



## Annual budget passed

*The Yuutu?it?ath Legislature passed the annual budget on Monday, with an operating and capital budget of approximately 20 million dollars.*

The proposed community centre/ gym is the reason the budget has jumped significantly from last year's 13 million dollar budget. The new building which will house a community gym and government offices is still in the design stage so it is not known yet what the actual cost will be.

Yuutu?it?ath Government Chief Financial Officer Tamara Nelson noted that 100 per cent of the estimated building costs have been included in this year's budget; realistically that project and a portion of that project funding could flow over to next year, she told the Legislature. She also allocated more funds than will likely be required for the project (7 million), suggesting to the Legislature that it would be better to over-estimate than under-estimate the construction costs.

The total Revenues that go into the budget come from a variety of sources including the following sources and amounts.

- Fiscal Final Agreement (block funding) \$3,549,796 (intended for government operations)
  - Capital Transfer \$3,063,118 (directed to the Settlement Trust)
  - Time Limited Federal funding (implementation funds) \$3,642,475
  - Resource Revenue Sharing funds \$210,000
  - BC Community Development funds \$41,317
  - Transfers from previous years (implementation fund) \$482,938
  - Transfers from previous years (Resource Revenue Sharing funds, cash and surpluses) \$700,000
  - Debt or equity financing (source of funds for new community centre/ gym) \$7,000,000
  - Other sources i.e.: targeted grants
- The total expenses will be approximately \$20 million with the main

expenses being:

- Administration \$1,883,634
- General \$7,581,281
- Community Services Department \$2,304,061
- Asset Management expense \$7,755,355
- Social Housing expense \$290,406
- Assets Management 8,045,761
- Lands and Resources \$316,275

Administration expenses include the government administration, Legislature expenses, communications, citizenship and enrolment and the costs for ongoing treaty obligations.

The general expense category includes the investments in the Settlement Trust, the Implementation Fund and the YFN Holdings LP and other program expenditures. Approximately \$750,000 will be transferred to the YFN Holdings board who will distribute funds to various businesses that are mainly in the developing stages such as the new K<sup>w</sup>isitit restaurant.

The Community Services Department budget has a few big ticket items such as social assistance, which has jumped significantly in the last few years and is expected to cost \$450,000 this year. The local education agreement (approximate cost of \$390,000) and the NTC Health Services Agreement (approximate cost of \$300,000) also take up a large chunk of this budget. The Community Services Department budget also covers the cost of ongoing programming for youth, elders, child and family services, social development and wellness.

The Assets Management expense includes municipal services (i.e.: public works, water and sewer costs), community buildings, housing and emergency response. The Lands and Resources budget includes funding for

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Photo by Filip Wissert

Elder Barbara Touchie and linguist Henry Kammler record a language session during his recent visit to Hitacu. One of his students, Filip Wissert has been staying in Hitacu for the last month and has written a report of his time spent, on page 7.

## Hit-tat-soo Assembly gathers

The Hit-tat-soo Assembly gathered on Monday, March 25th to hear about the 2013-14 budget and updates from members of the Executive and staff. There were no additions to the agenda; Vi Mundy made an announcement that the North Island College Maintenance Campground Program has room in its program that begins on April 8 and runs until May 2nd in Tofino.

Executive member Alan McCarthy who holds the portfolio for Lands and Resources told those gathered that support letters from the District of Ucluelet, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District and Vancouver Island Health Authority have been received and forwarded to the Minister of Transportation for consideration. He said the nation hopes to convert the Wya Welcome Centre property at the junction to Treaty Settlement Land which would give YFN the ability to gain tax revenue.

Mr. McCarthy also reported about having a joint meeting with the District of Ucluelet and the Regional Manager of the Ministry of Transportation to voice concerns with the lack of road maintenance such as pothole filling and brushing and the need for a service agreement with the MOT for plowing and sanding Hitacu Road.

