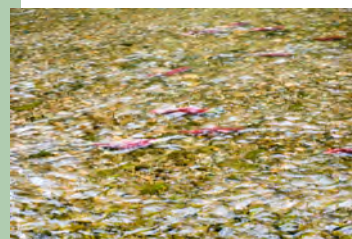




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Summer 2014

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Could Old Trees in the Territory Still Protect our Culture?

Submitted by: *Natural Resources Department*

Sunlight shadows the wooden lattice against two spruce trees. It is a fish trap and it is still in pretty good shape considering it has been waiting over a century for the fisherman to come back. A Wet'suwet'en fisherman had left it there at the end of his fishing season and it remained protected by the spruce trees year after year, over many seasons.

The Clan returned to the site. The group was a mix of several generations from young teenagers to grandparents. They were there to protect their territory, specifically its old trees, rare ecosystems, medicinal plants, spiritual places and cultural sites.



The visit was part of a Provincial Government process known as Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA's). It concerns only the portion of the territory that overlaps with the Morice Forest District and could protect and set aside from harvesting up to 7% of the timber supply in that area.

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Tsilhqot'in First Nation granted B.C. title claim in Supreme Court ruling

Article by: CBS News

The Supreme Court of Canada has granted declaration of aboriginal title to more than 1,700 square kilometres of land in British Columbia to the Tsilhqot'in First Nation, the first time the court has made such a ruling regarding aboriginal land.

First Nations 'ecstatic' over landmark ruling B.C. reacts to historic land claim ruling

The unanimous 8-0 decision released Thursday resolves many important legal questions, such as how to determine aboriginal title and whether provincial laws apply to those lands. It will apply wherever there are outstanding land claims.

The decision, written by Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, also has implications for future economic or resource development on First Nations lands.

'It only took 150 years, but we look forward to a much brighter future. This without question will establish a solid platform for genuine reconciliation to take place in British Columbia.'—
Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, president of Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs

The case focused on the Tsilhqot'in First Nation's claim to aboriginal title over 440,000 hectares of land to the south and west of Williams Lake in the B.C. Interior.

A B.C. Court of Appeal ruling in 2012 gave the Tsilhqot'in sweeping rights to hunt, trap and trade in its traditional territory. But the Court of Appeal agreed with the federal and provincial governments that the Tsilhqot'in must

identify specific sites where its people once lived, rather than assert a claim over a broad area.

The Tsilhqot'in, a collection of six aboriginal bands that include about 3,000 people, argued the court's decision failed to recognize the way its people had lived for centuries.

The court heard the Tsilhqot'in people were "semi-nomadic," with few permanent encampments, even though they saw the area as their own and protected it from outsiders.

Establishes meaning of title

In its decision, Canada's top court agreed that a semi-nomadic tribe can claim land title even if it uses it only some of the time, and set out a three-point test to determine land titles, considering:

- Occupation.
- Continuity of habitation on the land.
- Exclusivity in area.

