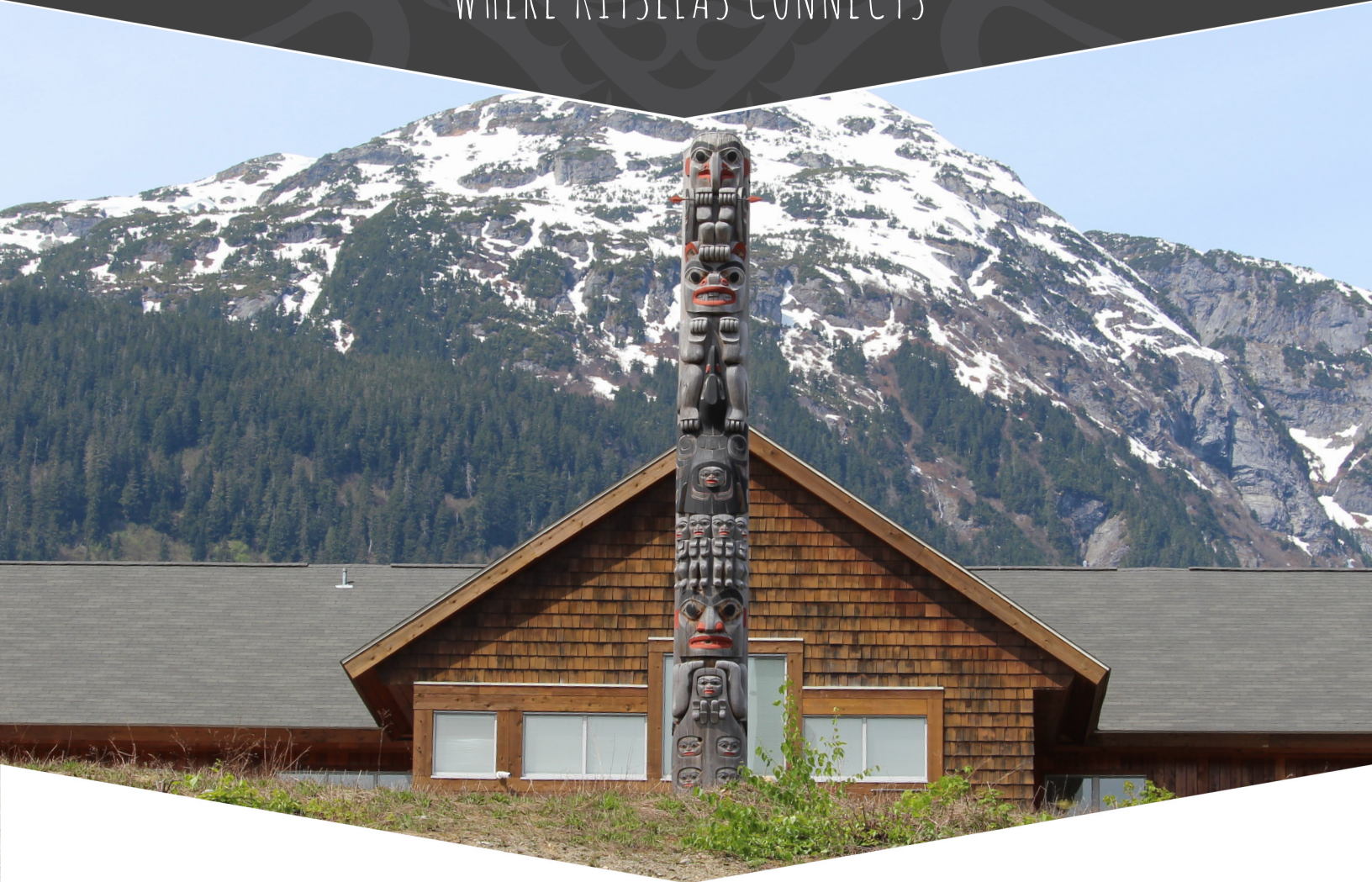


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SEPT 24, 2021



A Bi-Weekly newsletter from the



Kitselas Band Council & Administration

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TREATY INFORMATION SESSION

Lands Recap & Intro to Self-Government

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

6 PM (PT) - Dinner

7 PM (PT) - Meeting

**Zoom + in-person at the Kitselas
Community Hall (1561 Kulspai Cres)**



KITSELAS
TREATY ENGAGEMENT

every child matters

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

Wear orange on September 30th to remember the harm that was done to our children in residential schools. To honor the survivors, their families and remember the spirits that will walk with us.



Please join us at the admin office for refreshments & snacks. From 10am-12pm

If you attended residential school please call
Jada 250-641-2647



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM KITSELAS ADMINISTRATION.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation,
therefore our offices will be closed to honor
this very important day.

