- ◆ Level 1 First aid;
- ◆ Transportation Endorsement;
- ◆ Plant Identification;
- ◆ Introduction to Computers (relevant to data entry);
- ◆ Hecate Stait Stream Keepers Forest Eco-system Course.

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### Upcoming Restoration Program

The CHN Forest Guardian Program is scheduled to begin in September. The project is designed to restore critical habitats impacted by deer browse as an incremental step towards developing a deer management strategy for Haida Gwaii.

The restoration of specific sites is the first step in increasing the knowledge base about the impacts of deer browse on local ecosystems and will contribute to a better understanding of the restoration needs on Haida Gwaii. The proposed restoration project has been identified as a priority in the Draft CHN Forest Plan to restore ecosystems of Haida Gwaii to their natural range of variability through better management.

The Forest Ecosystem Restoration (FER) committee made up of members from the Haida Cultural Committee, CHN Forestry Committee, and representatives of other partner groups will guide goals, objectives, priorities and restoration protocol. The committee's role is to ensure that a broad variety of viewpoints are being considered in project planning and that the restoration plans and activities are consistent with the Project mandate. Project activities include:

- Conduct literature review and information synthesis for project planning
- Establish Restoration goals and objective.
- Develop criteria for site selection.
- Develop protocol for restoration activities, monitoring and project evaluation.
- Erect deer enclosures and establish vegetation-monitoring plots.



## *CHN Forest Guardians Report*

### Featured Staff Person

**Barney Edgars, (St'lang 'Laanaas)** the CHN FG Senior Field Technician's work is important to monitoring the Haida Gwaii forests to ensure that the activities in the forest, at the very least, are done in accordance to the Forest Practices Code Guidelines. He is responsible to identifying Haida cultural and environmental concerns in Haida Gwaii forests. His work this last quarter included:

1. Review of the Western Forest Products Management Five Year Development Plans; (Comments to the Five Year Plans are made by the CHN)
2. Review and Comment on the JS Jones amendments to the Davidson Creek and Denan Watershed Forest Development Plans;
3. Review licensee Silva-culture Prescription applications, before they are submitted for approval, Haida concerns can be addressed;
4. Assist the CHN E-Team in construction of plant enclosure fence;
5. Assist the CMT Coordinator to implement the CMT program;
6. Assist in forest related policy and process.

Observations of improper use of the Haida Gwaii Forests may be reported to Barney.

Barney is well known for his in-depth knowledge of Haida Gwaii lands and resources and the historical and current use of these lands and resource by the Haida people.

The Haida Nation is fortunate to have Barney's knowledge and skills directed towards achieving the Haida Mandate.

## **CEDAR BARK HARVEST**

CHN has been conducting a Cedar Inventory on Haida Gwaii, which is verifying what the Haida has been saying all along – there is not enough cedar out there to supply cultural needs.

Reports have been received by CHN and MOF about improper stripping of cedar bark. Those trees reported were located near cut-blocks but not scheduled for cut. These cedar will not live.

Please make certain that no more than the width of your hands placed side by side (about 6-8" w) is stripped. The tree must not be smaller than what your arms can go around, just barely touching fingertips. Before harvesting in an area that you believe may be cut, contact the licensee or MOF to confirm where the cut boundaries are.

The bark from trees that were fallen during the cedar bark harvest time comes off easily. If you need large quantities of cedar, consider getting a portion of it off fallen trees and help conserve the cedar for the children and grandchildren.

**The Haida Laas Newsletter** published 4 times a year by the CHN, reports on CHN and staff activities.

Other Haida Laas Publications include: *The Haida Laas Journal*, published 2 times a year, provides detailed information related to Haida Title and Rights issues; and the *Haida Laas Newsflash*, for concerns of immediate nature.

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## *CMT & Archeology Activities*

The Culturally Modified Tree program has been an important part of protecting the Haida Gwaii forest. The identified CMTs and the area around the trees are protected from logging.

Culturally Modified Trees are evidence of Haida Title and Rights, as such the mapping of these trees and sites supports the Haida Title and Rights case.

The CHN Archeological Overview Assessment, has entered CMT sites and data into the GIS computer mapping program. The new GIS maps also identify place names, oral histories, and archived historical information.