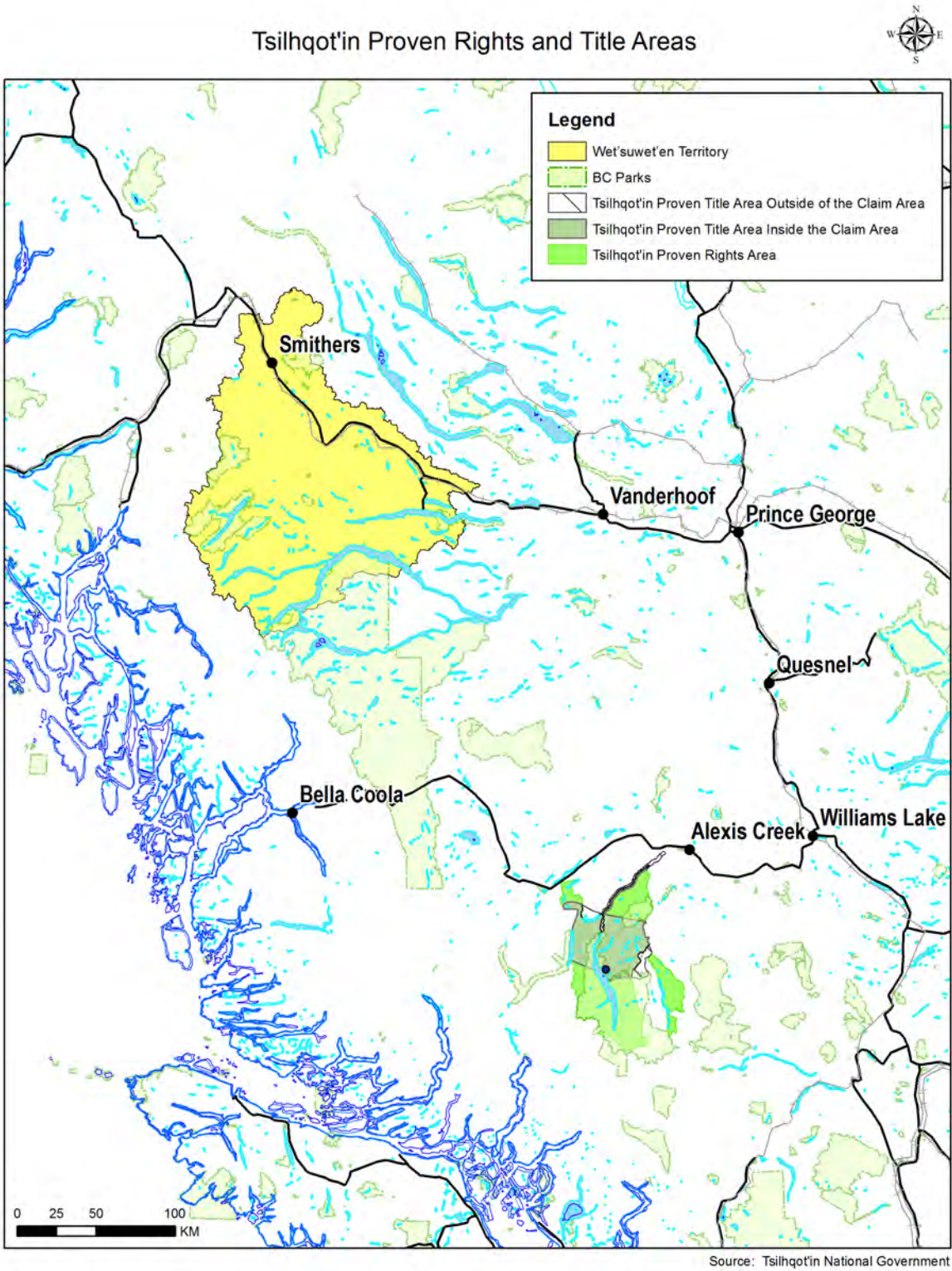
The court also established what title means, including the right to the benefits associated with the land and the right to use it, enjoy it and profit from it.

However, the court declared that title is not absolute, meaning economic development can still proceed on land where title is established as long as one of two conditions is met:

1. Economic development on land where title is established has the consent of the First Nation
2. Failing that, the government must make the case that development is pressing and substantial, and meet its fiduciary duty to the aboriginal group.

In other words, the decision places a greater burden on governments to justify economic development on aboriginal land.

The court also makes it clear that provincial law still applies to land over which aboriginal title has been declared, subject to constitutional limits.



The Supreme Court of Canada has recognized the Tsilhqot'in First Nation's aboriginal title over a wide area to the south and west of B.C.'s William Lake, which it considers its traditional territory. (CBC).

