

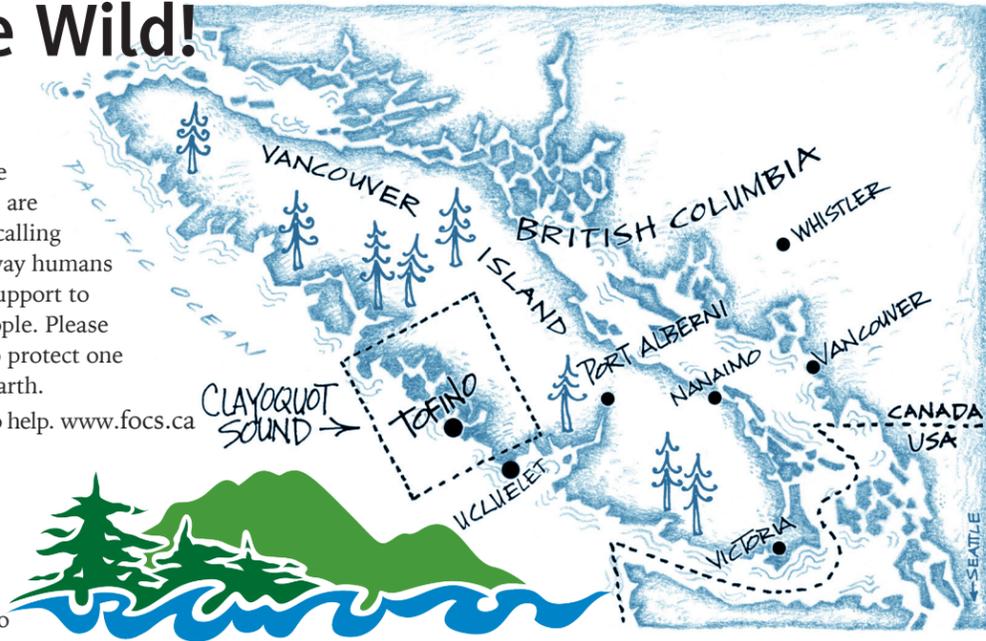
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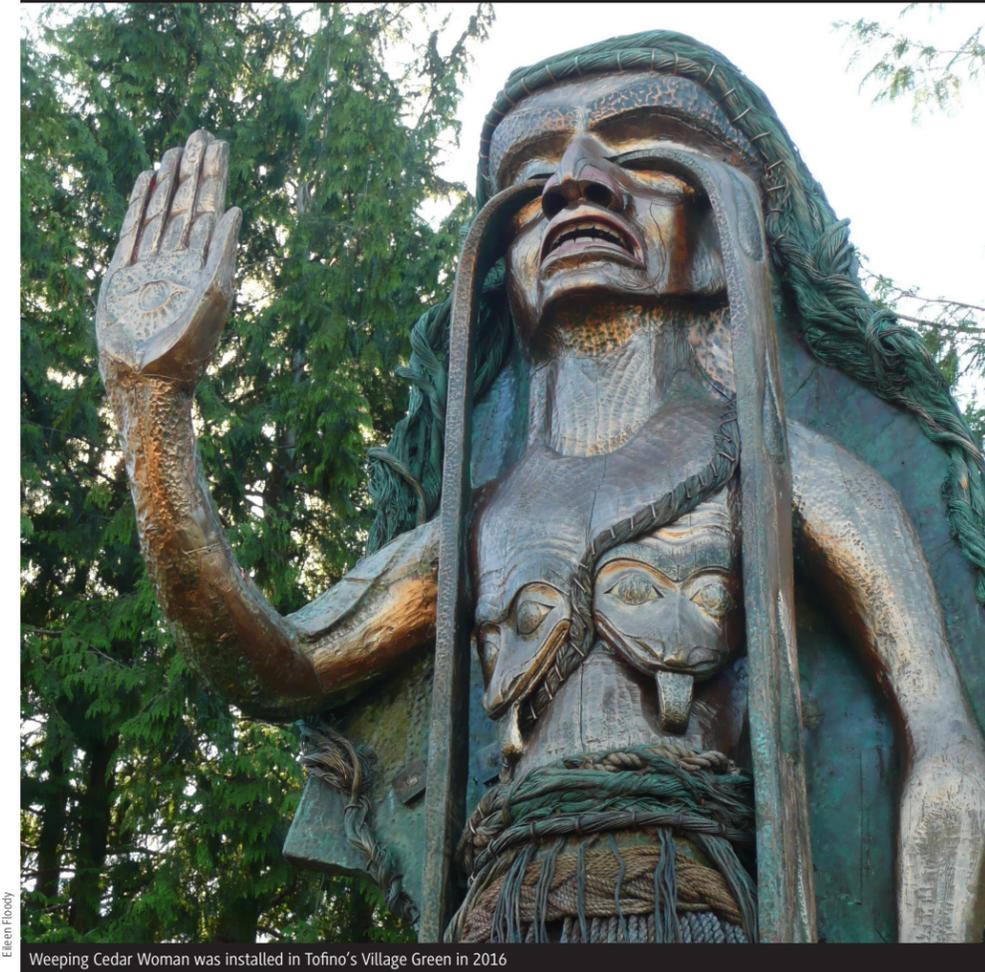
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## A Promise of Environmental Protection: Welcoming Home Weeping Cedar Woman



