

LAKSAMSHU CLAN MEETING



8/19/2009

FINAL REPORT

This report is a summary of the 3 day community forum which took place on February 13th, 14th & 15th, 2009 at the small feast hall in the Moricetown Multiplex.



Laksamshu clan meeting

DAY ONE – FEBRUARY 13, 2009

Warner Naziel

- I was working for CSTC and I received a job offer for this Researcher/Asst. Negotiator position. I gave it a lot of thought as I was with my children in Prince George and had a good job. I am committed to not wasting any time, if I am sacrificing my time away from children, it must be valuable.
- Don Ryan was unable to be here today and will be here tomorrow
- I wanted to find what we did in treaty since 1995
- In December 2008 Judy and I organized all treaty related documents. We organized them in chronological order. This information amounted to \$12 million dollars that had been spent on Treaty related business and we asked ourselves what had been done. We went through the binders and compared the dialogue from 1995 to the present and it looked like the same dialogue, people were still stagnant
- I've spent a lot of time on our territories. The reality is we are still stuck on reserves. We all have numbers – status cards.
- Warner presented Laksamshu clan information, showed maps with little land remaining
- I encourage you to share stories about the territory, history of Laksamshu you have been taught
- Warner reviewed the history of Wet'suwet'en (attached presentation)

NATURAL RESOURCES

- There are currently 22-27 mineral exploration sites
- The Delgamuukw/Gisdaywa Court case gave us rights to protect our land – we have been complacent and distracted by a treaty process.
- Title belongs to houses, we need to mobilize clans.
- That power was not meant to be transferred by paper but by the power of the clan. The power is through marches etc. We need to know where the clans want to be. We hear from the chief table, but the real strength is the clan members.
- When go out and see Grouse Mountain, visualize it populated with cabins. Can you picture wind towers there or is it a go or no go area? You think it over for yourselves.



Currently 3 initiatives:

1. 2 pipelines
2. Wind power
3. CyberNet has towers around the valley and they want to put a tower on Grouse Mountain. The direction from chief table is that we need to watch our park territory. Maybe we need towers on our territory for communication purposes such as a chemical spills. We can communicate for health and safety purposes. It could also be the foundation for economic development.

These are our options – the types of things we need to coordinate, how do we implement Laksamshu plans?

Discussion:

Windmills interfere with trails

Radio waves impact bees for our berries. We need bees to pollinate plants; radio waves are interfering with bees. Must think about pros and cons of everything.

Where is Grouse Mountain? *David explained location*

Pipeline, Yukon to Whitehorse problems with that pipeline. Industry uses big words to confuse us. Tell them to not use those big words.

Spill – I am concerned about this, don't want to take it lightly. Hope rangers are equipped and get young people trained to be rangers out there.

Of the 3 initiatives put forth, is there anything for the Wet'suwet'en to accommodate from?

Natural gas pipeline: We have had discussions with the FN Trade & Commerce group. Nothing should happen without Wet'suwet'en involvement. The government receives \$7.44 million dollars annually from taxes which are shared with industry. Over 50 years that will be \$35 million dollars. They told us they would give us tax money and it can be split up with

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17 other FN groups. They also said they could buy part of the pipeline for the Wet'suwet'en although we would be liable if anything happens.

We are being dictated to, not negotiated with.

Expressed interest in education. OW with NWCC. – need more educated people, we only have 5 staff in the Natural Resources department.. Reclamation and Prospection, coming up – shows prospecting industry.

In the north (Talita) they had a moratorium on this land to stop all mining and the government stopped mining. Can we not do this?

We want to hear from the clans so we can go to government. A lot of values around Smithers are gone, alienated, and not as highly sensitive as others. Need to know highest areas of sensitivity from clans.

- 1. Wind power – have not responded to investigative permit.*
- 2. CyberNet*

John Ridsdale – Referrals

Woodlots – 12 on 6 house territories. 188 overall on territories. This has been the main impact until the recent downturn in economics. Now is the time to slow them down, house must tell us what they want. The office building in Smithers employs 36 employees to every one of us. Houses must take initiative to prove these are important and how we will protect them, use of land, and occupancy of land.