A WELL DESERVED CELEBRATION OF NATIONS



Tsilhqot'in National Government
Xeni Gwet'in
(Nemiah Valley)

—

Tl'etinqox
(Anaham)

—

Yunesit'in (Stone)

—


Tsi Del Del
(Redstone)

—

?Esdilagh
(Alexandria)

—

Tl'esqox (Toosey)



JULY 4, 2014
XENI GWET'IN –
TSILHQOT'IN
TITLE CASE
CELEBRATION

Place: Nemiah Valley Rodeo Grounds (200 km SouthWest of Williams Lake, BC – follow the signs. Approx. 2.5 hours by car from Williams Lake)
Date and Time: July 4th, 11 am
Light lunch at 12 pm and Feast at 5 pm
Bring your drums, lawn chairs and camping gear
On June 26, 2014, the Tsilhqot'in Nation was victorious.
Our fight for recognition of Aboriginal title has been won, assisting all First Nations across Canada in future recognition.
Please come and join us to celebrate this momentous occasion.
Sechanelyagh!!!

Contact Councillor Loretta Williams (250) 394-7023 ext. 201 or Tsilhqot'in National Government (250) 392-3918



L-R—Rita David, Mary-Alice Namox, Chief Lay'oh (James Namox), Chief Na'Moks (John Ridsdale), Chief Dsta'Hyl (Adam Gagnon) and Chief Madeek (Jeff Brown)



Submitted by: Chief Na'Moks (John Ridsdale) Tsayu Clan

On June 26, 2014 a Historic Court Decision came down from the Supreme Court of Canada granting a Declaration of Aboriginal Title to the Tsilhqot'in, establishing 1,750 square kilometers of land. This case significantly alters the legal landscape in Canada relating to land and resource entitlements and their governance.

The Court reaffirmed and clarified the test it had previously established in the Delgamuukw/Gisday'wa proof of Aboriginal Title, underscoring that the three criteria of Occupation, sufficiency, continuity (where present occupation is relied upon), and exclusivity by the evidence of the case.

When the decision came down from the Courts, the Tsilhqot'in had sent out an invitation to join them at a celebration out on their Territory. It was with great honor that the Hereditary Leadership attended this momentous occasion.

We had spent Friday July 4, 2014 at the Nehemiah Valley Rodeo Grounds listening to the history behind how they came to receiving this unanimous Supreme Court Decision, how they had relied on the Delgamuukw/Gisday'wa Court Case to "Springboard" them into this Court Action. There were so many similarities between how they provided their evidence, relied on their history, had the Elders and Leaders speak that it was like listening to the history of our own Court Case all over again. The pride that they showed, the resiliency of their people, the commitment that they had to complete this Court Case was truly awe inspiring.

The joy and happiness that they shared with us, thanking us in so many ways for being

Interveners in their Case, made this one of the most gratifying experiences that many of us had not felt in a long while. We are so proud of the Tsilhqot'in for their hard work and making such a difference in the future of First nations People throughout British Columbia and Canada, we should all feel a sense of gratitude to them all.

Personal statement of Roger Williams:

"The Xeni Gwet'in-Tsilhqot'in William aboriginal title case of appeal that came down on June 26, 2014 decision has been a big success for many FN across the country but more importantly the December 11th 1997 Delgamuukw/Gisday'wa decision. The significance of this decision is a few one being the date of 1846 that year if you are a FN in an area, governing and protecting your boundary -you will meet the test of title. Instead of proving time immemorial that we were in a certain area. And another one is the oral testimony of our people and elders and how we passed on our traditions, culture, rituals and history. The Delgamuukw/Gisday'wa decision was really huge in that. And following that decision it opened many doors for FN and that decision for the Tsilhqot'in Nation has spring-boarded off. We have so many to thank such as the Wet'suwet'en and Gitxsan traditional leaders the hereditary and the people. Such an honour to have the hereditary leaders to celebrate with us and we would like to thank them and each Gitxsan and Wet'suwet'en elder, people and youth who are still on their land in their jurisdiction and taking control".