He informed citizens that the government is finalizing the Foreshore Agreement with the province, which will give the Yuutu?it?ath government law-making authority over foreshore adjacent to any Treaty Settlement

Lands. Resolving the dog complaints in Hitacu has been an ongoing project of the Lands department and they are making headway with the problem. Indeed, citizen Jeremy Valentine applauded the efforts to curb the dog issue.

Executive member Lawrence Baird, who holds the portfolio for Asset Management gave an overview of work recently completed including renovations on the fourth rental property in Ucluelet (advertised in this edition), new bunker gear and equipment for the volunteer fire brigade, and the naming of Angela Mastrangelo to the Economic Development Committee.

Public works have acquired new tools to help clear storm drains and they will be replacing the catch basin in front of the Youth and Learning Centre. Roadside ditching is scheduled to begin in the next couple of weeks. Signage throughout the community of Hitacu will soon be upgraded including speed signs and marking areas where children play. Vi Mundy asked if signage would be corrected to use the correct Nuuchah-nulth spelling and she was told that will be done. As well as erecting signs in Hitacu, the Lands department will be looking at erecting signs to stake out the entire Traditional Territory.

Mr. Baird also reported on the design-build committee that has been reviewing plans for the new community centre/gym building which will also house ...CONTINUED ON PAGE 3.

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## Barkley conservation topic at Hilthwii?is Resource group

*The Hilthwii?is Resource Planning Group met in Campbell River on March 11, 2013 to discuss a number of issues common to the Maa-nulth and Tseshaht Nations including the depletion of ground fish stocks in Barkley Sound, the harvesting of herring spawn and float homes in Julia passage.*

### Annual Fishing Plan

The Maa-nulth Annual Fishing Plan has been circulated to the various nations and the Tseshaht Nation has had an opportunity to review the plan. Chief Councillor Hugh Braker noted that the Tseshaht does not have a fish plan in place, just species numbers, and he said after reviewing the Maa-nulth Fish Plan, there did not seem to be anything objectionable. He suggested that Andy Olsen, who is the fisheries representative of the Tseshaht, would be the contact person regarding any changes to the fish plan.

The fishing plan describes the proposed harvest plans (for each species) of the Maa-nulth Nations (MFN's) and will be forwarded to the Joint Fisheries Committee. The harvest expectations are based on information provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) and the fishing plan is to keep DFO abreast of the MFN's harvest levels and methods.

### Herring Spawn

There was discussion regarding herring spawn with most nations who were represented at the meeting suggesting there is not enough herring spawn in their local waters. The Toquaht nation has been requested by other nations to allow for collection in the Toquaht area, however; no representative from Toquaht nation was at the meeting and the requests for harvesting have not been answered so it is unlikely there could be a harvest this year.

Tseshaht's Hugh Braker said the spawn that has been in Barkley Sound in recent years has not been accessible because rather than spawning on the surface the herring have been spawning deep in the ocean and attempts to harvest spawn from branches dropped on long lines have not been successful. The Tseshaht's fishery manager, Andy Olsen has been doing some research on employing similar

methods used by the Tlingit (Alaska). Breaker also reported that the east side of Vancouver Island has had an abundance of spawn washing up on the shores near Parksville, and that Tseshaht members have been collecting loads of kelp covered seaweed from the beaches.

Tess Smith, elected leader of Ka:'yu:kt'h/Che:k'tles?thi said, "we don't have enough herring spawn in our territory." The nation does not currently do a harvest but said she would be interested in getting spawn for the community members and suggested that perhaps the nation could barter.

Yuulu?il?ath President Charles McCarthy reported that the herring have been spawning near Salmon beach about a week prior but said there were no attempts this year by the nation to harvest the spawn because the position of Fisheries manager has been vacant for a few months.