From last July to present we have had 1377 referrals throughout the entire 22,000 sq. km. The Clans need to give us directions on how to stop that.

Kneecap: Woos, took us a lot of places and Matthew Sam, know a lot of trails in that area. Been a while, these days get all logging roads cut into our trails. We went to Sabula mountain trails for hiking, berry picking. I cover all these territories. Went 30 km from 31 towards Babine, trails in that area. Tree markers, forestry go in there and destroy our markers and we must put a stop to that. Get more people that know the territories.

Warner:



Clans need to give us direction where they want cabins. Need to access people with knowledge and have that knowledge passed on. 6 house territories, we need to know who to talk to about where trails are. We need to know who those territories belong to. It will help the clan and OW for cultural and environmental monitoring.

We seem to be reacting to what industry wants to do on our territories. We are trying to get direction from clan. Decide as a clan how we will make decisions. We can have another meeting or give direction to John, Show who is responsible for each territory in the clan. This is the discussion we need to have, how we will do business. It can change. Delgamuuth gave us strength and we are not using it. We can exercise that right, get out on territory and occupy.

Don: I was asked by your clan last year to get involved with what you are doing here. I'm not interested in sitting at the treaty table as it is not the route we should be going.

I spent 19 years on the court case and learnt a lot from your community about the land and I am here to encourage you not to continue with model you have, it did not work. When doing court cases or in negotiations with treaty you are not actively involved in it. The model you see is a few people doing work on the land. In the court case you could see all of that; there were very few people that were part of that process. You are asking me to do negotiations for you, it does not require a lot, but what is required from you, all related here.

I'm your cousin, your brother; you are my brothers and sisters. We are all the same people. I would like to see as part of participation, the clan takes this over. I want to see that happen. It is not difficult and can be done.

These are your territories which are very wealthy. We could do a lot of different things. We have information and data that can show you how wealthy each territory is with minerals, water, forestry and data on animals and fish. We have collected so much data over years and we have put it together but do not help us.

You work out a plan that your ancestors did, they met every year like this. They worked out who should do what on each territory. How many animals, fish, and kilos of berries you would take. This was not done by chance. You have a court case in your back pocket and people should not be afraid to use that. Clan must make this happen and be actively involved in the process. I've been waiting for this to take place, pushing the office to do this.

We can do a strategic plan for each territory. Take a few meetings, sketch that out and it is you that have to take that lead. The office can support you.



This afternoon you will hear what is going on in treaty negotiations. What they tell us; all fee simple lands are off table. Territory around Hungry Hill, impact of fee simple lands on that territory. Take that off the table and submerged lands (lakes,) off table too. What have you got left? That is wrong.

It talks about your title and rights and we need to assert that. Options in respect to company on territory. My first question, do you want that project or not? If yes, what are conditions, if no, I will go and tell them no. We are doing that with Blue Pearl now. We are in position to say no. You do have the power to do that due to court case. Your option for that project is very clear, you had a compelling argument to stop project in its tracks. Can stop other projects. Big substation on your territory, what is agreement between your clan and that proponent? Railroads through territory, transmission lines, forest companies, talk to government about taxes. Show how much government is making on territory annually and how much sharing with you – none. We need to change that but we need to meet like this to set out priorities. Pleased to hear discussion, questions and comments. Appreciate young folks are here, pleasing to see that. Hoping people will show up this aft, and trip tomorrow and Sunday come back, rolling up sleeves and come up with something to tell world what Laksamshu are going to do, not OW or Don Ryan, you are going to do. I'm prepared to support all you are doing. Pleased to have Warner, asked to do negotiations short term, tons of ideas tested around province, waiting for the Wet'suwet'en for over 10 years.

Genealogy – Diana printed out Laksamshu charts and you are free to write on them, add to them. Work on this over the next few days.