Date: September 30, 2021

(open for Health's event 10am-12pm)

Kitselas Community Engagement Meeting/Pre-
AGM

Date: October 22, 2021

Location: Kitselas Community Hall

Time: 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Dinner served

Kitselas AGM

Date: October 23, 2021

Location: Kitselas Community Hall

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Lunch served

KITSELAS FIRST NATION



COMMUNITY NOTICE: Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan Survey

The Kitselas Lands and Resources Department has started the process of preparing a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan. This plan is a fundamental first step in assessing and understanding the wildfire threat and risk within a community. The survey will help provide clear direction on community wildfire issues and ensure the CWRP is specific to Kitselas reserve lands.

CWRP surveys will be hand delivered to households on September 27 (Monday) and September 29 (Wednesday). A Survey Monkey link will also be available on the Kitselas Administration Facebook page.

Participate and be entered into a draw to win one of two prizes: **a \$100 gift card to Canadian Tire and a \$100 gift card to Save-On-Foods.** Please provide your phone number to be entered into the draw.

Deadline to participate: October 25th, 2021



Kitselas Lands and Resources Department
2225 Gitaus Road
Terrace, BC
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Please contact Megan Rogers at RLO@kitselas.com if you have any questions or would like more information.

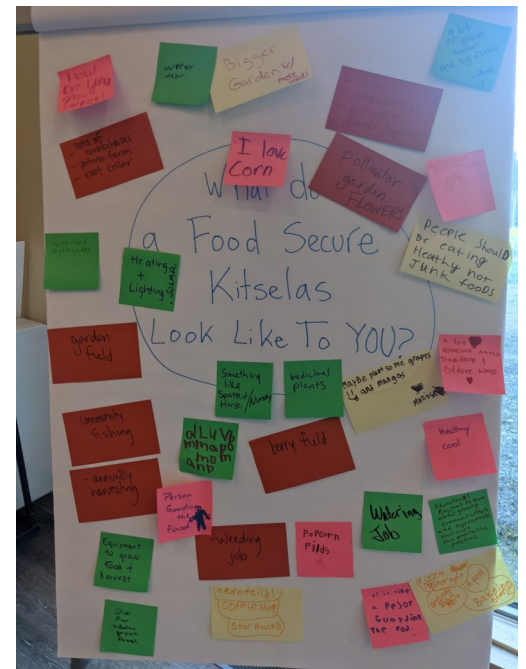

Kitselas Food Systems

Patsy Drummond, Health Department

It's been a busy month of meetings and harvesting! Thank-you to everyone who came out to one of the three Food Security planning sessions: Community Food Security meeting, Elders Meeting and/or the Youth Meeting. We had good attendance at each meeting, thank-you for sharing your ideas and opinions about food security for Kitselas. These sessions are the key element for putting together an Agricultural Opportunities Assessment; this report will outline food security opportunities that the band can pursue based on the desires of the community. Opportunities may include: economic development, community planning, and/or supporting traditional food harvesting methods, etc. This process was initiated based on the feedback and mandates outlined in the Land Use Plan, the Comprehensive Community Plan and the annual Household Determinants of Health survey. Next steps: share an online survey so that those that who could not attend in person meetings have an opportunity to provide input on this wide-ranging topic. The final report will be completed by the consultant end of October and shared with community at that time.

One piece of feedback that came out of the sessions was the interest to have regular meetings around food production. Please look for our first “Food Growers Club” meeting to take place in October, date to be announced. I’ll plan to host these meetings every month, hope to see you there!

Activities in the community garden: clean-up and harvest of tomatoes, peppers, carrots, cabbage! Garlic has cured and will be processed and readied for community (for eating or as seeds). The arrival of Fall means the greenhouse will be shut down over the next couple weeks, meaning all the peppers and tomatoes will be picked. Green tomatoes can be picked and ripened in a cool and sunny location. This harvest will be available for pick-up at the greenhouse, I'll announce on the Kitselas Growing Food and Wellness Facebook page.



October

2021

Kitselas Wellness/Right to Play

Just as September month, Right to Play program will have Miraeza working with us, she is the New Youth Empowerment Worker.

Posters in this month calendar:

After School Program (3:30 to 5:30)

Girls Group/Boys Group (7:00 to 9:00)

Basketball Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (times posted in calendar)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Any Changes to Program Times will be posted on both our Work Pages 😊				1 ASP: Free Day Youth Choice Boys\Girls Drop in 7-9	2 Brunch 10-1 Or Event TBA
4 13u Boys\Girls 5:15-6:45 No Program time	5 No Program times Away for Training	6 ASP: Walk Wed. & Games Day Girls Group Ages 10+ 13u Boys\Girls 5:15-6:45	7 ASP: DIY\ Crafts Boys Group 12+ 17u Boys\Girls Basketball 4:15-5:45	8 ASP: Free Day Youth Choice Boys\Girls Drop in 7-9	9 Brunch 10-1 Or Event TBA
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Keeping our community safe from bears

FORECAST

GRIZZLY AND BLACK BEARS ARE ACTIVE IN KITSELAS TERRITORY, AND CAN BE DANGEROUS IF THEY COME INTO OUR COMMUNITIES. IT IS IMPORTANT WE ALL MAKE EFFORTS TO NOT ATTRACT BEARS.