### Depletion of ground fish stocks in Barkley Sound

President McCarthy also expressed concerns about the depletion of ground fish and rock fish stocks in Barkley Sound and he attributed the depletion to over fishing by sports fishermen and commercial charter boats. He noted while a small area of Barkley Sound is protected, mainly the Broken Group Islands because they are part of the Pacific Rim Parks Reserve, the rest is not protected. He reported that many fishers sit just outside the protected areas and fish. "Years ago you could go out to Blackrock and catch a few lingcod but with the local depletion of stocks of lingcod and halibut it makes it more challenging for local guys who want to go catch close to shore," McCarthy commented. Further, he questioned whether there might be funding available to do an assessment of local stocks to determine how depleted the stocks are. "There is an awareness (by DFO) for a rockfish protection area and then they did away with it outside the Broken Group," McCarthy said. Breaker said DFO "acknowledges there is a fluctuation in numbers but will find some other reason for it," so the recreational fishery is not disrupted.

Tseshaht Fisheries Manager/Biologist Andy Olsen agreed that an increase in the sports fishery have significantly accelerated the depletion of certain stocks in Barkley Sound. He suggested that it would be beneficial to approach the Department of Fisheries and Oceans with a united

voice, the express concern about the allowance of over-fishing. Uchucklesaht Elected Chief Charlie Cootes Sr. agreed that DFO would not likely address the over-fishing by the sports fishery but said it is important that the MFN and Tseshaht raise the issue with DFO and suggested a unified voice may carry more weight. Elected Chief Breaker offered to draft a letter to DFO that would be brought back to the Hilthwii?is Resource Planning Group for a joint signature.

### Steelhead on the Somass

Elected Chief Braker also alerted Chiefs to the problem Tseshaht is having with seals in the Somass River; the seals are wreaking havoc on steelhead stocks. Braker said seals have invaded the river and have been spotted all the way up to Stamp Falls. "That's unheard of in my lifetime," he stated. He reported recently sighting six swimming in the river near the Tseshaht First Nation office. "We're seriously considering a bounty on them," he commented. He pointed out that "in the ocean it's a whole different game," but said the river is narrow and the seals have become so adept at catching steelhead in the river that it's causing "a real problem." He said the DFO is against hunting the seals in town but noted that no other solutions have presented themselves. He reported that a few seals were shot in the river and left to bleed out, hoping that would be a message to other seals, but the effects were negligible. Uchucklesaht Elected Chief Charlie Cootes Sr. questioned whether the seals could be harvested for traditional use, and questioned how many citizens of the various nations ate seal meat and used the blubber and whether they would if they had access to it. "What the answer is, I don't know," Braker said, shaking his head and adding that he's worried about the long term effect on the steelhead run.

### Joint Conservation Efforts

Joint conservation efforts in Barkley Sound and the Broken Group was discussed. Representatives from the MFN and Tseshaht agreed that joint patrols in Barkley Sound and the Broken Group Islands would be beneficial to all. Currently there is no coordinated efforts between nations.

Tseshaht elected Chief Braker told the group that Tseshaht is anticipating signing "an expanded agreement" with Park's Canada. He said last year the Beach Keepers program

provided tourist information but this year Tseshaht is expecting to have the contracts for garbage and fee collection. He also pointed out that Parks Canada will be expanding their collection fees in the Broken Group.

"We've put them on notice that we want to be the ones to collect the fees so if our parks crew sees over fishing or inappropriately, or (someone) disturbing archaeological artifacts," they will be able to report that activity to the MFN's as well.

Uchucklesaht Chief Cootes reported that a commercial boat had dropped numerous strings of crab traps near the Uchucklesaht harbour. "We alerted DFO" who arrived just as the commercial boat was pulling the traps. The commercial fishers were accommodating and threw all the crab back. "That would have been a big hit on our resources," he said.

Chief Cootes suggested that it would be productive to have internal discussions first and then bring it to the The Hilthwii?is Resource Planning Group for joint decisions. "We need to work together to make sure that our domestic access is not affected; if it is it will affect how we allocate among our nations," he commented. He suggested the Resource Planning Group be proactive and put some thoughts on paper for consideration, and said "we need to let it be known that it would be a concern if there is a conservation issue for domestic issues." he added.

The issue of protocol not being followed when it comes to fishing in neighbouring territories was also brought up.