Prayer: Sam Wilson

David Belford – Minerals Liaison

When we receive referrals from the Ministry of Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources on mining exploration, we enter the information on a data base, request digital shape files of the project, review the known Wet'suwet'en interests, cultural sites and determine impacts to a variety of values the Wet'suwet'en hold to that area. It is important we understand the values of each house and clan.

We need your information on important values on house territories. We need to understand past, present and future values. Protecting Grouse Mountain area? If that is what you decide, we must build a strong case to protect that area from development. The Government will challenge us on behalf of industry but we have a strong claim to litigate in the courts.

Do the house groups want to be involved with opportunity of a mine, i.e. economic development, joint venture; employment comes at the expense of putting aside cultural responsibility.



Litigation – what does that mean?

Take it back to court to get a more specific decision.

What are they mining for?

Mineral is moly.

The Chiefs have been sitting around the table for 12 years and should have some kind of mechanism to stop these mining companies from coming in.

We never had anyone looking at mineral exploration until 2006/07, specifically to look at mining. There was never anyone looking at this, we need to create capacity to train more people to be out there and make change. If we are quiet, industry will go on. We need to talk to the clans to let you know where we need training. Constrains is money and people. You want to be involved and it takes money. We need to determine where the money comes from. The decision must come from the clans if you want industry. We are not opposed to mining on Wet'suwet'en territory but it must be done right. Establish go/no go zones. If go, we want capacity for the Wet'suwet'en. Get funding, train younger generation to do monitoring.

How many of us are using our territories the right way?

You need to get this information from the clans. How many people use the land? Our ancestors protected this land in the past, what do you want to do with it? Discuss this within the clan, make decisions, and let the chiefs know. It's been a long time since we have done this.

No need to ask, we do all go on the land one way or another. I pick mushrooms. What do the younger generations want to do on the land?

We have been saying for 7 years we are going to build a log house out there. Feast hall today don't see any smoke moose meat passed around the area for years now. This is getting out of hand. Kids don't visit out there. Asked a kid if you learnt anything about trees and he said no. Moose hide, don't see any moose skinned. Need young people out on territory. Teach kids how to trap, fish, and prepare for winter. Can't speak their own language.

Is this the only mining project going on in our house?

Yes

You work out a plan that your ancestors did, they met every year like this. They worked out who should do what on each territory.



Issues around Treaties and Land Claims – Warner Naziel

Vina – fishing weirs - You are showing us pictures with your interpretations. Have you been able to relate yourself back to these? These are history pictures, what about the stories behind the people that own the pictures? Why don't you use that family's name? You are not giving us enough power to go upwards. You are showing us ancestral work but not giving it a family title behind it that shows how it started. It makes us assume again.

These are examples of a weir, this is not on your territory. It would be Interesting for you as a clan to figure out where you had them on your land. Where were they on your territories? That is your homework. When you come back tomorrow, tell me where they were on your territory.



Treaty Process – Warner Naziel & Don Ryan

When you talk about treaty, what are you talking about – self-government? I've heard about this before, lack of communication, no one is talking. I have heard about land claims and treaties. Get younger generation involved. Get dictionary out on self-government, what does that mean?

No one has the right to tell us what our future is and is not in our clan, they cannot do that. Laksamshu will discuss their future and how they want it. All that will show up today, tomorrow and Sunday and you will have the opportunity to discuss our future. Share ideas how you think the



future should be. Work under Laksamshu Yenta, not federal and provincial government. Wet'suwet'en have not done anything with the Delgamuuth decision. We now need to be mobilized to move forward.

Issues we talk about trying to get elders out and what we want to do with the village. Have at the Fisheries a processing plant, sell strips. Need to have a place to show people where we are coming from. We will lose if we do not participate. Spirit of the Mountain, why are our people not involved? Will take courage and wisdom to change that. Two white people are going to give me 5k to start a business. I could have spent that money but I am thinking of these young people, need something to go to on the territory, work or sport. We could have our own. There is potential. We need to have a voice, time to get our territory and put a sign out there this summer.