Weeping Cedar Woman was installed in Tofino's Village Green in 2016

**G**odfrey Stephens carved Weeping Cedar woman quickly on Strawberry Island in time to witness Chief Moses Martin's first declaration of Meares Island Tribal Park in April 1984. She stood here for many years observing the development of the town and the campaign to protect the old growth forests of Clayoquot Sound.

After time away, on Salt Spring Island and in Victoria, Friends of Clayoquot Sound helped bring her home in April

2014. Levi Martin's welcome ceremony at the start of the Carving on the Edge Festival on September 11, 2016 ended a long saga. With this consecration, she can rest easy overlooking the forests she reminds us to safeguard.

Now starts her future. She is proof to all the people who care about Clayoquot Sound, testimony to the determination to protect the forests, streams and fish, and a sign of friendship between the First Nations and settler communities.

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Weeping Cedar Woman is making a public statement that Tofino supports Tribal Parks and embraces environmental protection.

- Eileen Floody, FOCS Board Member

# Clayoquot Salmon Festival: Celebrating the Return of Wild Salmon



Festival goers dancing to the music of Caleb Hart & the Royal Youths at the Clayoquot Salmon Festival

Over 300 people joined Friends of Clayoquot Sound at the Clayoquot Salmon Festival to celebrate the annual return of wild salmon to the Pacific Northwest. From October 12th to the 19th, the Festival provided residents and visitors with the opportunity to reflect upon, and build an active appreciation for, the irreplaceable value of salmon in Clayoquot Sound.

In this celebratory spirit, the Festival hosted two events at Jack's Waterfront Pub. First was the "Upstream Shakedown" featuring Victoria-based reggae funk masters Caleb Hart & the Royal Youths, and Tofino-based singer-songwriter Grizzly Waves opening on Friday, October 14th. The following night Ms. Panik, originally from Haida Gwaii, kicked off the "Spawn Til Dawn Dance Party" with Vancouver's DJ duo Wood'n'Soo.

To generate discussion about issues facing salmon, the Festival presented a documentary screening of "Koneline: our beautiful land" with Monday Night Movies at the Clayoquot Sound Community Theatre. The film is full of amazing characters, drama, politics, and humour exploring a landscape undergoing irrevocable change in northwestern British Columbia.

The Voices for Salmon Speakers Forum was opened by Joe Martin, master carver of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, who shared his concern about salmon farms impacting the health of wild

salmon. Then came Simon Behman, who shared stories from his 2000 kilometre Wild Salmon Paddle Kayak Expedition from Victoria, BC to Glacier Bay, Alaska as a fundraiser for salmon protection (read his article on page 3). Dawn Morrison talked about her experience as a lead organizer with the Wild Salmon Caravan to mobilize a grassroots movement to

protect the salmon (read more from her on page 7).

Thanks to all the organizing partners, supporting businesses, artists, speakers, and festival goers for making the Clayoquot Salmon Festival a huge success in celebrating and advocating for wild salmon. We're already looking forward to next year!

