Oolichan harvest being prepared to process T’ilx (Oolichan Grease) at Dirty Dozen Fishery Bay Camp operated by Sim’oogit Gwilx Maaw - Johnny Robinson and Crew
I hope everyone has enjoyed the arrival of the saak (oolichan) and the rich bounty of foods that K’alii-aksim Lisims will continue to provide us throughout our season of harvest.

March has been incredibly busy, and we are proud to announce that the Nisga’a Nation reached another historic milestone with our activities respecting Nasoga Gulf.

The Nisga’a Nation has been working with the Province of British Columbia to conclude the transfer of approximately 22,000 ha of Provincial Crown upland (called “Nasoga Gulf Upland”) in fee simple, and a long term lease over the foreshore and submerged lands at Nasoga Gulf. It is anticipated that once the Nasoga Gulf Upland is transferred to the Nisga’a Nation, those lands will be added to Nisga’a Lands pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Lands Chapter of the Nisga’a Final Agreement. You will read more about this historic agreement in the notice included in this newsletter. Both our Executive and the Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a (WSN), our highest lawmaking authority, expressed their unanimous support for this agreement.

March has also been budget season for the Nisga’a Nation. I would like to commend the Nisga’a Finance Committee, all finance staff, the NLG Executive and Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a for their hard work in successfully completing the provisional budget process for fiscal 2016-2017. The Nisga’a Nation’s provisional budget was passed by Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a on March 30, 2016.

March 14-16, 2016 was the occasion for yet another historic milestone as we hosted the BC Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Special Chief’s Assembly. It was the first such annual meeting hosted in an aboriginal community in BC. We had chiefs from all across BC and were honoured to have BC Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson and the National Chief for the AFN Perry Bellegarde in attendance. I wish to thank the Nisga’a Village of Laxgalts’ap and the Nisga’a Nation for very successfully hosting this large gathering on Nisga’a Lands.

In 1969, our intrepid Nisga’a leaders under then President Frank Calder reached out to First Nations leaders across BC seeking their support in the Calder Case. They were turned down by almost all First Nations in the province who asked, ‘Why would we get on a sinking ship?’

On March 16, at the BC AFN Special Chief’s Assembly, Grand Chief Ed John apologized to the Nisga’a Nation on behalf of his predecessors for their lack of support to the Nisga’a Nation when our leaders took the Nisga’a Nation’s claim to the Supreme Court of Canada in the Calder Case. I, along with other elected members of WSN and other simgigat and sigidimhaanak’ present, stood before Grand Chief Ed John and the First Nations Leadership Council to accept the apology. It is now a part of our history and we will continue to move forward.

The foresight of our leaders and the careful negotiation of our treaty allows us to determine our own destiny. In a recent article in the Prince George Citizen Premier Christy described the Nisga’a Treaty as the ‘gold standard’ for treaties in British Columbia.
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The Chief Executive Officer of Nisga’a Lisims Government will be reporting further on this proposed transaction during the scheduled WSN sitting at the end of March.

Discussions in respect of this proposed transfer will continue and the Province will soon begin consultation discussions with Lax Kw’alaams First Nation, Metlakatla First Nation, Kitumskalum First Nation and Kitselas First Nation.

As a Nation we have always held ourselves to a higher standard. As your government, your leaders in the NLG Executive and WSN carefully consider all important decisions that are made in the best interest of the Nisga’a Nation. In the approaching months, all of us must prepare for opportunities that are on our doorstep. In addition to the regular reporting at the Special Assembly of the Nisga’a Nation in May, you will also hear of many exciting opportunities before us.

In closing, I wish to congratulate and welcome the new Regular and Alternate members of the Council of Elders that were sworn in for a two-year term at the NLG Executive on March 24.

Notice Regarding the Potential Acquisition of Lands in the Vicinity of Nasoga Gulf and Mylor Penninsula

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Please see the maps on the page 4
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March 14th consisted of a Cultural Day celebration to formally welcome BC AFN Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson, Chiefs, Proxies and other delegates and dignitaries including NDP MLA for Vancouver-Mount Pleasant Melanie Mark. Ms. Mark received a very warm welcome from fellow Nisga’a in attendance.