Explain to us, how and who has authority in Laksamshu to get grants. Is it head count? Explain how money is used in potlatch

No grants have been written that is clan based. There were a few attempts in past. Today, we want to make something happen. Authority lies amongst the people. We encourage clan meetings so clan members have a voice which must include teenagers, young children, mothers, grandmothers, young and old chiefs so we can agree on what our future will be. The chiefs are not any stronger than those members that hold them up.

Do we have power in our house to write proposals?

Yes, we may decide on taxation on our territory. Mines, if they decide to create an eco-friendly open pit mine, we could develop business with them and put money into a trust to help each other. The purpose of these meetings is to share ideas what you want to see for your future.

We used to have a barbeque in the canyon, it would be nice to do again, dance specifically the way we used to depict our history, how we originated, acted out, maps and costumes used, show other clans who we are.



Provincial Parks

6 new provincial parks have been created in Wet'suwet'en territory in 2008. Chiefs supported the decision during the Government to Government (G2G) forum that followed the Morice Lands and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) in 2007. They recommended to include Wedzin Bin (Morice lake) as one of those parks as it is a very critical spawning area for Wedzin Kwa (Bulkley/Morice rivers) salmon.

The 6 parks are (in brackets: **CLAN - HOUSE / Chief**):

- Burnie-Shea Lakes (TSAYU - DJAKANYEX / **Kweese**)
- Atna River (GILSEYHYU - C'INIGGIT NENIKEKH / **Goohlaht**)
- Morice Lake (GILSEYHYU - C'INIGGIT NENIKEKH / **Goohlaht & GITDUMDEN - LHUDI BIN / Woos**)
- Nenikëkh - Nanika Kidprice (GILSEYHYU - C'INIGGIT NENIKEKH / **Goohlaht & GITDUMDEN - LHUDI BIN / Woos**)
- Nadina Mountain (GITDUMDEN - KEEXWINITS / **Gisday Wa**)
- Old Man Lake (GILSEYHYU - KAYEX / **Samoooh & LAKSILYU - GINEHKLAIYEX / Hagwilnegh**)

Milestones:

- 2008: The office of the Wet'suwet'en Natural Resource department requested that Parks boundaries should match Wet'suwet'en house territory boundaries as much as possible. BC government/Ministry of Environment (MOE) complied with this request for some parks.
- September 15, 2008: first meeting to work collaboratively with BC MOE/Parks on management plans for the 6 new parks.
- September 29, 2008: presentation of the project at the chief meeting.
- November 6, 2008: Park naming meeting in Moricetown – opportunity Moricetown students to get together with elders and listen to stories that could be used to rename parks with Wet'suwet'en names.
- November 25, 2008: report on parks at chiefs meeting.
- February 11, 2009: Parks meeting for all clans in Moricetown.
- March 2009: "Nenikëkh" is adopted as new spelling (suggested by Wet'suwet'en Language Authority) for Nanika park.
- May 1, 2009: presentation for Gilshhyu clan meeting at Francois Lake hall.
- Summer 2009: hiring of Karen Plasway by BC Conservation Corp for Cultural Heritage research and input in management plans.
- June 26, 2009: presentation for Gitdumden clan meeting in Moricetown.
- July 30, 2009: All clan meeting to discuss park co-management ideas at Wedzin Bin



- August 17, 2009: presentation for Tsayu clan meeting in Moricetown.

In September 2009 we plan to organize another day on the territory to go with boats to some historical fishing camps at the outflow of Wedzin Bin in Wedzin Kwa and to see the Chinook spawning dunes in the river.

We also intend to have a full day meeting with chiefs (open to clan members) to discuss various options in terms of co-management agreement with BC government based on experiences from other first nation. We would like to invite representatives of the Haida and possibly from the Champagne Aishihik (Yukon) nations.



Laksamshu clan meeting

DAY THREE – FEBRUARY 15, 2009

Overview – Warner Naziel

Friday – Natural resources presentation

- Referral process
- Wood lot licenses
- Agricultural expansion
- Proposed mines

Saturday – Field Trip

- We made history by going out on our territory together.

