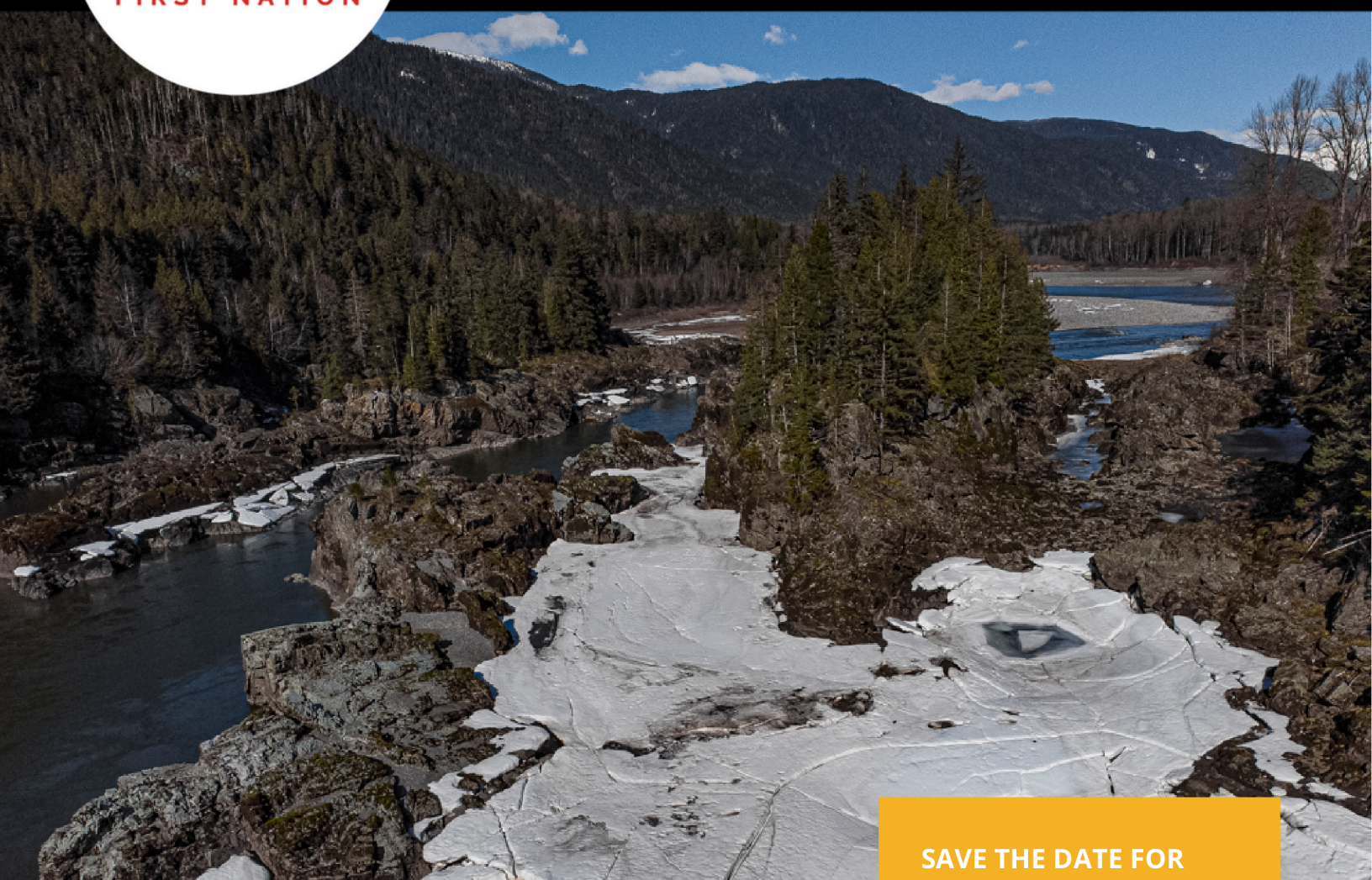




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SAVE THE DATE FOR

## Our Next Meeting

Day of Week,  
July 18, 2023



## Past Council Meetings

### July 4, 2023 Council Business:

#### **a. Council Orientation Over the next few month's.**

Land Code Presentation

First Nations Financial Management Board

Maynard and Herb George

First Nations Public Service Secretariat

Wealth Management

Updates from the Kitselas Administration Directors

#### **b. Annual Rates Law and Annual Expenditure Law**

#### **c. Chief's Remuneration**

Performance evaluation, and back date to June 12, 2023.