Cultural Day festivities included lively cultural song and dance performances by Gitlaxt’aamiks Ceremonial Dancers, Gingolx Cultural Dancers, Laxgalts’ap Cultural Dancers and the Khast’an Drummers from the Lheidlii T’enneh Nation. The day was then rounded up with a traditional feast-style dinner with Nisga’a Stew on the menu.

March 15th was day 1 of the BC AFN’s business agenda. Highlights of the day included a lunch hour presentation from the Chief and Council of the Laxgalts’ap Village Government, who presented Nisga’a Citizen Melanie Mark with gifts to commemorate her recent achievements in becoming the first Aboriginal woman elected as MLA in the British Columbia legislature. Following LVG’s presentation, AFN Nationa Chief Perry Bellegarde, BC AFN Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson and members of the First Nations Leadership Council then presented Melanie and her mother with gifts as well to commemorate her achievements as a First Nations woman.

March 16th was a historic day for the Nisga’a Nation as Grand Chief Edward John acknowledged the Nisga’a Nation for their leadership in advancing Aboriginal rights and title in British Columbia and Canada in the historic 1973 Calder Case. Grand Chief John went on further to apologize to the Nisga’a Nation on behalf of First Nations political leaders of the day who did not provide their political support to the Nisga’a Nation in the Calder Case.

It was a long-anticipated and welcomed apology for President H. Mitchell Stevens, all members of Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a (WSN) and simigat and sigidimhaanak’ present who stood before Grand Chief Ed John, Regional Chief Shane Gottfriedson and other members of the First Nations Leadership Council to acknowledge the apology. In an emotional address, President Stevens mentioned that all of the Nisga’a leaders who advanced the Calder Case have long gone on to the spirit world and as descendants of those ancestors, they accepted the apology on their behalf.

The day also included a memorable lunch hour Keynote Address from First Nations actor Duane Howard whose most recent work include Oscar winning film ‘The Revenant’ with Leonardo DiCaprio.

Many hands of the Nisga’a Nation contributed to the wonderful success of hosting this high profile event on Nisga’a Lands. Si’aamhl wilsim’!
Nisga’a Nation hosts BC AFN 13th Special Chief’s Assembly
Pursuant to the Nisga’a Government Act, new Regular and Alternate Members of the Council of Elders took their Oaths of Office as administered by the Chairperson of the Council of Elders, Sigidimnak’ Angaye’e - Shirley Morven at the NLG Executive on March 24.

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Following the ceremony, President Stevens provided congratulatory remarks and thanked each of the members for their willingness to serve on the Council of Elders. Members of the Council of Elders serve appointed terms of two years.
This bulletin is to explain to our customers the changes to our billing practices, and the future plans of Lisims Communications.

1. **BILLING**

**Invoicing**

Lisims Communications has moved to an automated billing system for our residential customers. In short, you will receive your bills via email on the 1st of every month. These bills have your internet usage, and current charges on them. These invoices are emailed to the email address we have on file for you. To view the invoice, you need to have adobe reader installed on your computer or some other piece of software that will allow you to view a .pdf file.

You will have 30 days to pay the invoice plus a 10 day grace period. You will receive a warning email once you have entered your grace period. Once the 10 day grace period has expired, your internet service will be suspended until payment is made. The current charges for internet are as follows:

New Aiyansh, Gitwinksilkwh and Laxgalts’ap: $95.20 per month. This is $80 for unlimited internet usage + $5 for rental of the radio + taxes.

Gingolx: $78.20 per month. This is $65 for unlimited internet usage + $5 for rental of the radio + taxes. Gingolx is getting a discount as that community has not yet been linked to the fibre optic network and still utilizes a 45meg microwave link. Once the fibre is connected, the price will then be the same as the other communities.

**Payment**

You can pay your bill at your bank by searching for Lisims Communications, and adding that as a payee. Your account number is on your invoice. Please be advised that online banking payments take time to get processed. If you pay via online banking, please send us your online banking payment confirmation number to support@npvlp.ca after payment is made. We will note your payment. It may take up to a week to update your payment as each banking institution takes time to report.

