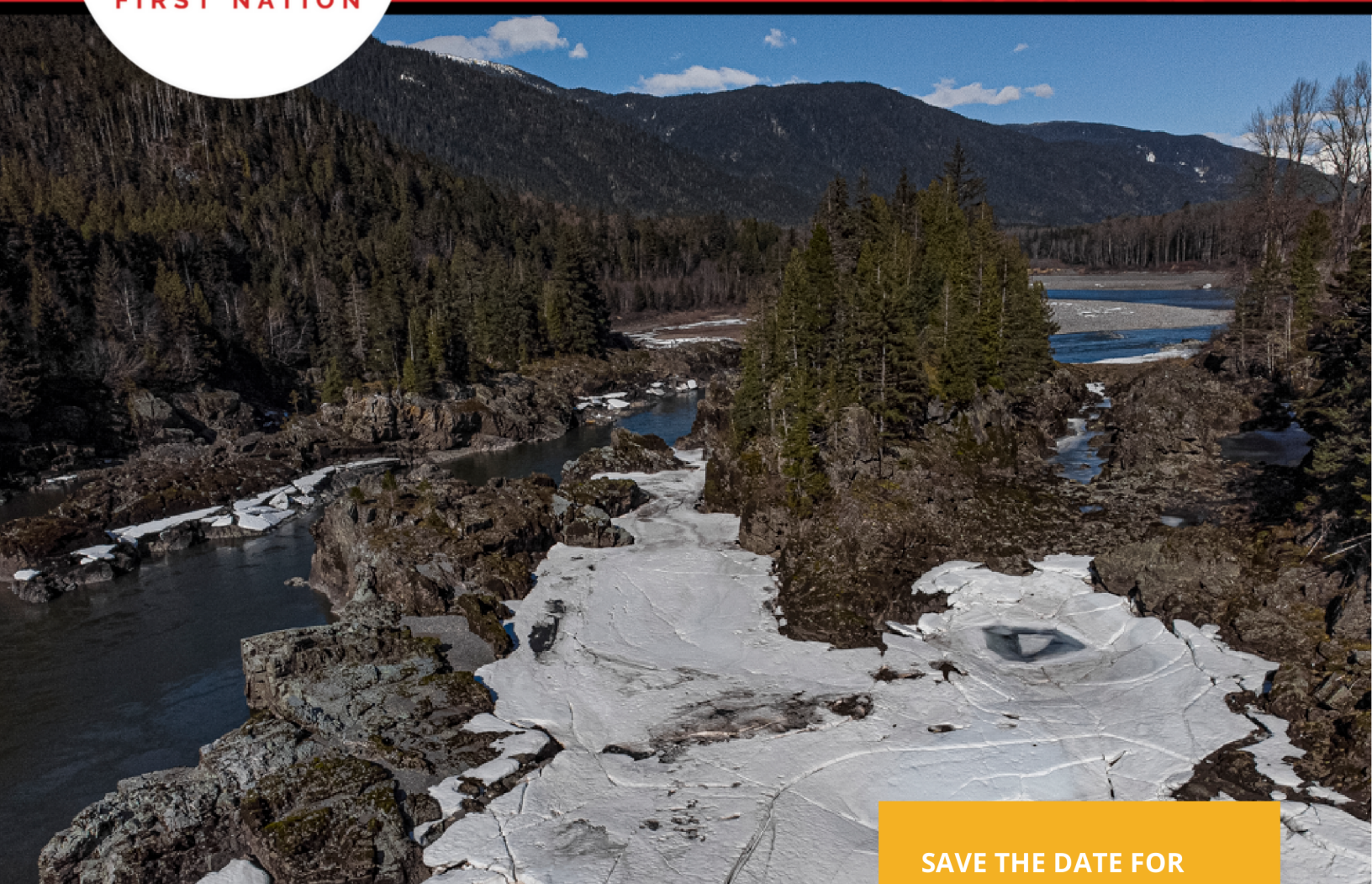




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SAVE THE DATE FOR
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Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy

Date: July 4th, 2023

Subject: Proposed "Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy" for Community Review and Comment

Background:

On July 4th, 2024, the Kitselas Band Council passed a motion to present the Draft Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy to the community for review and feedback. This briefing note aims to provide an overview of the motion and what it means, as well as to inform the community members about their opportunity to participate in the community engagement process.