Clayoquot Salmon Festival  
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# Wild Salmon Caravan: Connecting the Movement

by Dawn Morrison, Founder and Organizer with Wild Salmon Caravan

The intention of the Wild Salmon Caravan (WSC) is to celebrate the spirit of wild salmon through the arts and culture in a way that will nurture the creative energy that wild salmon have inspired through the ages. The WSC also intends to affirm inter-tribal relationships that are the foundation of traditional trade and fisheries governance knowledge systems. The collaboration and creative energy will serve to educate, inform and transform the darkness surrounding the industrial storm that is endangering wild salmon. Ancient ceremonies and songs of Indigenous peoples, as well as creative expressions of visual and performing arts, music, storytelling and guest speakers will call the wild salmon home to the rivers and streams where they play out their lives in birth and death.

Wild salmon are the most important cultural and ecological keystone species in the forests and waterways.

After the success of the 2016 Wild Salmon Caravan, the planning for 2017 has already begun! Led by the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty, we are calling on individuals and communities of all creeds and cultures to self-organize and participate in the regional and community planning teams, and host arts workshops, visual and musical performing arts events, parades and festivals, and cultural and spiritual ceremonies. In the spirit of deep and meaningful truth and reconciliation, the caravan activities help us shine a light of creativity on the darkness surrounding the serious issues, concerns and situations impacting wild salmon and the waterways they inhabit.

Guided by the powerful metaphor wild salmon provide on how to work together to overcome enormous odds in unity, strength and resilience, the Wild Salmon Caravan will travel from the northern and western-most communities of Vancouver Island to the upper Adams River watershed in the southern

interior plateau. We invite you to travel with us from your respective regions and communities when the caravan makes its epic journey in the first week of October, 2017. Mark your calendars and begin creating your artistic masterpieces and cultural regalia for a colourful and lively expression of our love for wild salmon as we follow them home to the streams, lakes and rivers where they are born and die.

Wild salmon are the most important cultural and ecological keystone species in the forests and waterways, and have inspired many artists and cultural expressions throughout the ages. If you or your organization are inspired to help us call the wild salmon home, we can provide you with a planning toolkit, complete with templates for fundraising and promotional materials, communications and outreach tools, and facilitation of observing cross-cultural protocols with neighbouring Indigenous nations and communities.

Wild salmon and water connect us all, so swim with us and get involved in the Wild Salmon Caravan 2017! Wild salmon will hear our songs!

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Wild Salmon Caravan in Vancouver, BC.

# Tla-o-qui-aht Members Seek Alternative to Colonial Logging Systems



TIICH members witness old growth logging in Tla-o-qui-aht territory

by Tsimka Martin and Gisele Martin

British Columbia's forestry policies and practices are founded on a colonial worldview that assumes there will always be more trees to cut and more profits to be made.

Tsimka Martin and Gisele Martin wrote the following statement on behalf of the Tla-o-qui-aht Initiative for Interconnected Community Health. TIICH is a group of Tla-o-qui-aht members committed to upholding ancestral values. "Tiich" is also a Tla-o-qui-aht word meaning "alive."

Nuu-chah-nulth people, since time immemorial, have always maintained respectful relationships with

ancestral lands and waters. These relationships are the foundation of Nuuchah-nulth cultural life — ways carefully nurtured according to ancient teachings, for the benefit of all generations and all forms of life. The forest ecosystem was tended as a garden. It still is recognized as a living entity, with its own set of complex relationships among its many inhabitants, including people who continue to rely upon it for life.

Countless generations of Nuuchah-nulth First Nations people have maintained abundant economies and ecosystems, until this way of life was interrupted by Canada's colonialism, which introduced unrestrained resource extraction, commodification and exploitation of nature. This was accompanied by cultural genocide, widespread environmental devastation and severe impacts to First Nation economies that continue today.

British Columbia's forestry

policies and practices are founded on a colonial worldview that assumes there will always be more trees to cut and more profits to be made.

In 1984, the conflict between Nuuchah-nulth people and the timber industry, supported by the Canadian government, reached a dramatic climax when the ancient cedar forests of Meares Island were threatened with clearcut logging. Tla-o-qui-aht and Ahousaht were not consulted about plans to log within ancestral territories. At that time, Tla-o-qui-aht and Ahousaht became determined to uphold ancestral values and teachings of care, and to defend ancestral lands and waters.

In response to the planned logging, the Tla-o-qui-aht and Ahousaht First Nations sought an injunction from the court, which eventually worked its way to the B.C. Court of Appeal. The court recognized the logging plans' interference with First Nations' rights and title, and placed an injunction on the island that

would halt the logging until land-claim issues were resolved between Canada and the Nations. In 1984, the Nuuchah-nulth Nations Tla-o-qui-aht and Ahousaht declared Meares Island a Tribal Park. The island represents a mere fraction of the unceded territories. First Nations played a pivotal role in the 1980s movement to protect the forests. In the summer of 1993 the Clayoquot Blockades became known as the largest peaceful civil disobedience event in Canadian history.