On behalf of all the Wet'suwet'en, we thanked them, and continue to thank them and congratulations!

GOVERNANCE UPDATE

The Governance team (Allen Cummings, Director and Judy Walton, assistant) have now completed round one with all 5 clans members in Moricetown, Vancouver and Burns Lake and Eastern Communities with an introduction of the Governance work our team has been tasked with.

Through the work with our Governance Advisory Committee, we are now ready to begin our second round of meetings to review the Constitution outline that is being created through the efforts of clan members and Hereditary Chiefs.

Exciting news also is that we now have Clan Liaisons from 4 clans. We anticipate we will have all 5 clan liaisons very soon. We are awaiting Clan Decision making to ratify their clan liaison.

Theresa Morris—Gitdumden

Lillian Wilson—Laksamshu

George Williams—Tsayu

Sandra Harris—Laksilyu

Some of the pictures do not include all the members that attended the meetings. We are hoping for a more whole-some turn out in the next round of meetings.



TSAYU/LAKSAMSHU MORICETOWN



LAKSILYU—MORICETOWN



Eastern Communities
Burns Lake



URBAN VANCOUVER

We received similar suggestions from each clan meeting.

WHAT DOES GOVERNANCE MEAN TO YOU?

- Potlatch system
- Relationship to Yintah
- Title to our land
- Education/health
- Codifying /contemporizing laws
- Inuk Nu'at'en
- Unity
- Language
- Hereditary System

- Economic Development
- Boundaries
- Respect—Waggus
- Elders/youth
- Future generations
- Transparency

DECISION MAKING

- Communication
- Hereditary Chiefs
- Responsibilities to the land
- Consistent methodology
- Know roles & responsibilities of clans
- Knowledge of feasts



GIL_SEYHU—MORICETOWN



GITDUMDEN—MORICETOWN

- Regular clan/house meetings
- Being accountable
- Speak with one voice
- Build capacity
- Youth need to be heard
- Communal ownership of yintah
- Indigenous responsibilities to the land
- Develop protocols
- Capacity—people
- Access of information from leadership

LIQUID NATURAL GAS UPDATE

On May 24th the OW Natural Resource department hosted an All Clans meeting at the Moricetown Multiplex to discuss proposed LNG pipelines in Wet'suwet'en territory sponsored by Ministry of Reconciliation & Recognition, Communication & Engagement Agreements with Coastal Gaslink, PTP & PNG.

There were 4 communication areas set up. The presenters and note takers were as follows:

Coastal Gaslinks—John Ridsdale (note taker Allen Cummings)

Pacific Natural Gas— David Belford (note taker Theresa Morris)

Pacific Trails Pipeline—Mike Ridsdale (note taker Francois Depey)

Governance—David deWit (note taker Judy Walton)

The LNG proponents require field work to be completed this summer. The project field work expectations, house territories and timelines were discussed with each clan.

Through our Governance, Decision making the clans voted unanimously that non-invasive work could be done for each project. There will be employment opportunities for clan members to complete this work. There was a report created for each clan. Copies of reports are available upon request. Through Judy Walton at the Office of the Wet'suwet'en—250-847-3630 or toll free at 1-888-296-4411.



WET'SUWET'EN UNLOCKING ABORIGINAL JUSTICE UPDATE

Submitted by: Andrew Tom, Wet'suwet'en Unlocking Aboriginal Justice Program

The Wet'suwet'en Unlocking Aboriginal Justice Program team has had a busy summer. Sherry McKinnon and Andrew Tom continue to facilitate a series of workshops within the nation including: Internet Safety, Elder Abuse Prevention, Healthy Relationships for Adults, Dating Basics for young adolescences, Sexual Abuse Prevention among children and teens, Substance Abuse Management and much more. Our program staff develops their own presentations, which can be delivered to any audience in or out of a classroom or boardroom setting.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en is administering on a temporary basis the Gitxsan Unlocking Aboriginal Justice Program of Hazelton located at 1525A Hankin St., Hazelton, B.C. Wet'suwet'en Unlocking Aboriginal Justice staff continues to mentor the two Justice Workers who provide prevention, intervention, healing and support services to the six Gitxsan communities. The Gitxsan justice workers, Marilyn Wright and Lisa Mowatt have been working diligently to promote the program, while maintaining a high level of referrals from a wide selection of agents including RCMP, Crown Counsel, independent lawyers and self-referrals.



