



Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly

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(pee-laxhm-oolth)
píłəxmxʷúł means 'to inform'
August 2024

ANNUAL CNA FISH DISTRIBUTION



We are thrilled to share the success of our recent salmon distribution effort, made possible through collaborative efforts with Coldwater member Rob St Louis of Sea Crisp Trading. Together, we secured 11,500 high-quality salmon for distribution among the registered members of our eight Participating Bands.

Our community and team members played a pivotal role in facilitating communication, ordering, and delivery, amidst challenges like threats of wildfires. Community members and staff adapted swiftly to ensure the wrapping and freezing of salmon for communities such as Shackan and Cook's Ferry, guaranteeing availability once conditions improve. This year, the Citxw Nlaka'pamux Assembly also supported in communication, ordering, and delivery needs of both Kanaka Bar Indian Band and Lower Nicola Indian Band to assist in nation capacity building.

Approximately 45 dedicated staff members from K'en T'em and CNA contributed to the smooth distribution of the salmon, spanning nine locations over two days. The decision to provide whole, freshly caught, salmon was intentional, empowering our members to process it according to their preferences—whether for stwen, canning, filleting, drying, or smoking.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for everyone's understanding and coordination throughout this endeavor. As always, the salmon remind us of their own schedule—whether they journey down the river or along the highway, they decide when they're ready!

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

This month the Employment and Training Department at CNA welcomed Gerome Garcia as an Employment and Training Coordinator. Gerome is a member from the Coldwater Band. He has already begun sharing his extensive knowledge regarding history and culture with the rest of the department, along with hands-on industry experience. We are very excited to work with him, and hope to put his valuable insights and experience to great use!

The Employment and Training Department remains committed to bringing the PAL Certification Course into all communities this summer. Please keep an eye on our social media for any and all updates!



Upcoming E&T Training Opportunities

- Occupational First Aid Level 1 – Nooaitch Indian Band Hall – August 8, 2024
- PAL Certification Course – Ashcroft – August 22



DRIVING LESSONS

MERRITT, BC

August 6th
August 20th

ASHCROFT, BC

August 22nd



To book your lesson contact:
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2024 LANGUAGE AND CULTURE
móqʷix AND ANNUAL COMMUNITY
MEETING: SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024

Language and Culture móqʷix

September 27-29, 2024
Merritt Civic Centre

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nie?kepmxcín
"We always take care of our language."



Scan the QR code, or visit our website, to view current callouts and conference information!

The móqʷix (Gathering) 2024 Language & Culture Conference is dedicated to revitalizing nie?kepmxcín and nie?kémx Culture. Over three days, Knowledge keepers from across the Nation will share their wisdom with all generations present. The event serves as a platform to showcase revitalization programs throughout the territory, fostering networking and resource sharing. Workshops, keynote speakers, cultural activities, and various engaging events centered on language and culture will enrich the experience. Participants will also shape future planning and raise awareness within the community.

All are welcome at this event!

Annual Community Meeting (ACM)

September 29, 2024
Merritt Civic Centre

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The 2024 Annual Community Meeting (ACM) offers members of the 8 Participating Bands an opportunity to delve into the comprehensive work undertaken by the CNA. This includes efforts in language and cultural preservation, mining and regulatory engagement, territorial stewardship, and more. Participants can expect a day filled with informative presentations, interactive booths from each department, and the chance to ask questions directly. K'en T'em Limited Partnership, the CNA's for-profit corporation dedicated to fostering economic opportunities for membership, will also be showcased providing insights and opportunities for engagement. The event will feature a meal, entertainment, door prizes, and activities designed to celebrate and strengthen the community's unity and vision.

Open to CNA members only.

For updated information, check our website at www.cna-trust.ca/languageconference.htm

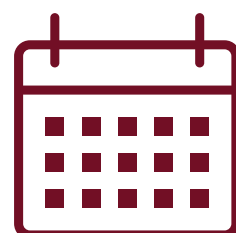
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 8th - Occupational First Aid Level 1 - Nooaitch Indian Band Hall
- August 12-15th - 48th Annual Elders Gathering
- August 12-15th - Coldwater Culture and Language Camp
- August 13th - Nicomen HVC Open House, 4pm-8pm
- August 20th - Driving lessons
- August 21st - Siska HVC Open House, 4pm-8pm
- August 22nd - PAL Certification Course - Ashcroft
- August 22nd - Driving lessons - Ashcroft
- August 27th - Cook's Ferry HVC Open House, 4pm-8pm



EVENTS CALENDAR

Scan this QR code to check out our online EVENT CALENDAR and see our full list of upcoming events!



nie?kepmxcín
words and phrases

Visit our website at www.cna-trust.ca for more language resources!

PEOPLE AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT UPDATES AND OPPORTUNITIES

We are delighted to inform you that we have added 4 nłe?kepmxcín Advisors to our team: Bernice Garcia, Elizabeth Garcia, Martha Aspinall, and Mary Angus. We are confident that their knowledge and skills will greatly benefit our organization.