Following the Clayoquot Blockades of 1993, the Clayoquot Sound Science Panel was convened to develop recommendations for more sustainable forestry practices in Clayoquot Sound. While the recommendations are an improvement to the previous clearcut logging, they do not measure up to the practices of Nuuchah-nulth ancestors in terms of sustainable forestry.

Following the 1993 protests, a joint venture involving five First Nations in the Clayoquot and Barkley Sound regions assumed control of the tree farm licences in Clayoquot Sound. The venture formed into a logging company with the

stated intent of implementing the Scientific Panel recommendations.

B.C. law requires logging companies to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in annual fees to maintain a logging licence. The pressure to pay these fees means that a company holding a tree farm licence must cut large volumes of trees to maintain financial solvency and retain the required logging licences. The Canadian government continues to allow the timber industry to threaten and impact ancient forest ecosystems, cultural lifeways and Nuuchah-nulth people's existence.

Old growth within Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation territory is now under serious threat. This September, damaging logging practices in the Kennedy Flats area were observed and documented by Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation citizens. A petition is circulating asking elected and hereditary leaders to do what they can to stop any industrial logging of old-growth forests in Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation territory. Recent interviews and forums confirm that the majority of Tla-o-qui-aht members

(interviewed to date) want all our existing old-growth forests protected.

Nuuchah-nulth jurisdiction supersedes the colonial laws of British Columbia and Canada. Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation members have not been properly consulted and have not given consent for the current logging plans in Tla-o-qui-aht territory.

We, as Tla-o-qui-aht members, are committed to upholding our responsibilities to protect and defend the forests of our ancestral home to ensure that the sacred relationship with life-giving nature continues. There is grave concern within the Tla-o-qui-aht community that logging in the Tofino Creek area is beginning.

All remaining old-growth forest in Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation territory must be permanently protected from any industrial logging.



TIICH members in an old growth cutblock logged in 2016 in the Kennedy Lake Flats

# “Imperial No More” Holds Imperial Metals President, Executives and Big Shareholders Accountable



German Ocampo

Imperial No More activists rally after disrupting the Imperial Metals' Annual General Meeting

In early summer 2016, Imperial Metals' shareholders gambled and lost, by holding their annual general meeting at the River Rock Casino in Richmond, BC. Imperial Metals CEO, shareholders and executives were confronted at their AGM by the Imperial No More activist network of Indigenous land defenders and allies. With representation from the Secwepemc Women's Warrior Society, No One Is Illegal, Mining Justice Alliance, and Friends of Clayoquot Sound, Imperial No More rallied and took action outside the Casino's Conference Centre to hold Imperial Metals accountable for the company's continuing disrespect for Indigenous rights and ongoing environmental destruction.

Friends of Clayoquot Sound have organized shareholder activism at the Imperial Metals AGMs for numerous years because the company is considering building two mines in Clayoquot Sound. This year, FOCS arranged for Kanahus Manuel of the Secwepemc Nation to be a proxy shareholder at the meeting.

After a Coast Salish welcome, Imperial No More activists escorted Kanahus to attend the meeting, but she was blocked from entering by the RCMP. Guarded by the police, Imperial Metals President Brian Kynoch came out to let Kanahus know she would not be allowed to enter, despite holding official proxy documentation to attend the meeting. This disregard of Indigenous voices is representative of

Imperial Metals mining activities that are in direct opposition to the title and rights of the Secwepemc, Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Wet'suwet'en, and Tahl-tan First Nations. Imperial Metals does not have First Nations free, prior and informed consent to mine the land as mandated by the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to which Canada is a signatory. Under international law, Imperial Metals is operating illegally in the unceded territories of the First Nations, as the governments of Canada and British Columbia do not have a treaty or purchase agreement to grant permission for Imperial Metals to access the land.

Two years after the Mount Polley mine disaster, the biggest mining disaster in modern Canadian history, Imperial Metals has not been held accountable for the devastation that 25 million cubic meters of toxic mining waste caused in the territory of the Secwepemc Nation. This environmental disaster continues to flood contaminants from Quesnel Lake into the Fraser River watershed, one of the largest salmon spawning grounds in the world.