"Gitxsan and Wet'suwet'en youth learn about the western court system by attending the Court Links program on August 7th - 8th in Prince George."

Both Gitxsan and Wet'suwet'en programs have seen an influx of domestic violence based referrals. The caseload that each program manages shows an increase in abusive behavior that are often alcohol and drug related. Our communities are seeing a rise in criminal activity, especially in illegal drug trafficking. As justice workers, our mandate is to raise awareness and build capacity by supporting our Gitxsan and Wet'suwet'en families through prevention education and support.

Our members have been given an opportunity to book appointments with our justice staff, so that they can ask questions and watch our program overview slideshow, which showcases program highlights and successes. UAJ has been operating since 1994, after the original proposal was drafted in 1989. Within our twenty years of service, we've grown and adapted with our changing society.

If you'd like more information on our programs and services, feel free to contact:

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OLD GROWTH MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP AND FIELD TRIPS

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To identify which areas of old growth forests should be protected the Province, the forest industry (two licenses at that time) and the Office of the Wet'suwet'en spent many hours in lengthy meetings without reaching consensus. Version after version of maps were produced yet still no agreement was reached.

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en contributed its spatial representation of rare ecosystems (community of plants/vegetation not broadly represented within the territory). Wet'suwet'en also considered locations rich in cultural heritage features such as trails, village sites and burial places. Eventually, the Natural Resources department supported by the clan leaders agreed this process was not heading anywhere and Wet'suwet'en participation came to an end several years ago.

Having produced the Version 10 of the Morice OGMA's this year, the BC government decided to reconnect with the Wet'suwet'en to seek approval for this near-final version. This led to the idea of organizing clan field visits to view proposed areas for protection. It is up to each clan to identify key areas potentially relevant for this kind of protection to be included in the final selection.

An All Clans meeting preceding field trips took place in Moricetown to introduce members to the concept of Old Growth protection and to update them on the latest proposed OGMA version to collect their feedback and input regarding other important potential areas.

What's the best way to travel as a group in the territory while sharing information and encouraging discussion? We decided to opt for a large bus and all our "people of the wild salmon" filled the "Fish Bowl" (a nickname for the Steelhead hockey team bus steered by Gordy, the driver).

On August 7th, Gitdumden returned to their territories south of Houston and as far as McBride Lake where Molly Wickham and her family welcomed us at the clan cabin.



Members of the Gitdumden contingent traveling old Wet'suwet'en trails turned into logging roads. The frequency of loaded logging trucks we passed on that day reminded us of the pace our forests are turned into lumber.



Members of Gitdumden discuss old growth management.

On August 8th, the Gil_seyhu clan members gathered at the Yex T'sa wit'ant house area.

On August 12th, the Tsayu and Laksamshu convoy was moving dust along the back roads on a very hot day. Stops at Buck waterfalls and Parrot Lake offered a welcome opportunity to cool down a bit.



Members of Gil_seyhu clan, get out of the Fish Tank (Steelhead hockey team bus) and consider options on maps to protect Old Growth, while freshly cut trees, loaded on trucks, are heading for CANFOR sawmill.

Wet'suwet'en members focused on old forests where historical (and present day) evidence of occupation and signs of cultural heritages such as trails, village sites and sacred sites are still present. With no shortage of these cultural markers, selection remains a challenging task.