In addition to providing support to the Haida Title Case, this map and data information provides the basis for making forest management decisions, which comply with the Haida Constitution: to protect the land and resource and the Haida Nation.

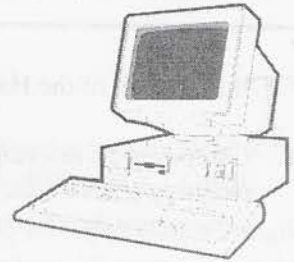
### **CMT Crew Gets Training**

**Windthrow Assessment:** The area of trees established to protect a CMT or CMT site is called a "buffer zone". Many factors are considered when determining how large a buffer zone is needed to protect these ancient sites. Through the Federal Capacity Initiative Funds, the CHN CMT crew recently participated in a "Windthrow Assessment" course, to help set buffer zones that will protect the CMTs from the wind.

**Archeology Inventory:** The David Suzuki Foundation is sponsoring an Archeological Inventory Course in Hartley Bay. Four persons involved in CMT surveys, will attend the course.

## *CHN Builds Capacity*

CHN is building the micro-infrastructure necessary to conducting business in an efficient manner.



At last, all staff has a computer to work on. Previous to the Gwaii Trust grant, as many as three staff persons were sharing a work station. All of CHN staff is now on the Internet, making communication between staff, governmental agencies and others much more efficient.

The CHN Massett Administrative office computers are connected to a server, which allows sharing of staff files for ease of finding information; and the hardware (printer, scanner, etc.) is networked so that all staff has access and does not have to wait to use someone else's computer.

The CHN Forest Guardian's office is networked to share supporting hardware.

The networking has contributed greatly to building forest related policy drafts based on resolutions, motions, TOR's and policy statements that have been developed over the years by CHN and HOA. Thanks in part to Gwaii Trust.

A new computer program, ensures that written minutes and policy can not be edited; and provides the means of building the web-site at the new Haida Nation domain:  
haidanation.ca.

*Condolences to the  
family and friends of  
Minnie Edgars*

# *Haida Gwaii Economic Adjustment and Transition Project* submitted by April Davis

The Council of the Haida Nation is:

1. Compiling all relevant Haida Gwaii land planning and studies; developing a bibliography of land planning and studies; and summarizing the plans for the purpose of developing a strategic plan for community development, which respects the culture of Haida Gwaii. Material to be included:  
  
  - >community development
  - >health
  - >education
  - >social development
2. Hosting public information sharing meetings with the communities and other interests; to compile and summarize the public comment for use in Community Planning.
3. Developing an On-Island Protocol Agreement, that will define the principles and process by which Haida Gwaii citizens will develop, implement, and maintain a strategic plan for future island community development.

The research material and public meetings will provide the Haida Nation with an overview of the planning that has been done for Haida Gwaii, and will provide the information necessary to making good management decisions.

The On-island Protocol Agreement will assist the Haida Nation to move forward with developing culturally sensitive plans for Haida Gwaii.

CHN is working cooperatively with other on-island groups exploring the possibility of hosting a Haida Gwaii Community Planning Symposium in October, where project results will be made available for viewing and discussion.

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## *CHN Policy and Process Building*

The Council of the Haida Nation has undertaken a project to develop and implement land and resource related policy.

The CHN Forest Guardian and Culturally Modified Tree Program staff has been compiling past HOA, CHN, and HTS minutes, motions, resolutions, terms of reference, and processes in order to develop the Program Policy and Process manual, as directed and implemented by CHN. The purpose is to ensure that CHN Programs are consistent and staff is able to achieve identified standards of program deliverables, as directed by CHN and HOA.

This project supports many of the objectives of the recently signed Haida Nation Protocol Agreement.

For additional information or to volunteer to work on these projects, contact the CHN Special Projects Coordinator, 626-5252.



