

To the Kitselas Elders:

From: Winnie Wells, Kitselas Treaty Coordinator/Researcher

Re: Researchers' Report

This form "Tsimshian Membership-List Survey Form" was designed originally as a census form and to ensure that you are registered formally as a Kitselas Tsimshian. Then the form was redesigned to have access to information that is important the the Kitselas Treaty Process .

Since I was hired as the Treaty Researcher I have taken formal training as how to record and research material already on hand and material that has to be accessed from the recollection of Kitselas History by our Kitselas Elders and Members. The first training session involved the following Tsimshian Bands: Kitselas, Kitsumkalum, Kitkatla, Lax kw ' alaams, Metlakatla, Kitasoo and Hartley Bay; these are the Tsimshian Bands that are involved with the Tsimshian Treaty Process. What the Kitselas Band has to ensure is that the Kitselas Band is represented properly at all meetings that are

called at the Tsimshian Tribal Council level. The Kitselas Members have to ensure that our best interests are met and dealt with and to ensure that although we are Tsimshian People also, the coastal Tsimshian Bands do not have the same concerns as the Kitselas Band and Kitsumkalum Band because of location. Even though the Kitselas Band is not in isolation such as Hartley Bay we do have the concerns that deal with problems that interfere with operations that are a problem with the Kitselas Band that are not of any concern to Coastal Bands. Problems such as public highways, and railroads that go through our Reserves that endanger the traditional fishing territories as well as hunting territories. The more training I receive the more I am realizing that this process does not only involve the Treaty Staff but the importance of the Membership of Kitselas is also needed.

I am encouraging those that have visited the Resource office that in the next couple of weeks to a month I will be carry out the researching of the history of Kitselas Villages as well as recording all stories that I will be accessing through those Elders' that are willing to sit down and share their information with me.

I would also like to express the importance of identifying the two representatives selected from each of the Laxkiik, Laxgibuu, Gispudwada and Ganhada Clans. Maybe Clans meetings should be held once again to formally record and report this information to the Tsimshian Tribal Council so that the Kitselas Band has addressed the importance of having not only the Band Elected Chief and or Council being representatives but also recognizing and acknowledging those that have been selected at the Clan Level to be the Kitselas Treaty Committee.

What each member of any Nation should realize that we are not only negotiating the past that would be dealt with but also the Medical, Health, Social Programs, the Economic Development Programs,

Education, the Optical Program, all these programs are right now being effected by the Treaty Process and this is happening through cutbacks in all these programs. What we need to do is start negotiating and voicing our concerns as to who will be ensuring that we are going to be taken care of in all these areas.

The sooner that we have our selected members in place for the Treaty Committee the more ensurance we have that we are going to properly be protected. There are so may other areas that we should be focusing on such as forestry and fisheries, mapping out our Traditional Territories of where we went hunting, fishing, berry picking, traplines and many others that have been forgotten over the years that should be recorded.

I can go on and on but I have to stop and start listening to you and recording your concerns and memories of the Kitselas History.

## Tsimshian Membership-List Survey Form

Please provide the following important information. Use a separate form for each member of your household including children. We would appreciate all of the information asked for on the form, but, if you have limited time, the information in Box A is the most important.

**Box A** (Please be sure to fill out this box. This is the most important information.)

Today's date: _____	Circle one:	Male	Female
English name: _____			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	
Current address: _____ _____			
Telephone number: (____) _____		Fax number: (____) _____	
Other address: _____			
Other telephone numbers: _____			
Date of birth: _____		Place of birth: _____	

**Box B** (This information would be much appreciated.)

Community in which you live now: _____
Band in which you are currently registered: _____
Band number in the band in which you are currently registered: _____
Band(s) in which you were previously registered (if any) (list in chronological order): _____
Band number in the band in which you were previously registered: _____
If your band has any others lists, give the name of the list and your number on that list: _____

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Box C (This information would be much appreciated.)

Name of your spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your maiden name (if relevant): \_\_\_\_\_  
Other married names (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
Names of your children (please specify--adopted, stepchildren, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Box D (This information would be much appreciated.)

Clan: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Eagle, Killerwhale, Raven, or Wolf)  
Tribe or Village: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Giluts'aaw, Ginaxangiik, Gispaxlo'ots, Gitando, Gitk'a'ata  
(Hartley Bay), Gitkxaala (Kitkatla), Gitlaan, Gitnadoiks,  
Gits'ilaasu (Kitselas), Gits'iis, Gitsmgeelm (Kitsumkalum),  
Gitwilgyoots, or Gitzaxlaa), Klemtu (Kitasoo or Khynoch)  
Tsimshian name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tsimshian name of Chief or House: \_\_\_\_\_

Box E (This information would be much appreciated.)

Name of your father (please specify--adopted, stepfather, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of your mother (please specify--adopted, stepmother, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
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