Alternatively, you can log onto the customer portal at https://lisimscommunications.net (even if you are suspended) with your portal credentials to pay your bill, view your invoices, check your speed and update some of your personal details. If you do not have your login credentials, please contact us and we will create one for you and send you a link to set the password or you can contact us at our office for assistance to do so.

Once in the portal, you can add payment methods. The payment methods supported are Visa (including Visa Debit cards), MasterCard, American Express, and Discover. You can select ‘Auto’ which can automatically charge your card for the service on the 1st of every month. Using this way to pay your bill, your account is updated automatically with the payment. If you are suspended, making a payment using the portal will turn your internet on automatically when payment is received.
2. FUTURE UPGRADES

Current Internet Bandwidth

We are planning to increase the capacity of our residential internet backbone as we are experiencing network congestion problems at this time. We are utilizing a 100 Meg circuit for 3 villages: New Aiyansh, Gitwinksihlkw and Laxgalt'sap for approximately 240 customers. Gingolx, with 60 customers, continues to utilize a 45 Meg microwave link for their internet. We are planning for a 400meg upgrade to this backbone. As well, we will be moving the commercial entities to their own circuits so that the 400 Meg backbone will be used exclusively by our residential customers. We anticipate the increased speed in the next couple of weeks once the order has been placed.

We are currently moving our equipment into our Central Switching Offices or CO’s. This involves removing the fibre cabinets and fibre switches and other ISP equipment. Currently, this has been accomplished in New Aiyansh, Gitwinksihlkw and is now is occurring in Laxgalt'sap.

Cable Internet Rollout

Canuma Cable installed the equipment used in the rollout of cable internet. This equipment was placed in our fibre trailers. Once all the fibre cutovers are completed and these cable 'head ends' are connected to our residential internet circuit, we will be able to start rolling out cable internet to the homes.

3. FIBRE RUN TO GINGOLX

The process to get the fibre optic infrastructure into Gingolx continues. We have now been authorized to hang fibre onto the poles going down river to Gingolx. We anticipate that this project will be completed by the end of summer, barring and delays that may occur. You will soon see Telus and Graydon trucks on the side of the road building this fibre run.

4. CELL SERVICE

We are working with cell phone suppliers to offer cell service for the Nass Valley. While this process takes time, we are confident that we will have cell service in the Nass Valley by the end of the year or sooner.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patience and loyalty during these changes and upgrades. Lisims Communications is committed to providing the best internet and services in the Pacific North West.

Respectfully,

Andre Cardinal
Director of Operations
Lisims Communications LP
REVISED NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NISGA’A LAW
Special Assembly of the Nisga’a Nation - 2016

TO: Members of the NISGA’A NATION

FROM: Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive

DATE: April 7, 2016

TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with the Constitution of the Nisga’a Nation and the Nisga’a Government Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government (NLG) Executive via NLG Executive Resolution 2015/109 has scheduled a Special Assembly of the Nisga’a Nation to take place Monday May 2, 2016 to Thursday May 5, 2016 at the Gitlax’t’aamiks Recreation and Cultural Centre.

This meeting will be called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 2nd, 2016.

For more information, visit our website at www.nisgaanation.ca.

Sincerely,

NISGA’A LISIMS GOVERNMENT

Sim’oogit K’aween
H. Mitchell Stevens, President
JO B P O S T I N G

POSTED: April 1, 2016                                      CLOSES: April 21, 2016 @ 5:00pm

POSITION:                  Fisheries Technician
SALARY RANGE:              Commensurate with qualifications
SUPERVISOR:                Fisheries Manager
HOURS:                     Seasonal (Averaging Agreement)
LOCATION:                  Gitlaxt'aamiks, British Columbia

NATURE AND SCOPE OF POSITION: The Nisga’a Fisheries Program includes yearly research and monitoring of fish stocks and habitat. A majority of positions require working outdoors, often in poor weather conditions, on the Nass River and also the possibility of working in remote field camps. All positions require adequate rain gear and the ability to collect and record accurate fisheries data. Individual should be highly motivated and able to work independently and available to work odd hours and on the weekends.