#### **d. Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy**

#### **e. Chief Councilors Report to Council**

#### **f. Office Clerk - Term Position**

#### **g. CAO Update**



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**Minutes from Council meetings can be found on the Kitselas website under the Council tab.**

### Minutes Approved

- June 8, 2023



# 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:

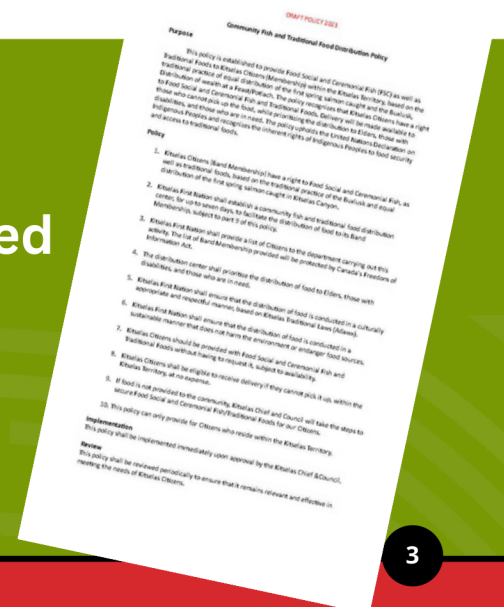
The Kitselas Band Council invites all community members to participate in the community engagement process by providing their comments, suggestions, and edits on the proposed policy. Your feedback is crucial to ensuring that the policy reflects the community's diverse perspectives and priorities. By 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](mailto:ece@kitselas.com).

A copy of this policy can be emailed or printed at the office.



# Community Fish and Traditional Food Distribution Policy

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Date: July 4th, 2023

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ece@kitselas.com).

Thank you for your attention and participation.

Sincerely,

Glenn Bennett  
Chief Councillor,  
Kitselas Chief & Council

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# Summer Reading Program 2023

## Summer Reading Camp

**Aug 1 – 25**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

**Aug 1, Prep day & registration**

**Please contact: Jill Squires to register**

### **Ages 6-9**

**Week 1: Aug 1 to Aug 4**

**Monday Aug 7 HOLIDAY no  
program**

**Week 2: Tuesday Aug 8 to Aug 11**

### **Ages 10 and Up**

**Week 3: Aug 14 to Aug 18**

**Week 4: Tuesday Aug 21 to Aug 25**

**Breakfast, Lunch and Snack will be  
provided.**

**if your child has dietary restrictions please  
send them with snacks and a lunch.**

**Field Trips we will  
provide parents  
with plenty of  
notice before**

**Registration  
Forms:**

**Jill Squires**

**education@  
kitselas.com**

**250-635-5084**

**Place:  
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Building**

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# Culture Camp Week 3



**\*\*Meet at YOUTH CENTRE for Rides\*\***

Week #3 July 17th to July 21st

## AGENDA

### Monday July 17th

9:30am meet at youth center for rides to Kitselas Hall  
10am Introductions to BCTC and Kitselas Treaty team  
10:30am Start Treaty simulation  
12pm Lunch  
12:30pm Treaty Simulation  
2pm Hometime

### Tuesday July 18

9:45am Meet at the youth center for ride to Longhouses  
10am Activity  
11am Meet Kitselas Canyon Staff  
12pm Lunch  
12:30pm Tour of Kitselas Canyon  
2pm Hometime

### Wednesday July 19th

9:45am Meet at youth center for rides to Kleanza park  
10am Activity  
11am Meet BC Parks staff  
12pm Lunch  
12:30pm Hike Kleanza trails  
2pm Hometime