Summary of the Motion:

The Kitselas Band Council passed a motion on July 4th, 2024, to present community; the Draft Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy for review and edits. This proposed policy aims to establish guidelines and procedures for the distribution of fish and traditional food within the community. The motion was moved and carried, indicating the Council's support for community involvement in shaping the policy.

Purpose of the Community Engagement:

The purpose of presenting the Draft Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy to the community is to encourage transparency and inclusivity in the decision-making process. The Band Council recognizes the importance of community input in shaping policies that directly impact the community's access to and distribution of fish and traditional food. By seeking the community's feedback, the Council aims to ensure that the policy aligns with the community's values, needs, and aspirations.

Opportunity for Participation:

The Kitselas Band Council invites all community members to participate in the community engagement process by providing their comments, suggestions, and edits on the proposed policy. Your feedback is crucial to ensuring that the policy reflects the community's diverse perspectives and priorities. By actively engaging in this process, community members have the opportunity to influence the final policy that will guide the distribution of fish and traditional food within the community.

For More Information



For further information or inquiries, please contact the Kitselas Band Council office at **250-635-5084** or email the **Community Engagement Coordinator** at **ece@kitselas.com**.

A copy of this policy can be found on our Kitselas Website



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How to Provide Feedback:

To facilitate community engagement, the Kitselas Band Council will establish multiple avenues for community members to provide their feedback on the Draft Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy. These avenues may include community meetings, online surveys, written submissions, or other forms of communication. The Council will provide detailed instructions on how to submit comments and suggestions, as well as any specific timelines for feedback submission.

Next Steps:

Following the community engagement process, the Kitselas Band Council will carefully review and consider all the feedback received from the community. The Council may make revisions to the proposed policy based on the feedback and suggestions provided. Once the final version of the Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy is prepared, it will be presented for approval by the Band Council. The Council will communicate the outcome of the policy approval process to the community, ensuring transparency and accountability. Comments and feedback may be provided to the Community Engagement Coordinator at ece@kitselas.com.

Conclusion:

The Kitselas Band Council has initiated a community engagement process to gather feedback on the proposed Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy. This process is designed to ensure that community members have the opportunity to shape the policy and contribute to the decision-making process. By actively participating and providing your comments and suggestions, you can help shape a policy that reflects the community's values and meets its needs. Your involvement is vital to the success of this community engagement initiative.

For further information or inquiries, please contact the Kitselas Band Council office at 250-635-5084 or email the community engagement coordinator at ece@kitselas.com.

Thank you for your attention and participation.

Sincerely,

Glenn Bennett
Chief Councillor,
Kitselas Chief & Council

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• Kitselas Lands and Resources



**Kitselas Lands
and Resources
Department**



Hello Kitselas Community!

We are about a month into the fishing season and it sure has been busy. We are glad to see so many community members out fishing and are eager to hear about your catch.

As you may know, Wai Wah Environmental Ltd. (WWE) works closely with the Kitselas Lands and Resources Department to support Kitselas fisheries monitoring, and has done so for the last 3 years. Like K5T, KDC and KFLP, WWE is owned by you, the community, and reports to the Board of KDC. WWE has 14 employees – 7 of whom are Kitselas – working on a diverse range of projects.

As Kitselas Fisheries Monitors, WWE staff support is key to the success of the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy program. Their role is to collect crucial catch data to support the management and preservation of the salmon fishery. Gathering harvest-related data informs the Nation's fisheries management decisions.

WWE works closely with the Lands and Resources Department to ensure that Kitselas Food Fishing Guidelines are followed by all fishers. For example, if they observe a net that has been abandoned or that has not been labeled with the fishers name and contact information, they will inform the Lands and Resources Department. The Lands and Resources Department is responsible for ensuring that Kitselas Food Fishing Guidelines are followed by Kitselas community members.