CLIMATE CHANGE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO CHANGES IN BEAR HABITATS AND FOOD SUPPLY, LEADING THEM TO EXPLORE FURTHER OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOME RANGES (AND POTENTIALLY INTO COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS).

Being Bear Aware

To make sure bears don't come sniffing around the community, we all need to keep all fragrant materials locked and/or stored away securely. Garbage, food waste, and other fragrant materials left outside and accessible **WILL** attract bears to the community, and bear traps can become ineffective.

Fragrant materials to take care of include compost, fish remains, cooking oil, pet food, bird seed, bait, barbeques, freezers and scented candles. Bears are extremely strong and can break into cars. Make sure your vehicle is free of anything that can attract bears overnight.





IMPORTANT

If you encounter a bear:

- Remember that most bears just want to be left alone.
- Identify yourself so the bear knows you are a human, and not prey.
- Pick up small children.
- Do not run — bears are like dogs in that they will chase fleeing animals.
- Speak calmly and in a low voice. Do not scream or make sudden movements.
- Back away slowly and calmly.

When it is safe to do so, call the BC Conservation Officer Service (24 hours) at 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP) or text #7277 to report your encounter.

Did You Know?

Grizzly bears travel widely, with female grizzlies in BC making their home ranges over 50–400 km² and with males having much larger home ranges of between 500–2,000 km² — almost as long as the distance between Terrace and Winnipeg (2,184 km)!

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?
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The 2021 Salmon Run in Review

FORECAST

THE PRE-SEASON FORECAST DEVELOPED BY DFO ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY 1,500,000 MILLION SOCKEYE TO RETURN TO THE SKEENA RIVER. AS OF SEPTEMBER 19, THE TYEE TEST FISHERY'S FINAL IN-SEASON ESTIMATE OF SKEENA SOCKEYE THAT HAVE RETURNED IS 1,030,000. THIS IS LOWER THAN BOTH THE 5-YEAR AND 10-YEAR AVERAGES TO DATE, AND BELOW THE MEDIAN PRE-SEASON FORECAST PROVIDED BY DFO.

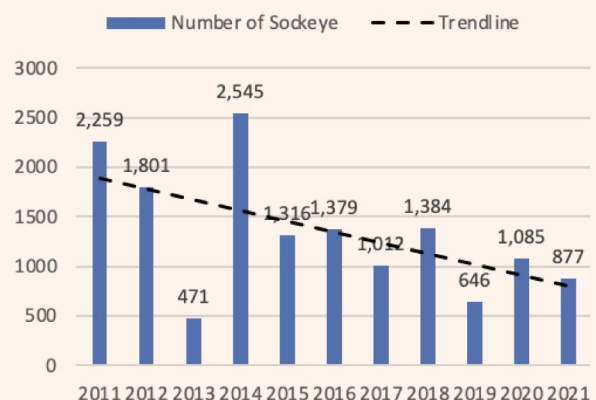
Salmon Run Health

The populations of salmon in the Skeena are highly variable. For example, between 2012 and 2013, the number of Sockeye salmon in the Tyee fishery, in the Skeena, fell by 74% (from 1,801 to 471 fish), only to increase by 440% (from 471 to 2,545 fish) between 2013 and 2014.

Despite the variability, the number of Sockeye salmon caught in gill nets at the Skeena Tyee Fishery in 2020 was 52% lower than in 2010, and there is a downward trend in the total number of sockeye salmon caught in gill nets at the Skeena Tyee Fishery. Like 2020, but more extreme, this year there was a late push of fish around the end of August. This supports the pattern of late-timed runs that we have been seeing since around 2015.



TOTAL NUMBER OF SOCKEYE SALMON CAUGHT
IN GILL NETS AT SKEENA TYEE FISHERY





IMPORTANT

There are many factors that can explain smaller Sockeye runs in the Skeena. Since 2013, the temperature of the North Pacific has been alarmingly warm. This warmth means that salmon (and the fish that they eat) have less nutrients and food available, which translates to fewer salmon returning to their natal rivers. Drought leads to lower, warmer waters - making it challenging for salmon to make their way home and easier for predators to catch them.

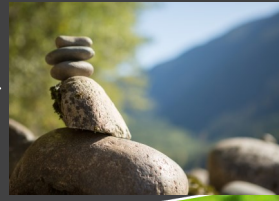
Did You Know?

Did you know that KLRD has been actively involved in marine protection and planning in the North Coast region as part of the Environmental Stewardship Initiative (ESI) and Marine Plan Partnership (MaPP) Cumulative Effects Monitoring Program.

Together with other Tsimshian Nations and the Province of BC, KLRD has been representing Kitselas values and protecting marine habitats from the direct and cumulative effects of past, current, and future events and activities.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?
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SEPTEMBER 24, 2021



KITSELAS CONNECTS

Is put together by the Kitselas Communications Department.

Please email communications@kitselas.com with any info - events, news, fundraisers, photos, etc. - that you would like to share with the community.

Deadline for submissions is Tuesday.

Call 250-635-5084 Ext. 4071 with any questions

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