IMPACT OF ERROR: The impact or error is significant to the Nation.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & OTHER ATTRIBUTES:

1. Grade 11 or higher education;
2. Previous fisheries experience is an asset;
3. Boat handling skills;
4. Boat maintenance skills;
5. Carpentry skills;
6. Computer skills is an asset;
7. Reliable transportation to and from work;
8. Valid Level 1 First Aid Ticket is an asset;
9. MED A3 certification is an asset;
10. Valid boat operator certification is an asset.

If you are interested in this employment opportunity please send a resume package that includes the following:
1. Cover Letter
2. Resume
3. 3 work related reference
4. Copy of accredited certificates/diplomas

Applicants are requested to submit resume package describing their qualifications. Resumes packages must be received prior to 5:00 pm on April 21, 2016. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

ALL RESUME PACKAGES MAY BE DIRECTED TO: Nisga’a Lisims Government
Attention: Human Resource Department
P.O. BOX 231, Gitlaxt’aamiks, B.C., V0J 1A
Fax Number: 250-633-2367
Email: hrdept@nisgaa.net
Employment Opportunities

April 7, 2016

Job Posting

Kalii Aks Construction LP is now accepting resume’s for the following Positions.

Traffic Control Person’s

Qualifications Required:

- Valid TCP ticket
- Valid Drivers License
- Ample work experience
- Able to work in variety of weather conditions
- Must have strong work ethics

Rate of pay: TBA

Please forward resumes Via fax at 250-633-2459 or can be dropped off at Nass Camp site Office

Closing Date: April 14, 2016 at 12:00 PM

Expected work date: TBA
NLG March 2016 Executive Resolutions

Resolution 2016/27/ March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga’a Village of Gingolx (the “Village of Gingolx”) has recently appointed Ms. Roberta Stewart to the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Village of Gingolx;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government wishes to have the current Chief Executive Officer of the Village of Gingolx serve as a director of Nisga’a Pacific Ventures Ltd., the general partner of Nisga’a Pacific Ventures Limited Partnership;

MOVED THAT Ms. Roberta Stewart be appointed as a director of Nisga’a Pacific Ventures Ltd. effective immediately.

Resolution 2016/30/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT by Executive resolution 2016/16 Mr. Alan Moore was reappointed to the Council of Elders for a further term;

AND CONSIDERING THAT Mr. Moore has declined the reappointment, giving rise to a vacancy in the office of one regular member of the Council of Elders for the term ending November 2017;

MOVED THAT under section 44(6)(b) of the Nisga’a Government Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive:

1. appoint Mr. Cecil Mercer to fill the vacancy that exists in the office of the regular member of the Council of Elders for the remainder of that term of office, to commence when Mr. Mercer takes the oath of office following his appointment and to expire when any member of the Council appointed under section 44(4) of the Nisga’a Government Act takes the oath of office following his or her appointment in November of 2017; and

2. designate Mr. Arnold Harry Martin as the alternate member for regular Council member Cecil Mercer.

Resolution 2016/31/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT under section 29 of the Nisga’a Financial Administration Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) must recommend to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a the draft provisional budget for the Nisga’a Nation for the next fiscal year by March 27, 2016;

MOVED THAT the Executive

1. approve the draft provisional budget for the 2016/2017 fiscal year, substantially in the form attached to this motion; and

2. direct the Chief Financial Officer to prepare a letter from the Executive to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a, to be tabled at the next Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a meeting scheduled to begin on March 29, 2016, that includes:

   a. the recommended provisional budget;

   b. a statement, prepared by the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the Nisga’a Nation established accounting policies, of the revenue and expenditure of the Nisga’a Nation from the end of the fiscal year to the most recent date practicable; and

   c. a copy of the audited financial statements for the Nisga’a Nation for the most recently completed fiscal year.
Resolution 2016/32/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT pursuant to section 22 of the Nisga’a Fisheries and Wildlife Act, the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) must adopt a proposed annual wildlife management plan prepared by the Director of Fish and Wildlife (the “Director”);

MOVED THAT the Executive:
1. approve and adopt the proposed Nisga’a Annual Wildlife Management Plan for 2016/2017 prepared by the Director, substantially in the form attached to this motion as Appendix “A”’ (the “Proposed Annual Wildlife Management Plan”), with such modifications as may be determined to be appropriate by the Director in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of Nisga’a Lisims Government, and

2. direct the Director to forward the Proposed Annual Wildlife Management Plan to the Wildlife Committee.