In protecting Old Growth forests, we also protect cultural treasures that are at risk—just as the old spruce trees have protected the fish trap from the elements and preserved it to the wonder of future generations.

These days the threats to cultural sites are not so much natural as industrial; timber harvesting, mining, pipeline construction and road building. Wild salmon don't thrive in fish tanks. Old Growth Forests, fragmented in isolated islands with protected status don't hold back the Spring freshet or cool waters for spawning salmon and do not do justice to the natural and cultural wealth of Wet'suwet'en territories.

The last scheduled trip for Laksilyu took place on August 25th on G'en egh L_a yex territory at Red Top, Graveyard Lake and China Nose. A group of 5 goats were spotted on the bluffs in the area justifying the need for protection.



Wet'suwet'en youths (Kaleigh George and Tieasha Pierre) behind an old fish trap (see details of fish trap biddings on the article header.)

Besides discussing future protected forest area, these field trips gave Wet'suwet'en clan members a chance to reconnect with the land and clan members on their respective territories.

Forest industry representatives from CANFOR (the only licensee remaining since Houston Forest Products is no longer operating) and BC government (First Lands, Natural Resource Operations – FLNRO) were also present in these clan field trips.

The atmosphere in the “Fish Tank” bus was very congenial, with humour and laughter. Once on the land people often became very emotional as they voiced their opinions and impressions of the impacts to the territories. We covered a couple of hundred kilometres each day and when it was needed, people agreed to have lunch while driving in order to reach distant sites.

Although we were not always able to complete our discussions of which sites should become OGMAs, each trip was a valuable chance for Wet'suwet'en members to reflect on their attachment to their territories. Some elders could still remember traveling those parts of the territory when roads, cut blocks and mines were not yet existent.

When Wet'suwet'en members are asked which old forest they would like to see protected, the answer is rather obvious: "let's protect them all, indeed". In this context more or less 7% of the land base seems ridiculously small. However a tiny bit is better than not at all in a greedy world where even old forests are perceived as renewable commodities.

Could this process contribute to preserve our culture as efficiently as the old spruces did for the wooden lattice fish trap?



Georges William (Sa'ohn), Tsayu member discusses options for protection of Old Growth forest in his Territory, while looking at thematic maps.

Nanika Arrangement with Commercial Fishermen

Submitted by: Walter Joseph, Fisheries Manager—Office of the Wet'suwet'en

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en renewed an agreement with commercial fishermen from Prince Rupert. In return for the Wet'suwet'en conserving sockeye in Moricetown, commercial fishermen donated sockeye. This year the Wet'suwet'en have received 8,000 sockeye from the commercial fisheries. The intent of the deal is to rebuild the sockeye population in the Bulkley/Morice watershed by conserving sockeye in Moricetown, so that eventually the Wet'suwet'en can meet food fish needs from the catch in Moricetown, and to reduce restrictions on commercial fisheries. Currently, the sockeye run cannot meet our food fish needs, and commercial fisheries have been reduced to conserve the run. The sockeye was distributed to Wet'suwet'en communities by the Office of the Wet'suwet'en, Fisheries Department. This year we experienced quality issues in the first of three deliveries from one of the larger canneries, which were resolved in the later deliveries. The fisheries department will work closely with the canneries in the future to ensure the sockeye we receive are of good quality and handled in accordance with food safety regulations.



Canfish Cannery loading our totes with fish

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en Fisheries Department makes all efforts to ensure that upon notification from the canneries for pick up of the fish, that we are prepared to pick up immediately. We have faced difficulty when delivering fish to homes, and at times community members are not prepared to accept the fish, in this case we encourage members to refuse the fish, and ask to be included in upcoming deliveries .

The Office of the Wet'suwet'en is participating in this deal primarily to rebuild the weak sockeye run. Some leaders worry that this arrangement is creating a dependency, where people depend too heavily on the Office to provide food fish. We've had people complain that they may starve without fish from Prince Rupert. We've also had fishermen demand and threaten staff for fish. These are some of the fisheries issues that we should address as a community.