Those who took part in the Imperial No More action are angry about the destruction and want their voices heard by Imperial Metals decision makers. The activists

climbed the fire escape and banged on the locked doors before dropping a banner that read “Stop Imperial Metals.” Leaving the Conference Centre, Imperial Metals' executives and big shareholders were escorted by the RCMP, while those in the action used megaphones, loud speakers, and group chants to make sure their voices were heard. The chants echoed the #ImperialNoMore press release:

**Yes to Mother Earth!  
No to Mining!  
Stop Mount Polley!  
Stop Imperial Metals!  
We Are Chitaapi!  
We Are Imperial No More!  
We Stand In Solidarity  
with all Mining Affected  
Indigenous Peoples  
Worldwide!**



German Ocampo

Joe Martin speaking about natural law in front of the police line

# Warriors for Yaakswiis

Yaakswiis is the name of the bay in Clayoquot Sound where Cermaq tried, and failed, to install a salmon farm in 2015. Yaakswiis was to be a replacement site for the Dixon Bay salmon farm, which closed in 2012 due to a severe outbreak of the infectious haematopoietic necrosis (IHN) virus. At that time, the quarantined site also saw the cull of more than half a million contagious fish.

In September, 2015, Ahousaht community members known as the Warriors for Yaakswiis occupied the unfinished fish farm to protect wild salmon and interrupted the Yaakswiis installation. After two weeks on site, the Warriors received a letter proclaiming the Yaakswiis site was to be permanently removed as a site of fish farm operations. However, after disassembling the equipment Cermaq then, quietly installed the 10 Yaakswiis pens individually at other locations around Ahousaht territory in the following months, ultimately giving themselves the full production quota of Yaakswiis.

In August, 2016, the Warriors learned that Cermaq was reopening the Dixon Bay site and quickly mobilized to stop a barge full of Atlantic salmon smolts in



Kate Urban

Solidarity action with the four Warriors who were arrested for protecting wild salmon

Ahousaht waters. On August 23rd, 2016, the RCMP arrested four members of the Warriors for Yaakswiis, charging them with mischief and intimidation. However, under international law the RCMP do not have enforcement jurisdiction in the unceded territory of the Ahousaht Nation.

The Warriors emphasized that reopening the Dixon Bay site is without the consent of the Ahousaht Muschim

(people).

**We will continue our defence of our food sources, our lands and waters, and our future generations.**

Warriors

# Wild Salmon Paddle: The Journey of a Lifetime

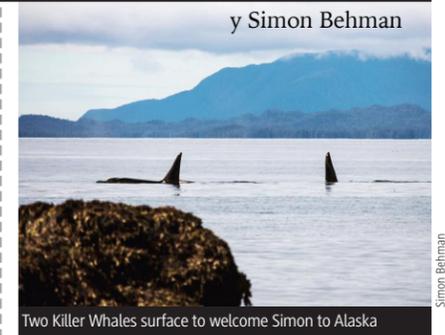
The Wild Salmon Paddle Kayaking Expedition, which followed part of the salmon migration route, will always be a part of me. During my solo 2000 kilometre kayak trip from Victoria, BC to Glacier Bay, Alaska, I learned that wild salmon are the ‘blood-stream’ of coastal rainforests. A spawning salmon's quest to reproduce passes on life nutrients to the next generation of fish, and also to many other species including bears, wolves, seabirds, and trees.

As the health of the natural world continues to decline due to human activity, it is up to us to take actions to address those wrongdoings and develop a personal relationship with nature. We must defend wild salmon by restoring salmon stream habitat, removing and preventing dams threatening salmon bearing rivers, stopping open-pit mines around salmon habitat, and removing fish farms from the ocean. If we do this wild salmon will flourish and nourish the planet and us.



Simon Behman

by Simon Behman



Two Killer Whales surface to welcome Simon to Alaska

Simon Behman

The Wild Salmon Paddle is an example of how a small idea can turn into a big reality. Every action I made from start to finish on this trip was in honour of wild salmon. I'd like to thank all those who donated to the Friends of Clayoquot Sound in its honour. Together we contributed to Friends' participation in the Wild Salmon Caravan, helped build the profile of the Clayoquot Salmon Festival, and strengthened the movement to protect wild salmon!