Sunday – Work Plan

- The mandate comes from the clans. I did not want to take direction from an isolated group of people; I wanted to talk to the Clans to present their information to the treaty table.
- Each chiefs represents a larger group of people so we brought the clans together
- We took those concerns of the Laksamshu clan to the treaty table and told them what their clan wants to see in a treaty.
- On day one you got a general interest of our history
- Treaty does not sound like a good idea but I'm involved in it. Our ideas for the treaty table are that we will come forth with a message from the clans what they want for their future. The MTWG may have an opportunity to sit with the clans. They are in negotiations with a hereditary system, have worked with bands for many years, a language they speak well.
- Gitinyou, Gitxsan & Wet'suwet'en are all part of Delgamuuth. We want to ensure they know they are working with the clans and house groups
- NR interested in getting more direction as they are unsure what the clan's strategy is. This is an opportunity to discuss what is important to you.



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**YOU ALSO
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- We walked trails; felt the cabin, something tangible, a chance to feel Madeline, felt she was there with us.
- Our job is to understand Laksamshu concerns and explain these to the federal and provincial governments, be your messengers. Laksamshu can decide what they want on their territories; you do not need the OW to do that for you. You have a lot of strong people amongst you, your ancestors did not have the OW to tell them to build cabins, they did it on their own
- Come up with ideas that are Laksamshu ideas, think of bigger ideas, perhaps a Laksamshu trust, getting back on land, building cabins, forestry, be sovereign
- There will be a posting in the newspapers that talks about the Wet'suwet'en are asserting themselves
- We are sending out a reminder that land purchased was illegal, it belongs to us, they can still be neighbors

Sovereignty – Don Ryan

- I am reluctant to be here discussing treaty.
- You have watched what I have done to take on the crown. The court case was very significant. I put the jurisdiction of the territory back in your hands. The court case is now over 10 years old. You have been at the treaty table for 15 years. What has happened in that time? Very little.
- I have come back so people understand things we are doing in different forums. This forum is one of those forums and is significant as you do not need the consent of the crown to do what you are doing. You have jurisdiction and authority and the court case said that to you in 1997.
- You have an interest in the land, on and under the land. It flows from the occupation of the territories. That is where rights and title flows from. Your ancestors did that for us and passed that on to us.
- My role was to help out the Wet'suwet'en. The proof I had to do for those folks on the land. It is important what they said to us and what you need to do. This forum is the most important forum there is. I left in 1999 to do a self imposed exile for 10 years to recover from the court case. August 1st will be the 10th year anniversary.
- By the time we finish, we will show you the treaty can do certain things, but it can't do a lot of things
- You have all the chapters on the table now. You will have to read it and understand what it is saying. We could move quickly to an offer from the crown to you and you will dismiss it. I don't want to see you accept the offer. It is very clear in what they are doing to



you. Look on map. You can see fee simple lands they tell us they are not on the table. It is a profound impact on all of you when they do that. We are going to make it an agenda item for the Wet'suwet'en.

- I may not see the results of it in my lifetime and it requires you to do something. It is your responsibility. We will show you how it can be done. The first thing is we will protect the main stem of the river. This river is the lifeblood of all territories in this watershed. You have been too quiet and not aggressive enough to protect that. The fish are dying on this territory. Your strategy for each house territory was to ensure there was salmon and fish on each of them. The Frazer system has collapsed as we did not fight this. We have a chance to protect the rest of the territory. Due to fee simple lands and industry, the upper Frazer has died. It is also happening on the Skeena system. Massive transfer from the ocean to the headwaters and back to the ocean.
- The Treaty forum is one, litigation is one were we do the fighting; there are a lot in this room that can go in the court, Natural Resources. You need to be very aggressive on C&A and you must understand it is a default process. In the C&A they promised us that in the court case, reconciliation of the two sovereignties.
- I want people to understand the different forums we can use.
- You have your title and rights and it flows from the occupation from these territories, institutions you have created, house based system. You also have ancient laws that apply to these lands. That is where you will end up.
- There is a lot of work in terms of policy, regulatory regimes and legislation. In the past 10 years I have been doing some of that work. We will not have to reinvent that, I am prepared to bring that from the Gitksan. The latest is on wildlife and lands and minerals. I am looking to all of you to start that. We will rely on a lot of young people to see our way through this and this forum is the only forum where we can do this. I am excited about this process we have been thinking about in the office in town. We need to mobilize the clans to tackle all of the issues.
- You can see houses that are impacted and you need a strategy to work on those.
- People need to understand what Section 35 is. I know what it is and what title is. We need to understand what we need to do before being pushed to the higher elevations.
- The Gitksan's and Wet'suwet'en cannot be the only ones leading the charge. I have spent 10 years trying to mobilize, Treaty 8, I am in Kamloops doing the same thing, and division in the Schuswap Nation and 2 are running. They have divisions, not clan based. They are in a worse situation than you are and are being pushed to the higher elevations.
- We will take on fee simple and submerged lands.
- This is a long term process and will take us decades.