Traditional Fisheries

Every year the Office of the Wet'suwet'en receives public complaints regarding non-Moricietown residents working for the Fisheries Department. From time immemorial the Wet'suwet'en have always strongly defended the canyon as part of Wet'suwet'en traditions and culture; the traditional system is inclusive of all Wet'suwet'en born regardless of where they reside. To argue that the Department of Indian Affairs governance system (Band membership) should be the main criteria to manage the fishery goes completely against the traditional system.

Chief Na'Moks, Tsayu head chief stated:

“Moricietown canyon is an important part of the Yinta - all Wet'suwet'en have rights there. It doesn't matter where you are from in the traditional system”





NORTH AMERICAN INDIGENOUS GAMES 2014

REGINA • SASKATCHEWAN • JULY 20 - 27

Submitted by: Sandra George, A Proud Mother!

I would like to say Gavin George is a very determined young man who loves team sports, as he is involved in sports during the school year. As parents of Gavin, Chris and I have encouraged Gavin to join in sports as often as he can, even if we have to transport him back and forth to practices and competitive games. Sports has been a past time for Gavin as he does not work during the school year, and for him to participate in sports keeps him in contact with friends and coach mentors.

Gavin has grown accustomed to living the life surrounded by active living and the outdoors. He has achieved many sport related goals and continues to prosper with talent and discipline. All of his commitments to sports has allowed Gavin to be selected to partake in the North American Indigenous Games in Regina, Saskatchewan- July 20th - 27th 2014. Gavin went to softball tryouts in Prince George and Kelowna, with one Junior's tournament in Prince George. The George and Morris families were so proud of Gavin and watched the opening ceremonies on APTN July 20th 2014. We received several cell-phone calls and texts saying how much pride they felt on opening day. As parents of Gavin George we are so proud of all of his accomplishments and are grateful to those who believe in the youth in sports and supported Gavin. We thankfully appreciated your contributions. Gavin enjoyed the trip as he played softball, back-catching in the heat game after game, yet he still had a smile on his face. While playing he would take a sneak peak at his parents in the stands. We cheered for the U-16 Softball Team B.C., and I told the team before the first game, I would cheer for their mothers as not all parents were able to travel to Regina.



Gavin George and proud sister Kaleigh George



ANABIP Update

Submitted by: Gretchen Woodman

The ANABIP team is in full swing with many camps taking place out on the territories. A week-long Fish Camp was held at the Lak-silyu Community Smokehouse in Moricetown the week of July 14, 2014. This day camp was a huge success with many members of the community in attendance. They worked alongside Elders and ANABIP and Early Childhood Development and Fisheries staff to can and smoke fish.

During the week of July 25-29, 2014, the ANABIP team hosted the annual Youth Cultural Camp with 32 youth in attendance. Highlights of the camp include territory trips to Buck Falls and the sacred Bini Footprints, and rock climbing at Owen Hat. The ANABIP team wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to the Elders, Cooks and the staff from Moricetown Band and Hagwilget Village and the Natural Resources team who made this camp safe and fun!

Currently the ANABIP team is offering day camps for Huckleberry picking on the territories. Please contact Diana Creyke or Ian Michell for more details.

From August 11 - 15, 2014 the ANABIP team is facilitating a number of Wet'suwet'en women to participate in Skeena Watershed's annual Women On Water.

We are also finalizing our preparations for the second annual Women's Empowerment Camp, taking place August 18 - 22, 2014. Please contact Lorraine Naziel for more details.

Coming up in the fall, our second annual Men's Wellness Camp will be taking place – location and date is to be advised. Please contact Ian Michell for information.

