



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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NTC saddened to learn of the loss of one of its pillar Nuu-chah-nulth leaders, Dr. Simon Lucas

(Port Alberni, B.C.) The **Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC)** is saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Simon Lucas – friend and an instrumental creator of the NTC. We send our heartfelt condolences to his family, loved ones and the Hesquiaht First Nation.

Simon, who left us on September 16th, was a champion for all Nuu-chah-nulth communities. He was one of the very few Nuu-chah-nulth language fluent speakers, former Chief Councillor for Hesquiaht First Nation and past negotiator for T'aaq-wiihak Fisheries. As such, he was instrumental in the Ahousaht Fishing Case (Ahousaht et. Al. V. Canada/Nuu-chah-nulth fishing rights) as a key witness and travelled around the world as an advocate and educator for promoting the importance of traditional ecological mindfulness.

A selfless man and always putting his people first, Simon's teachings have positively progressed many Nuu-chah-nulth communities. He was a man who was strong in his beliefs, values and traditional teachings. Simon had much love for his family and for his Nation. He will be missed by our Nuu-chah-nulth people and has touched many hearts provincially, nationally and internationally. He leaves behind a legacy that will not be forgotten.

The funeral for the late Dr. Simon Lucas will be held on **Wednesday, September 20th at 11 a.m.** at the Alberni Athletic Hall, followed with lunch at Maht Mahs.

On behalf of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council,

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