Prayer: Darren

Lunch



OVERVIEW

Friday – Natural resources presentation

- Referral process
- Wood lot licenses
- Agricultural expansion – Lower Parrot Lake into Francois Lake
- Windmill Projects
- Proposed mine – Bard Ventures – on Hungry Hill – mine for moly used to make hardened steel & used as a lubricant
- Blue Pearl project – Gitdumden Territory – biggest concern is water quality

Saturday – Field Trip

- Irrigation Lake – had a meal
- Hotel for sale – on our village site – Northern California - \$450,000 cost – Zoned for C2 & R7 – open for negotiation – confident we could get for \$150-200,000.00. Turn into a lodge, information center, headquarters
- Made history by going out on territory

Sunday - Plan

- Natural Resource Strategy
 - How will you address wood lot licenses
 - Company makes money off resources
 - Government makes money from collecting taxes
- Laksamshu Government
 - Do we need to set up our own office for Laksamshu?
 - Is OW allowing us to be heard?
- Business is handled in Bahlahts (bring our business into them).
- Responsibility and opportunity to protect our territories
- Pick up the fight ancestors left us
- When you purchase land – you get title which protects you from others
- Takes land base out of your hands
- BC sets parts of land for settlement
- Law is Pending on what will happen to these lands
- 1997 defeated; although province is still holding onto the idea
- Sort out tenures involved in NR on your land
- Land base on your territory, fee simple is one thing you can tackle



Specific example – Storey stretch is fee simple.

- Did Wet'suwet'en challenge that land?
- Title and rights exist over all the land – how do you deal with interests in respect to what the court said
- Go to crown, all fee simple lands – must be a major buffer zone on the rivers
- Rivers are major corridors for Section 35 rights
- All tributaries and waters on your territory are your responsibility
- You have fishing rights, priority rights no one else has
- Reduce number of houses on Toboggan Lake
- The lake will be destroyed due to impacts of activities around the lake and you will lose the fish

Gabriel Louie:

- Negotiations with farmers on trap lines
- Left us precious resources

FEE SIMPLE DEFINITION:

*Lands that are held by individuals –
a title that the crown has created.*

Crown owned lands



Laksamshu Work Plan FEBRUARY 15, 2009



LANDS STRATEGY

- **Walk softly**
 - Leave the ground you walk on as you found it...clean
- **Wet'suwet'en warriors to protect the land**
 - Wet'suwet'en police force
 - Take over RCMP in Moricetown
 - Tribal police
- **Capacity building**
- **Repatriation of artifacts**
- **Wet'suwet'en land authority**



- **Repatriating Laksamshu lands**

- **Boundary lines on land**
 - Sub surface and lunar rights
 - Air waves

- **Distribution of wealth - % going to education trust**

- **Trespassing:**
 - Respect other clan territory in regards to hunting
 - Negotiate use of other clans territory
 - Violation dealt with in Bahlahts
 - Consequences – seizure of assets

- **Markers**
 - Points and boundaries of different houses

- **Recreational vehicles disrupting wildlife**

- **Inclusion of all five clans, not dominated by one family**

- **No fencing off territory without consultation**

- **Water rights**
 - Blowing up beaver dams
 - Contaminants kept out of the water
 - Consideration for run-off and its impact