However, neither WWE, nor the Kitselas Lands and Resources Department can issue fines or prosecute fisheries violations under the Fisheries Act. Rather, the responsibility of enforcing those regulations lies with the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

Instead, WWE observes what is happening on the Territory and if they observe any illegal activity, they will coordinate with the Kitselas Lands and Resources Department who will then work with DFO directly to pursue any enforcement actions where necessary.

At the heart of safeguarding the salmon fishery is community involvement. We rely on your observant eyes to help preserve and protect this resource. Should you witness any illegal fishing activity, we encourage you to report it directly to the DFO toll-free Observe, Record, Report line at 1-800-465-4336 or the British Columbia's toll-free RAPP line at 1-877-952-RAPP (7277).

Our dedicated Kitselas Fisheries Monitors are diligently working in the field every day (evenings and weekends). If you have any questions, concerns, or valuable insights to share, feel free to reach out to:

Gary McQuaid
WWE Project Manager
250-922-5129

Cindy Barwell
KLRD Sr. Resource Stewardship Officer
250-641-7616

Wishing you a productive and safe fishing season!

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● Kitselas School Supply Allowance



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Water Boil Advisory - Gitaus



Wednesday 23-August-2023

**2 Water Tokens Per Household
can be picked up at the front desk at the Administration Building**

The following Advisory has been set:

Date (yyyy-mm-dd): 2023-08-23
Advisory ID: 2471
Region: Northern
First Nation: KITSELAS
Community: Kitselas 1 - AKA Gitaus
Water System: Gitaus CWS
System Category: CWS - Community Water System
Advisory Type: Boil Water Advisory
Set by: Neil Nabata
Projected Duration: 1 week
Advisory Set:
A line break to the reservoir occurred and repairs were undertaken including a disinfection procedure. A precautionary BW Notice was put in place until 2 consecutive samples (taken 24 hours apart) are satisfactory.
Updated By: Neil Nabata
Update Date Time: 2023-08-23 11:21

Do not reply to this email. For additional information, contact the **BC First Nations Health Authority**.

SAVE THE DATE

Kitselas Community Meeting

August 24, 2023 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Kitselas Community Hall

Dinner will be provided. @5:00 p.m.

(Doors open @4:00p.m.)

For rides, please call 250-635-5084

Topics:

Kitselas General Meeting



Questions? Please contact 250-635-5084



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
Faculty of Medicine

UBC's

2023 MINI MED SCHOOLS

PRINCE GEORGE

September 16, 2023
at the University of Northern British Columbia

KELOWNA

September 23, 2023
at the University of British Columbia Okanagan

Our inaugural Mini Med School Pre-Admissions Workshops for **Indigenous and Black** pre-med students aren't just for those who are attending university — it's also for students in grades 11 and 12 who want to explore what it means to attend university and embark on a journey to becoming a healthcare professional.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER ONLINE CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_24r8HHk5VVy91ly

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

SAVE THE DATE!

KITSELAS
TREATY ENGAGEMENT

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for our 3rd Annual Community BBQ at Kitselas Canyon on August 30th, starting at 5 PM. Enjoy a FREE mouthwatering BBQ dinner, with chances to win prizes!

Visit KitselasTreaty.ca



Education Coordinator

Join our Community Services Department

Job Opportunity

Open - Until Filled

Community Services Department is in search of a Kitselas Band member or Community member to fill the role as Education Coordinator. The role will include on the job training. Ideally the individual will already possess basic computer skills. This is a great career opportunity. Please submit your letter of interest to attention: Debbie Moore, Director of Community Services as soon as possible.

Contact us at 250.635.5084 or jobopportunities@kitselas.com for details.



KITSELAS
FIRST NATION

Get in Touch

Kitselas Connects is put together by the Kitselas Communication 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 submission is Tuesday.
Call 250.635.5084 EXT 4071
with any questions.

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