### Thursday July 20th

9:45am Meet at the youth center for rides to longhouses  
10am Activity  
11am Discussion with Treaty Team  
12pm Lunch  
12:30pm Visit Kitselas Offices  
2pm Hometime

### Friday July 21st

9:30am Meet at youth center for rides to Kitselas Hall  
10am Activity  
11am Meet with David Hansen of KST  
12pm Lunch  
12:30pm tour KST  
2pm Hometime

### Notes

The end of our Culture/Science/Leadership Camp

**Monday July 17th  
Community Hall**

**Tuesday July 18th  
Community Hall**

**Wednesday July 19th  
Community Hall**

**Thursday July 20th  
Community Hall**

**Friday July 21st  
Community Hall**

**if your child had dietary restrictions please send them with snacks and a lunch.**

July 13, 2023

## UPDATE: INCREASE IN PROVINCIAL DROUGHT LEVELS ACROSS THE SKEENA REGION

This update is intended to provide information to First Nations communities and local government agencies regarding provincial drought levels across the Skeena Region Drought Polygons (Northwest Basin, Stikine Basin, Skeena-Nass Basin and Bulkley-Lakes Basin). Information on current drought levels is provided below:



**Bulkley-Lakes Basin**  
Drought Level 5 - Adverse Impacts Almost Certain

**Skeena-Nass Basin**  
Drought Level 3 - Adverse Impacts Possible

**Stikine Basin**  
Drought Level 2 - Adverse Impacts Unlikely

**Northwest Basin**  
Drought Level 1 - Adverse Impacts Rare

Warm dry conditions are persisting. Regional flows continue to decline. Drought levels have therefore increased within the regional drought polygons. We anticipate that very dry conditions are likely to persist and may result in critically low stream-flows within the Region.

As the drought season progresses and escalates the *Provincial Drought and Water Scarcity Response Plan* recommends the implementation of local water restrictions and conservation measures in addition to any regulatory actions that may be taken by the Province under the *BC Water Sustainability Act*.

Ministry of Forests | Water Authorizations Skeena Region | Mailing Address: 3726 Alfred Ave. Smithers BC V0J 2N0 | Phone: 250 847-7260

For reference, the Provincial drought levels, impacts, and general response measures are provided in the table below.

Level	Impacts	General Response Measures
0	There is sufficient water to meet socio-economic and ecosystem needs	Preparedness
1	Adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are <b>rare</b>	Conservation
2	Adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are <b>unlikely</b>	Conservation Local water restrictions where appropriate
3	Adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are <b>possible</b>	Conservation Local water restrictions likely
4	Adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are <b>likely</b>	Conservation and local water restrictions Regulatory action possible
5	Adverse impacts to socio-economic or ecosystem values are <b>almost certain</b>	Conservation and local water restrictions Regulatory action likely Possible emergency response

As we progress into this drought season, the Skeena Region Water Authorizations team respectfully request you remain informed of the latest drought level in your area and take proactive measures to conserve water to minimize the risk of harm to fish and aquatic habitat and other water users.

### WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

#### At home:

- Limit outdoor watering
- Don't water during the heat of the day or when it's windy
- Consider planting drought-tolerant vegetation
- Take shorter showers
- Don't leave the tap running
- Install water-efficient showerheads and toilets

#### On the farm:

- Implement an irrigation scheduling program using real-time weather data
- Schedule irrigation to match crop needs and soil storage capacity
- Improve water system efficiencies and check for leaks
- Focus on high value crops and livestock

#### Industry:

- Reduce non-essential water usage
- Recycle water used in industrial operations
- Utilize water-efficient methods and equipment

#### Learn More:

- British Columbia drought information website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/drought-information>
- British Columbia drought information portal provides current and historic drought information: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=838d533d8062411c820eef50b08f7ebc>
- British Columbia drought information for agriculture: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/agricultural-land-and-environment/water/drought-in-agriculture>

## 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](mailto:jobopportunities@kitselas.com) for details.





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## Get in Touch

Kitselas Connects is put together by the Kitselas Communication Department.

Please email [communications@kitselas.com](mailto: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.**

**[www.kitselas.com](http://www.kitselas.com)**

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