President McCarthy said that Nuuchah-nulth nations who were given a demonstration commercial fishery should fish in their own haahuuli.

"The protocol agreements and sharing aspects of fishery are for food fish but not for commercial opportunities," he said. "None of us want to give up the resources we've secured for our nation; those nations need to manage their fishermen to stay in their designated areas;" he commented, adding that either the nations manage their fishers or DFO should be asked to manage the situation.

Elected Chief Hugh Braker suggested that the Resource Council jointly send a letter to the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council that outlines that resources in Barkley Sound (Maa-nulth Harvest Area) belong to the Barkley Sound tribes.

## Implementation costs higher than anticipated

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the second phase of the Official Community Plan which will include zoning and specific land uses.

In her presentation of the draft budget, to the Legislature (and the Hitat-soo Assembly), CFO Nelson said it's important to note that operating funding that is received by the nation

from year to year has not increased significantly (inflationary only) since Treaty and that the government continues to keep a close eye on expenditures and looking for outside funding sources. She said treaty implementation costs were higher than expected for Yuulu?i?ath and other Maa-nulth nations as the nations continue to finish work that was started pre-effective date but not completed. Costs for items

such as setting up the law registry, for establishing laws and operating the Maa-nulth Treaty Society are expected to taper off in the next year or two.

The Legislature resolved to enact the Annual Budget Act as the 30th Act of the Yuulu?i?ath Government. The budget will be posted on the nation's website, [www.ufn.ca](http://www.ufn.ca)

The Legislature also enacted the Building and Authorization Act Amendment Act as the 31st Act of the government. The Executive met after the Legislature on Monday, and accepted the Fore-shore Agreement Amendments and the Enforcement Framework Agreement. More details of these agreements will be published in the next Umacuk and will be posted on the website.

## Local governments work on joint strategies citizens told at People's Assembly

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...some government offices.

President Charles McCarthy reported that the Yuulu?i?ath Government and District of Ucluelet will be lobbying collectively on issues that impact the West Coast; a jobs strategy, offshore fish processing, roads, local schools and fibre optics are some of the joint lobbying topics.

Vi Mundy questioned President McCarthy on whether an economic development plan exists. She said she is "not comfortable seeing some of these things that are happening and I'm not sure how it fits into the plan. I've never seen one and I'm asking, do we have one? It seems like we're building here and here and here and when you ask questions, no one knows," she commented.

President McCarthy said the Economic Development Holdings Board has been presented a five-year plan that lists yearly priorities. He reminded the crowd that at that last Assembly Trevor Jones, CEO of the Ucluth Development Corp. gave a lengthy presentation about all the various economic development activities. Mrs. Mundy questioned the process of who makes recommendations and decisions about Economic Development and was told that recommendations were taken from the Holdings Board to the Executive. President McCarthy said, "we're finalizing things with the operating boards and Holdings with our legal counsel; it's

taken a year and a half to implement that portion," he said of the economic development restructuring. Mrs. Mundy suggested that there be a regular economic development newsletter to keep citizens informed; adding, "because this affects all of us."

Trevor Wickham, Department of Community Services Manager congratulated Dr. Bernice Touchie on her new position as Language Coordinator for the Nation; he noted that she will be developing a five-year plan for language.

He also reported on funds received from the federal government for a camp where Elders can share traditional knowledge and skills with youth. The Ittatsoo Learning Centre also received a \$5,500 FNEC grant to help offset the educational needs of developmentally challenged community members.

Mr. Wickham told the Assembly that the new SEEDS program will be rolled out shortly and a development strategy is now being reviewed by staff. SEEDS stands for Social Education and Employment Development Services and the primary goal of the program is to assist people in gaining the skills necessary to go back to work.

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Clifford George has recently painted the eagles on either end of the Hitacu welcome sign. The sign was taken to Clifford's shop to get the finishing touches on it and will soon be back as the new welcome sign to Hitacu.