- **Section 35**
 - Protect hunting & fishing rights
 - Inherent rights on the territory
 - Our rights are not frozen in time
 - Challenge to government with Section 35
 - We want our rights to be protected – highest form of law
 - Wet'suwet'en Law – protect title and rights
 - Title of the land and what we are doing

- **Referral**
 - Consultation process
 - Administrative fee
 - Just talk with us

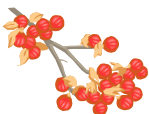
- **Environmental Impact**
 - Informed consent – consultation



- Improve the information highway – registry
- Transportation – Parrot Lake roads – road building environmental impact
- **Sharing the tax revenue**
 - Compensation
 - I.B.A. – Laksamshu Trust
 - Resources for camps/cabins
 - Moratoriums where needed
 - Tax assessments – we have a right too
- **Fee Simple Lands**
 - What parameters and boundaries do we exercise around these lands and our rights
 - Policies on watershed protection
 - Policies around impact on our environment
 - Crown Land – unoccupied lands that we can take title of
 - Registering clan members to territories
 - Buy into tourism
 - Creating education site for our young
 - Eco-tourism – ways of our ancestors
 - Cabins constructed
 - Birthing cabins – recognize them
 - Cultural Heritage Sites – be recognized on the whole territory
 - Signs on the territories – asserting laws around environmental protection
 - Grants – Ministry of Environment
 - Assertion strategies on miner exploration and development
 - Father clans make blankets for our clans to use as ceremonial regalia to assert our rights – symbolic – support our chiefs
 - Protection areas for grizzly bears
 - Buffer zones along rivers
 - Sewage treatment facilities around lakes to protect water sources
 - Repurchasing of lands that were lost (provincial government responsibility)
 - Allied with people have same interests, i.e. David Suzuki Foundation
 - Taxation of private lands - % for Wet'suwet'en

LAKSAMSHU AGRICULTURE STRATEGY

- **Sustain our own communities**
 - Gardens
 - Burning berry patches





LAKSAMSHU FISHERIES/WATER STRATEGY

- **Fish ceremonies**
 - Rites of passage
 - Share first kill with elders
- **Fishing grounds**
 - No jumping over a gaff pole
 - Designated fishing holes to clans
- **Expanding Rangers authority**

LAKSAMSHU HUNTING/GATHERING STRATEGY



- **Young women are not allowed to look at skin on an otter**
- **No shaking goat hide anywhere**
- **Protection of berries, medicinal plants**
- **Take only what you need**
- **Berry Picking**
 - No eating any during picking
 - Don't make loud noise
 - Wakaas the blueberry ground (medicinal use)
- **Give back to nature:**
 - Hunt to feed birds
 - Fish slop back into the river
 - Take some of the fat and put in the trees
- **Don't talk about Grizzly, sensitive reception of humans respect**
- **Tourist hunters must negotiate with clans; guides etc.**
- **Not for sale – families first**
 - Moose
 - Bears
 - Beavers
 - Fish
- **Know where herbicides and pesticides are being sprayed**



LAKSAMSHU CULTURAL STRATEGY

- **Courtship**
 - Arrangement for couples
 - Marriage Laws
- **No relations between members of same clan**
- **Government structured levels of chiefs**
 - Reinstate exile laws
- **Band council does not represent everybody – should be gone**
- **Pregnancy**
 - Moon rays
 - Rub belly – babies turn out handsome
- **Puberty Law**
 - Girls had to stay in the dark for one year
 - Not allowed to eat fresh meat and fish or look at mountain 'Konye'
 - Girls not allowed to let hair touch fish I preparation
- **Teach young children to drum and sing together**
- **Crafts – culture camp**
- **Education – on political aspects**

LAKSAMSHU ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY

- **Environmental Laws**
 - Conservation/protection
 - Production of garbage, plastics, reusable items
 - Create recyclable depot locally
- **Contamination Laws**
 - Raw sewage
 - Water shed (coal bed)