



SDNA
Lhoosk'uz Dené • Lhtako • Nazko

Newsletter

October 2022

SDNA COMMUNITY MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE



SDNA hosted a lunch and open house on September 22, 2022 at the Quesnel Seniors Center which well attended. Chief Clifford Lebrun - Lhtako Dené Nation, Chief Liliane Squinas - Lhoosk'uz Dené Nation and Chief Leah Stump - Nazko First Nation along with their Councils and Community members joined together for lunch and conversation about unity and working together. The Chiefs opened the meeting, and a presentation was given by SDNA team members updating on the positive progress being made.



NAZKO & LHTAKO COMMUNITY MEETINGS—RECOVERY PLANNING FOR CARIBOU

In September SDNA held meetings to inform Southern Dakeh community members on Chilcotin Caribou Recovery Planning. These meetings gave community members an opportunity to learn and ask questions about caribou conservation and recovery scenario development involving habitat protection. Currently SDNA is involved in caribou monitoring and is working with the BC government to develop recovery scenarios that will help caribou populations to recover.

By Pauline Priadka, Wildlife Biologist



Herd of caribou in the Itcha Ilgachuz alpine



Itcha Ilgachuz Provincial Park



Nobi Suzuki, Wildlife Ecologist

Pauline Priadka, Wildlife Biologist



Photo credit : Pauline Priadka, Dina Stephenson

NEW PRACTICUM STUDENT IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Hello, as most of you are aware my name is Jennifer Vickers and I am the Family Support Worker for Carrier Chilcotin Tribal Council. I am excited to share with all of you that I will be having a 4th year Social Work student shadowing me and performing some of my duties. Kaho is a young woman who has come to Canada from Japan to study social work. Her hopes are to get her bachelor's degree in Social Work, then move on to her master's degree in Social Work in research. After she is finished all of her schooling she would like to return to Japan, and hopefully make changes in the Child Welfare System in Japan. Kaho will be with me until the middle of the December. She is excited to learn from me, but more importantly to learn from the Communities that we work so closely with.

By Jennifer Vickers, Family Support Worker

POW WOW ARBOUR AND LONGHOUSE IN LHTAKO

A new arbour is currently under construction behind Lhtako Dené Hall and will soon be finished. The old pow wow arbour in Lhtako was torn down more than twenty years ago as it had started to show its age. The logs for the new arbour are being hand-peeled by members of the community and will feature a number of carvings representing the logo and clans of the Lhtako Dené Nation. This culturally significant facility will serve various purposes for Indigenous members, including pow wow's, and other cultural and spiritual gatherings.

By Dina Stephenson

Photo credit: Loretta Williams



From right to left:

Jason Norn, Connelly Longe, Maynard Bara-Band Manager

SDNA STAFF CORNER

This month we would like to introduce to you Mariana Flores. Mariana is the Account Payable and Payroll Clerk with SDNA. She studied Business in Mexico City at Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana (uncompleted) and she completed her Advanced Business Technology program with Bookkeeping Applications at Thompson River University.



Mariana is from Mexico City. She was living in Switzerland for few years before she and her family moved to the Cariboo in 2011. She volunteered for the Pregnancy Outreach program and the Crisis Line, which helped her start integrating into the local community. She likes to help others and it gave her the opportunity to learn a lot about Williams Lake and the community. Mariana is a people person, in her free time she loves to travel, and she really enjoys being a mom. She is very happy being part of the Cariboo, it is beautiful place to raise kids and enjoy nature.

In her role as the Accounts Payable, Mariana is responsible for the financial, administrative, and clerical support for SDNA and CCTC. She oversees making payments owed by the two companies to suppliers and other creditors, verifying and paying vendor invoices. In her role as a Payroll Clerk, she is collects timesheets, calculates wages and ensures timely payments to all of the employees.

You can reach Mariana at 250-398-3375 Ext 306 or via email at acctassist@dakelh.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Communications Officer

SDNA is seeking an experienced Communications Officer to plan, execute, and support the organization in the areas of internal and external communication, community engagement, media and public relations, education and marketing, social media, and publication management with outcomes that promote the goals of the Nation and Communities.

For more information on our employment opportunities go to: www.dakelh.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

SDNA Lake Keepers Water Monitoring Workshop (October 13 &14, 2022)

This workshop is an opportunity for capacity building and to start discussions on water monitoring across the member nations.

October 13, in person indoor instruction in Quesnel (specific location TBD), 9:00am-4:30pm (tentatively), Lunch will be provided.

October 14, Field day at Opheim Lake, It is 117.2 km or 1.25 hrs SE of Quesnel, 9:30am-2:00pm (tentatively).

Instructor, Norm Zirnhelt, director of BCLSS. www.bclss.org

Lakekeepers Manual available at <https://www.bclss.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/LakeKeepers-Manual-FINAL-July-4-2022-reduced.pdf>

For more information if you or someone is interested in attending the workshop contact: Nobu Suzuki, Wildlife Ecologist at 250-398-3375, Ext 303, ecologist@dakelh.ca