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This house is owned by the Yuulu?i?ath Government and is offered to Yuulu?i?ath citizens exclusively until April 12, 2013 and after that date it will be marketed to the general public

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## Wallet Lost

Men's brown leather wallet belonging to Lawrence Jack was lost last week, either in Hitacu or Ucluelet. The wallet contained photos, identification and cash. If found please return or call:

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## Obituary: Jo Malach

Jo Malach of Hitacu passed away on March 9, 2013. She was born on April 7, 1948. She is survived by her husband, Wojtek Malach, and children: Charlene (Kevin), George (Amanda), Andrzej (Vanessa), Joanna (Karl) and Clorissa; siblings: Eileen, Robbie, David (Fran), Steven, Evangeline and Barbie; 10 Grandchildren and three Great Grandchildren and numerous Nieces and Nephews

The funeral service was held at the Ucluelet Community Centre on Thursday, March 14, 2013 and burial at Hitacu cemetery. Richard Parlee officiated the funeral service and Eddie Mack gave the eulogy. Honorary Pallbearers were: Carl Edgar Jr., Ron George, Melvin Touchie, Lawrence Jack, Aaron Mundy and Terry Cross-

ina and Pallbearers were: Dannie Touchie, Dennis Touchie, Alfred Miller, Kevin Cooper, Jordan Touchie and Wilson Jack.



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## Yuulu?il?ath and Toquaht learning the Barkley dialect at weekly classes

The Yuulu?il?ath and Toquaht nations are learning language together. Every Tuesday night a handful of Elders and citizens meet at the 6-Plex in Hitacu to share the experience of learning the Nuuchah-nulth language.

The group formed after a fall session of language classes being held at the North Island College in Port Alberni. Several locals attended the classes and were frustrated that the Barkley dialect was not being taught by the instructor. The group decided that instead of driving to Port Alberni each week, they could help one another and learn locally.

For about a month now the group has come together to learn. Dr. Bernice Touchie, the Yuulu?il?ath language instructor leads the class and is assisted by local elders Barbara Touchie and Marj Touchie. Fluent speaker Bob Mundy also attends the class as does Maureen Louie (nee Touchie) a semi-fluent speaker along with Toquaht citizens.

Recently Henry Kammler, an anthropologist and linguist from Germany, who is a semi-fluent speaker, was a guest teacher.



*Language classes*

Elders Barbara Touchie and Marj Touchie are helping to teach an intense Nuuchah-nulth language class being held at the 6-Plex on Tuesday nights. The three-hour classes are attracting several speakers of various levels, from Hitacu and advanced speakers from Toquaht too.

## RCMP and Executive set priorities

The Yuulu?il?ath Executive met with Constable Marcel Midlane, Aboriginal Liaison for the Ucluelet detachment of the RCMP recently to discuss priorities for the coming year.



Constable Midlane said the major concerns locally are drug use, impaired driving and lowering the rate of re-offenders. He said that there has been a high incidence of theft at the public dock in the past few months, and suggested that the community needs to work together to stop would be criminals. He suggested that the government may want to consider installing bright lights and video cameras at the dock.

Constable Midlane is getting to know community members by attending Culture Night dinners and being involved with youth activities. He took several young men on a prawn fishing trip recently and is looking into the possibility of including some local youth on this summer's canoe journey. Marcel is also teaching the DARE (Drug Aware Resistance Education) at the Ucluelet Elementary School.

Plans are underway to have Constable Midlane spend a few hours a week in Hitacu, working out of the Youth and Learning Centre. He is also hoping to create a community consultative group which would see citizens working with the RCMP to deal with local issues.

## HELP WANTED: K<sup>w</sup>isitit Feast House Restaurant

### Servers – 3 positions

A server's responsibility is to provide good customer service, take orders and deliver food. In most situations, servers are expected to answer questions regarding the menu. They work closely with other wait staff and the kitchen to ensure the restaurant is operated efficiently. Applicants should be keen to work with the general public, well groomed, outgoing and know some of the Nation's history and culture

### Hostess – 2 positions

As a host or hostess you'll be responsible for many of the functions that determine the restaurant's success. You'll need to cheerfully greet guests, take them to their table. You'll also need to keep track of which tables are cleaned and available for new guests, and you may even be required to answer the phone, take reservations, bus tables, serve food and in some cases manage take-out orders.

