

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

AHOUSAHT DITIDAHT ?IIHATIS / ČIINAXINT HESQUIAHT HUPACASATH HUU-AY-AHT KA:'YU:'K'T'H'/CHE:K:TLES7ET'H' MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT NUCHATLAHT TLA-O-QUI-AHT TOQUAHT TSESHAHT UCHUCKLESAHT YUUŁU?IŁ?ATH

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NTC gives accolades to Huu-ay-aht for forestry acquisition

(**Port Alberni, B.C.**) The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council congratulates the Huu-ay-aht First Nations for its announcement today on the purchase of timber harvest rights to sections of Crown land from Western Forest Products. Encompassing seven per cent of Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 44, this acquisition of a portion of the forest land licence in Huu-ay-aht territory is destined to give the First Nation more control over their Hahuuti, thereby choosing what they can cut, and how much.

"Congratulations to the Huu-ay-aht for their progressive thinking in pursuing this development," said NTC President Judith Sayers. "This acquisition shows the nation's determination to create a better future for its members – particularly with respect to future employment opportunities in Huu-ay-aht territory."

An arrangement that's years in the making, the purchase will enable the Huu-ay-aht to retain more logs in Canada.

"Kudos as well to Western Forest Products for the innovation it displayed in working with a First Nation on a development that will progress the interests of both parties," said Sayers.

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About the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

The **Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC)** provides programs and services to over 9,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent fourteen First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of the Pacific Coast of Vancouver Island from Brooks Peninsula in the North to Point-no-Point in the south. Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council represents Ahousaht, Ditidaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Huu-ay-aht, Kyuquot/Cheklesaht, Mowachaht /Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Tseshaht, Uchucklesaht and Ucluelet First Nations and provides a variety of programs and services to them. For more information, please visit www.nuuchahnulth.org.