The ANABIP team has seen some staffing changes over the past couple of months. Tara Alfred, ANABIP frontline worker, relocated with her family and she is dearly missed by the ANABIP staff and program participants! We wish her every success in her future endeavors. We are very happy to announce that Ian Michell successfully competed to become the ANABIP frontline worker. Jacqueline Bowes started with the ANABIP team in late July 2014 as the ANABIP Administrative Assistant – a warm welcome to Jacqueline.

As the ANABIP program continues to evolve, the leadership of the team has now formally shifted from Gretchen Woodman to Lorraine Naziel. Gretchen was hired to provide technical assistance to the Chiefs regarding the implementation of the ANABIP program which is now complete. Lorraine has become responsible for the operations of ANABIP. Any inquiries, referrals and questions regarding the ANABIP program should be made to Lorraine. Gretchen Woodman will continue to work with the Chiefs regarding on-going research and development of the Wellness Initiative. She will also continue to assist the ANABIP team with clinical support.

Finally, confusion has been generated as the result of a recent community based meeting in Moricetown where Ministry of Reconciliation & Recognition (MARR) officials cited ANABIP/Wellness funding as being tied to LNG. This is **categorically false** and the presentation of the MARR official was extremely misleading. Steps are being taken to ensure MARR officially retracts this statement. The Wet'suwet'en leadership take care to ensure ANABIP and the Wet'suwet'en Wellness Initiative's funding is completely unrelated to LNG. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Debbie Pierre or Gretchen Woodman.



YOUTH CAMP—OWEN LAKE—JULY 25-29, 2014



Women on Water Program—Summer 2014

BOARD OF DIRECTOR RECORD OF DECISIONS

May—July, 2014

Motion 2014-048: Motion to approve letter be sent to Treaty 8 regarding support to the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs.

Moved by: Madeek 2nd by: Mali

Motion Passed: May 28, 2014

Motion 2014-052: The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs want to establish a litigation team for the Enbridge Northern Gateway Project utilizing Mandel Pinder, Peter Grant & Associates and Westcoast Environmental Law.

Moved by: Madeek 2nd by: Wihaliy'te

Motion Passed: June 18, 2014

Motion 2014-056: Motion to accept fisheries report with approved contingent funding for the 2014 tagging program.

Moved by Madeek 2nd by: Wihaliy'te

Motion Passed: June 25, 2014

Motion 2014-060: Motion to accept Finance Report in new Adagio format as presented with copy of former version of report to be issued tomorrow.

Moved by: Samooh 2nd by: Na'Moks

Motion Passed: June 25, 2014

Motion 2014-066: The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs agree to hold a learning feast in the Eastern Community.

Moved by: Na'Moks 2nd by: Neestoy

Motion Passed: July 30, 2014

Motion 2014-067: The Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs approve the transfer of \$250,000 from Wet'suwet'en Ventures to Wet'suwet'en Treaty Office Society to complete the Wet'suwet'en Strength of Claim.

Moved by: Simke-yaks 2nd by: Na'moks

Motion Passed: July 30, 2014

Upcoming Chief Meetings:

September 23 & 24, 2014

October 28 & 29, 2014

November 25 & 26, 2014

December 17, 2014

All clan members are welcome to attend these meetings. Minutes from these meetings are available upon request. Contact Judy Walton—(250) 847-3630 or email judy.walton@wetsuweten.com

FAREWELL BUT NOT GOOD-BYE

It is with sad hearts we say farewell to Tara Alfred from our ANABIP program as she is off to her next adventure. We will miss her bubbly personality and impish pranks! This place won't be the same without her. Good luck Tara—we will see you soon!



(L-R)

ANABIP TEAM MEMBERS:

Diana Creyke
Lorraine Naziel
Tara Alfred
Gretchen Woodman

WET'SUWET'EN WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF



Jaquie Bowes
Program: ANABIP
Position: Administrative Assistant



Ian Michell
Program: ANABIP
Position: Program Assistant



Deanna Johansen
Program: Early Childhood Development Program