### Dish washers – 2 positions

- Dishwashers are usually in charge of loading the kitchen's dishwasher, and properly stacking the dishes
- After dishes have been cleaned, the dishwasher must stack and organize them for easy retrieval.
- Additional tasks include: maintenance jobs, mopping and sweeping floors and cleaning bathrooms and garbage duty.

### Cooks – 2 positions

- Food Safe Certificate is required
- Responsible for accurate and efficient preparation of food items, plating and garnishing of cooked items, cleaning and sanitization of kitchen areas, stocking, ordering, and maintaining the highest standard of quality in food preparation and presentation.
- Cooks are responsible for preparing all menu items with strict adherence to specifications
- Ensure a high calibre of food service through proper preparation and presentation of food
- Receive deliveries and ensure the safe storage of food stocks and food rotation.

### Assistant Manager – 1 position

- Coordinating the entire operation of the restaurant during scheduled shifts.
- Managing staff and providing them with feedback.
- Responding to customer complaints.
- Recruiting, training and motivating staff.
- Organising and supervising the shifts of kitchen, waiting and cleaning staff.
- Maintaining high standards of quality control, hygiene, and health and safety.
- Checking stock levels and ordering supplies.

These positions are for the upcoming season from May through October. Flexibility is a must. The successful candidates must be available during the business hours of operation which includes weekend work. Employees from the 2012 season are required to resubmit their resumes.

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## K<sup>w</sup>isitis Gift Shop

sales and customer service agent - 2 positions

- Open and closure of store
- Manage daily operations
- Ability to assist visitors and work with minimal supervision
- Seasonal job from May to October. Flexibility a must.

Please submit resume to Crystal at the UDC or email to [UDC@ukeecable.net](mailto:UDC@ukeecable.net) or fax to 250-726-3494.

Deadline for applications is April 12th at 3 p.m.

## Hitatosoo Assembly news

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The Strengthening Our Men program will be advertising for a new coordinator; the program received a second year of funding from VIHA, in the amount of \$35,000. Legislature Member Art Cootes asked whether there was much attendance at the program, and commented that "we have a lot of young men on this reserve with nothing to do." Mr. Wickham reported that several young men attended the sessions.

Jeremy Valentine questioned the department's plan to apply for a grant to undertake a feasibility study on a water-taxi for the Ucluelet Harbour, saying that the department had reported in June that they would look into the transportation issue. Mr. Wickham said there was a delay; however, he noted, an application for funding for a feasibility study would be done in May; he encouraged Jeremy to provide input on the plan.



## HELP WANTED Wya Point Resort

### Resort Maintenance Technicians: 3 positions

Duties will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Cleaning the campground and campsites
- Performing minor maintenance tasks
- Bundling firewood
- Some construction and trail building
- Ability to assist and direct visitors, and deal with issues or concerns immediately
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple priorities
- Insuring campground rules are complied with.

### Resort House-keepers - 3 positions

- General day to day cleaning of the yurts and newly opened Lodges
- Work Conditions: tight deadlines, repetitive tasks. Handling of heavy loads, physically demanding, attention to detail, combination of standing, walking, bending, crouching and kneeling throughout shift.
- Will need your own transportation, own vehicle, valid driver's license.

### Resort Laundry Services - 2 positions

- Daily Laundry Services at the Laundry located in the Thornton Motel

### Front Desk Clerk (Willowbrae Office) - 2 positions

- Operation of a desktop computer for reservations and camper check-in.
- Checking in of campers and yurt patrons and collection of fees
- Excellent interpersonal skills both in person and by phone, with a high level of professionalism
- Must be comfortable working in a fast pace and demanding environment.
- Highly self motivated and capable of self-directed work
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple priorities
- Assisting with camper and general public inquiries.
- The ability to handle cash registers, and on line reservations.