Additionally, the Employment and Training Department has grown to include Gerome Garcia of Coldwater as an Employment and Training Coordinator. Gerome's extensive experience and expertise will undoubtedly contribute to our team's success and our organization's mission.

We currently have several open job postings available, including positions for Ashcroft Community Engagement Coordinator, Boston Bar Community Engagement Coordinator, Certified Professional Accountant, People and Talent Clerk, and nłe?képmx Land Guardian. We are committed to providing training and professional development to support the right candidates and encourage individuals who embody a spirit of growth and curiosity to apply. If you believe you possess these qualities and can bring value to our organization, we would love to hear from you.

In addition, we want to highlight the upcoming deadline for applications to the CNA Member Development Program, which is August 30th. This program is an excellent opportunity for professional growth and development. Interested individuals can find the application link here: <https://forms.office.com/r/jywBKh6VaR>.

nłe?kepmxcín DEPARTMENT ATTENDED ICSNL

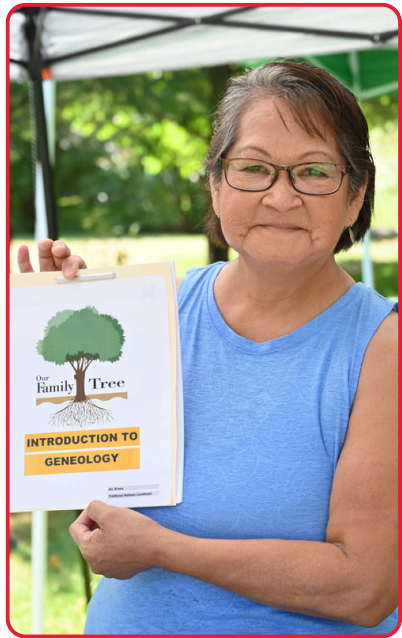
At the end of last month, two team members of our nłe?kepmxcín Department - Keli Botel and Suzanne Washington took part in attending the International Conference on Salish and Neighbouring Languages .



From Keli's experience: "July 24-27th I had the opportunity to attend the 59th ICSNL in Kelowna at the UBC campus. What made this event even more special was the opportunity Suzanne and I had to chaperone our elders to the conference. This was a great opportunity to take part in learning all about the importance of language and linguistics. The importance of language revitalization and the challenges that may occur in community language organizing. The elders enjoyed meeting new people as well as enjoyed the opportunity to talk and share their knowledge with many of the students who attend advanced language learning in University. It was really quite amazing to see how many young people there were who are actively involved in speaking, sharing, and restoring the importance of language."

PASULKO CULTURE CAMP A SUCCESS

"We gathered at Pasulko, a summer retreat for people living in Lytton, as expected it was a hot one, Lytton after all is Canada's hot spot. It was at least 35 degrees before noon. It was day 3 of 5 when we arrived. We were welcomed with local handmade gifts after registering, there were families gathered all around the arbor, visiting, joking around, teaching. A wide variety of activities were available covering many interests. They included pine needle basket making, bingo, cradle board making, hair braiding, stick games, and massage therapy. There was a trade system implemented, you could bring an item up to the emcee and they would announce that you were looking to trade. The children were especially excited with this, many of them trading amongst each other. Items that were traded included toys, art from young artists, clothing, canned goods, and even a bag of ice. Laughter could be heard all throughout the camp." - Teresa Thomas, nłe?kepmxcín Resource Support.



The culture camp was hosted by Nlha'7kapmx Child & Family Services. We thank them for inviting us to participate.

nłe?képmx GUARDIANS UPDATE

nłe?képmx Guardians help study the effects of drought on salmon.

This summer, nłe?képmx Guardians are helping a field research project led by Scw'exmx Tribal Council (STC) and Raincoast Conservation Foundation. The project is looking into the impacts of drought on salmon in the Coldwater River.

The goal of the project is to collect data on stream flow, water depth, water temperature, and riparian (shoreline) habitat over the course of the dry season. During the summer, low river levels and high water temperatures can negatively impact salmon. Chinook (Spring) salmon are especially at risk because they spawn in the hottest and driest months. These impacts get worse during a low snow year, like this past winter.

The data we collect will be used to inform future projects that restore habitat, increase water storage, and improve water management. There are already a variety of habitat restoration projects occurring in the Coldwater River which will greatly benefit from this data.

If you are out on the Coldwater River this summer there's a good chance you'll run into us. Our team consists of nłe?képmx Guardians Brett, Jess, and Crystal, and salmon biologists Auston and Nathan from Raincoast and STC. We will be using a device called a FlowTracker2 that measures flow, water temperature, and water depth. The team will be working throughout the Coldwater from Upper Coldwater Rd to the Main Street Bridge in Merritt. Come say hi if you spot us in the river, we'd be happy to answer any questions you might have about our project.



WE ARE HIRING!

We invite you to join our team and be part of a supportive and inclusive environment that prides itself on nłe?képmx values, wellness, and career advancement. Through our comprehensive benefits package, including a pension, we aim to help you achieve your personal and professional goals. Together, we can build a brighter future and make a positive impact on our community



Scan the QR code for all of the current job postings and the CNA Job Board!