Resolution 2016/33/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT it is desirable that legislation be enacted in respect of expropriation of interests in Nisga’a Lands by Nisga’a Government for public purposes or public works;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT Section 19 of the Nisga’a Constitution requires Wilp S’ayuuḵhł Nisga’a to enact such laws;

MOVED THAT the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive recommend to Wilp S’ayuuḵhł Nisga’a the Nisga’a Expropriation Act, attached to this motion as Appendix “A”.

Resolution 2016/34/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT under section 27 of the Nisga’a Government Act the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”) must determine the payments and benefits that may be provided to members of the House;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Executive has adopted a policy governing the remuneration of members of Wilp S’ayuuḵhł Nisga’a, Bulletin FA- 00001 - Stipends and Honoraria dated December 21, 2004 and amended from time to time including most recently on November 26, 2014 (the “Stipends Bulletin”);

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT it is advisable that the Stipends Bulletin be revised as set out in Appendix “A” to this motion (the “Revised Stipends Bulletin”);

MOVED THAT the Executive adopt the Revised Stipends Bulletin effective April 1, 2015.
Resolution 2016/ 35/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT by Resolution 2016 I 13 the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive (the “Executive”), acting under section 4.3 of the trust agreement between the Nisga’a Nation and the Royal Trust Corporation of Canada respecting the Nisga’a Settlement Trust dated December 20, 2000, as amended (the “Trust Agreement”), has notified the current Trustee, as defined in the Trust Agreement (the “Trustee”), that it is anticipated that Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a may at its next sitting pass a resolution directing the Trustee to make a distribution from the Trust Fund to the Nisga’a Nation;

MOVED THAT the Executive recommend to Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a that Wilp Si’ayuukhl Nisga’a, acting under sections 4.2(b) and 4.3 of the Trust Agreement, pass a resolution (the “Distribution Resolution”) directing the Trustee to make a distribution from the Trust Fund to the Nisga’a Nation:

1. in the total amount of $4,677,249; and
2. to be advanced in a single lump sum on or before the eighth day after the Trustee receives a copy of the Distribution Resolution.

Resolution 2016/ 36/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT the Nisga’a Final Agreement provides at paragraph 45 of the Wildlife and Migratory Birds Chapter for the establishment of a Wildlife Committee;

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT the Director of Fish and Wildlife and the Chief Councillor of the Nisga’a Village of Gingolx currently represent the Nisga’a Nation on the Wildlife Committee, whereas British Columbia has four members on the Wildlife Committee;

AND CONSIDERING FURTHER that section 21(2) of the Nisga’a Fisheries and Wildlife Act provides that if British Columbia appoints three or four members to the Wildlife Committee, the Executive of Nisga’a Lisims Government (the “Executive”) must appoint additional members to provide equal representation for the Nisga’a Nation;

MOVED THAT the Executive appoint Mr. Mansell Griffin and Mr. Edward Desson as additional members to the Wildlife Committee.

Resolution 2016/ 37/March 24, 2016

CONSIDERING THAT it is in the interest of the Nisga’a Nation to enter into an agreement with British Columbia in respect of the cost of surveying certain lands in the vicinity of Nisga’a Lands substantially in the form of the agreement attached as Appendix “A” to this motion (the “Shared Cost Arrangement”);

MOVED THAT:
1. the Nisga’a Nation enter into the Shared Cost Arrangement with British Columbia; and
2. the Nisga’a Lisims Government Executive authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Shared Cost Arrangement on behalf of the Nisga’a Nation as represented by the Executive, with such technical modifications, if any, as the Chief Executive Officer considers advisable.

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