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**DEADLINE APRIL 12, 2013. by 3 p.m.**



Leo Touchie and Khia Little.

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# Community Newsmakers

## Student learning Nuu-chah-nulth in Germany comes to Hitacu

By Filip Wissert

### My month in Hitacu.

When I arrived in Ucluelet some weeks ago, my first thought was: my god, that's really a small town. I was born and raised in a small town too, namely in Dachau, a suburb north of Munich, Bavaria, Germany, so when I packed my things together and came here, I thought it wouldn't be a great change after all, but now I've to admit: Yes it was.

But one thing after another: My name is Filip and I'm a student from Germany. I study Anthropology and Linguistics at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich and therefore I'm interested a lot in other cultures and languages.

In my first term one year ago, I've started to learn Nuu-Chah-Nulth in the language class of Henry Kammler. It was really hard to learn it at the first place, especially because of the different pronunciation and writing style of many letters, but after a while it begun to become better and better and since then it has been a very informative and also fun language class. Anyway one day Henry asked us, if we would like to visit Vancouver Island and the Yuulu?il?ath for a five-week internship and our reaction was like: yes! Unfortunately because of timing and other reasons only two of us could take this opportunity and some weeks and months later Lara and I arrived in Canada.

Lara stayed in Port Alberni, while I landed in Ucluelet, get off the bus and ... well, you know, 'My Good-

ness!'

I should mention, that, compared to Canada, Germany is a very small country with a lot of more people. Of course there are many small towns and villages too, but you hardly can find areas with an unaffected landscape and nature like here. So I was very excited when I arrived in Hitacu and although I had some worries how to make it through the next month, it turned out my doubts were absolute unnecessary: It is great here.

At this point I want to thank Nick Touchie, Barbara Touchie and Maureen Louie and their whole big family, because they welcomed me with open arms and have been taking very good care about me since my very first day. Nick and Maureen showed me the city and the surrounding nature and till now I was hiking (a lot hiking!), bicycling, kayaking and even fishing, where I caught my first fish ever. The Barkley Sound and the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve have a amazing, incomparable landscape and especially the Wild Pacific Trail is something, I really fall for since I explored it at the first time. I could seat for hours on one of the benches and watch the sea.

But of course I'm not only here for hiking and watching waves. My purpose for my internship is to learn and to deepen my knowledge about the language of Nuu-Chah-Nulth and the Yuulu?il?ath themselves. That's why



### Visitor from Germany

Maureen Louie and Filip Wissert enjoyed some kayaking in the harbour. Filip is on an exchange from German, visiting Hitacu for a month, attending language classes and immersing himself in the local culture.

I've attended several language lessons and courses for the past few weeks and it was very interesting to see how people like Barbara Touchie and other elders can speak Nuu-Chah-Nulth fluently.

I've learned a lot in these lessons, how to spell words, how to form sentences and so on, but also a lot about the rich culture and customs of the Yuulu?il?ath. I got the chances to watch traditional dances and to hear the drums and songs and thereto I could experience the social life in Hitacu. And of course the food, I think I've never eaten so much fish and seafood before and I'm going to miss it in Bavaria, where you only can find tiny small river fishes.

All the weeks I've been staying in Hitacu with the Touchie Family and all their members and friends I felt homely and comfortable, so λeekoo for your kindness and hospitality. I'm also very thankful for Henry Kammler that he has given me the chance to come here and to see and live all this new things. λeekoo again.

You always think one month sounds long and extended, but the time elapsed so fast since I got here and I can't believe that in one week and some days I've to pack my bags again and fly back to Germany. But I know, when I get in the plane, I'll have experienced an incredible, eventful, great and lasting month with meeting wonderful people and making new friends.

## Residents' efforts to save eagle that flew into hydro wires

An eagle that flew into a power line in Hitacu has been euthanized and local efforts to save the raptor are being applauded.

The North Island Wildlife Recovery Association in Errington, BC, picked up the eagle from the Port Alberni Vet Hospital on Tuesday morning, after it was found lying on the ground in front of Barb Touchie's house, after it was electrocuted by a hydro wire.