# Meeting Dates

MEETING	DATE	TIME	PLACE	CONTACT
<b>Public Information Sharing:</b> CHN Protocols and Land Planning	Thursday Aug. 30	7:00 PM	K'a.adsnee Longhouse	April Davis
<b>Public Meeting:</b> CHN Protocols and Land Planning	Thursday Sept. 6	7:00 PM	Skidegate Community Hall	April Davis
<b>CHN Executive Meeting</b>	Friday Sept. 7	1:00 PM	Masset	Harold Yeltatzie, VP
<b>Haida Leadership Meeting</b>	Wed. Sept. 12	10:00 AM- 4:30 PM	K'a.adsnee Longhouse	Harold Yeltatzie, VP
<b>CHN Quarterly Meeting</b>	Thurs./Fri. Sept. 13/14	10:00 AM- 4:30 PM	K'a.adsnee Longhouse	Harold Yeltatzie, VP
<b>Watch for On-Island Public Meetings:</b> <b>Haida Land Planning</b>	Sept 17 -21	To be announced	To be announce	April Davis
<b>House of Assembly</b>	Oct 10-14	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Skidegate Community Hall	Harold Yeltatzie, VP
<b>For CHN Committee Meeting Dates</b> <i>Contact CHN Chairs or Harold Yeltatzie, Vice President</i>				
<b>Forest Committee</b>	Terry Hamilton	<b>Cultural Committee</b>	Captain Gold	
<b>Fisheries Committee</b>	Gary Russ	<b>Policy Committee</b>	Shelly Gladstone	
<b>Communication Committee</b>	Shelly Gladstone	<b>Lands Committee</b>	Charlie Bellis	

## HAIDA PROTOCOL TO DISCOVERY OF HUMAN REMAINS ON HAIDA GWAI:

**To-the General Public:** Our ancestors are our grandmothers and grandfathers-they are a part of us a people. Our ancestors deserve to be spoken of and treated with the utmost respect, and it is with this that we are communicating the Haida Gwaii.

Haida burials occur all around the lands of Haida Gwaii. Historically, Haida were buried in various ways (depending on the family tradition or time in history), such as placing the deceased with belongings & medicines into burial boxes and putting those boxes on posts (mortuary poles), in mortuary houses, in caves, or at special landmark locations.

Over time, these burials have been disturbed, and the skeletal remains and personal objects removed to museums and private homes around the world. These ancestral remains and burial materials are being repatriated and safely re-buried through the work of the Haida Repatriation Committees of Skidegate and Old Masset.

Today, historic burials also become exposed by the natural forces of nature or through land development. The public is asked to co-operate with the Haida Nation if you or anyone you know discovers human remains on Haida Gwaii by doing the following:

### **Protocol for Reporting Discovery of Human Remains:**

If you find skeletal remains anywhere on these islands please do not take photo's or touch anything. Please make note of the location, and report your observations to one of the following: Council of the Haida Nation (CHN) (250) 626-5252; Haida Gwaii Museum (250) 559-4643; Old Masset Heritage Resources (250) 626-5115; The CHN will then contact the RCMP and together we will address the situation.



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## ***A Backward Step***, (Continued from page #)

Brazil's state oil firm Petrobras; (b) Jan 1995-13 people killed on a Mobil rig off the coast of Nigeria; (c) Sept \*1988-1 worker killed on Ocean Odyssey in the North Sea; (d) July 1988-167 people killed when the Occidental Petroleum Piper Alpha exploded after a gas leak.

\*A single offshore rig emits the same quantity of air pollution as 7000 cars driving 50 miles per day

### ***CONCLUSIONS***

\*Oil exploration and drilling, and transport are not infallible technologies. The history of the industry is full of disasters that have damaged the local environment and economies.

\*Oil spills including leakage harm marine life and communities dependent on marine resources. Underwater seismic testing associated with the exploration stage will negatively impact fish stocks and other marine life.

\*Most jobs on the rigs are highly skilled and workers are brought in from other rigs and countries.

### ***Council of the Haida Nation***

President, Guujaaw

Vice President, Harold Yeltatzie

Skidegate Representatives: Gary Russ; Captain Gold; Clayton Gladstone Jr.

Massett Representatives: Charlie Bellis; Terry Hamilton, Frank Collison; Ron Brown Sr.

P. Rupert Representatives: Bill White; Pansy Collison

Vancouver Representatives: Shelly Williams-Gladstone; Lois Rullin

### ***Management***

CHN Administrator: Ernie Collison

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Fisheries Manager: Pat Fairweather

CMT Coordinator:

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