Andrew Tomren reported that he saw the eagle flying very low above Dawn's store and suddenly it hit the powerline and spiraled to the ground. He and Lindsay McCarthy headed towards the eagle and after a bit of effort they captured the eagle, by putting a blanket over its head. Henry Kammler, a German anthropologist and linguist who visits Hitacu regularly was staying at

Barb Touchie's house, and he joined in the rescue effort. The raport was put into Barb's smoke-house overnight until it could be transferred to Port Alberni.

Kimberly Touchie and her dad Ladder took the eagle in a fish tote, to Port Alberni last Monday morning. "I work in Port Alberni, so I told her I could take it with me when I drive to work. However, when I went to my grandma's house to pick up the eagle around 7:30am on Tuesday morning, the container the eagle was in took up my whole back seat almost!" Kimberly said she envisioned the eagle escaping from the container, "and clawing me while I was driving on the highway!" Kimberly's Mom Marilyn didn't want her alone with this eagle; so she asked her dad to come with me. Kimberly said she expected the eagle to squawk

during the drive but it never made a noise. When they started driving the eagle shifted around and Laddie ended up moving into the back seat with the bird to keep it calm. "I'm sure the eagle was scared to," Kimberly said. "I was very glad my dad came with me, I think it helped the eagle calm down with someone holding the crate and someone to look at. At one point my dad said that the eagle was just staring at him for a long time. I also asked my dad afterwards if he was scared at all and he said he wasn't, Kimberly reported. "I'm thankful that I was able to try and help save such an amazing animal," she added.

The eagle was examined by a veterinarian and it was determined that it had been severely electrocuted in one wing and the only option was euthanasia. "The eagle was in very poor condition

and would have suffered a long, painful death if it had not been rescued," a spokesperson for the Wildlife Rescue said. She said that birds occasionally injure themselves by flying into wires and in this particular case the electricity entered the wing and caused the blood flow to be cut off from the rest of the wing.



# Language and Culture

## POTLATCH ḥiimaḥni (Eddie Mack)

will be hosting a potlatch at the Yuuḥuʔiḥʔath Community Hall starting at noon. There will be a lunch, followed by drumming, dancing and singing, and there will also be a dinner.

**Saturday, April 6, 2013**



*Drumming*

The last culture night at the hall will be tonight, Thursday, March 28th.

## Disability Awareness Commiteee invites NCN to a Health Fair

Wednesday, May 29 & Thursday, May 30

starts at 9 a.m. daily

*Maht Mahs, Port Alberni*



## HELP WANTED

### **Sales and customer service agent - 3 positions**

- Open and closure of store
- Manage daily store and rental operations
- Daily float reconciliation
- Ability to assist and direct visitors, and deal with issues or concerns immediately
- The ability to work with minimal supervision
- Knowledge of surfing and related merchandise
- Ability to multi task and work in a high pace environment
- Some surfing experience preferred

### **Surf Instructor - 2 positions**

- This individual must be a good communicator, love surfing and work well with the team of support staff
- Required competencies:
  - Valid Class 5 Drivers license
  - Minimum 5 years surfing experience.
  - Minimum 1 year assistant instruction experience
  - Bronze Medallion/ Bronze Cross Swimming Certification (training be available on the job)
  - BC Association of Surf Instructors Certified (can be applied for on the job)

*These positions are for the upcoming season from May through October. Flexibility is a must. The successful candidates must be available during the business hours of operation which includes weekend work. Employees from the 2012 season are required to resubmit their resumes.*

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## Nuučaaḥul Language

wassi ḥak?  
(where are you)

hiḥ aah Hitacu  
(I am in Hitacu)

waa tak  
(on my way)

### Pronunciation

ḥ barred l sounds like tla

ḥ like the h in ha (EX-HALE)

## VAST Alternate Education

Mondays: 2:30-4:30 p.m./  
Thursdays: 10:15-11:45  
a.m.

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**Teacher Nicole Thompson**