



SDNA
Lhoosk'uz Dené • Lhtako • Nazko

Newsletter

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September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, a day that coincides with Orange Shirt Day. It recognizes the tragic legacy of residential schools, the missing children, the families left behind and the survivors of these institutions.

The use of an orange shirt as a symbol was inspired by the accounts of Phyllis Jack Webstad, (founder of the Orange Shirt Society) whose personal clothing - including a new orange shirt - was taken from her during her first day of residential schooling, and never returned. The orange shirt is thus used as a symbol of the forced assimilation of Indigenous children that the residential school system enforced. Every child matters, never forget. *For more information on the Orange Shirt Society see their website: orangeshirtday.org*

CURRENT EMERGENCY PLANNING & COORDINATING ACTIVITIES

Nazko First Nation was presented a completed draft of their new Evacuation Plan. This plan will assist residents, band administration, and emergency response personnel to effectively evacuate the community when one or more routes may be impassable.

Preliminary discussions have begun between Nazko staff, SDNA and First Nation Emergency Services Society (FNESS) regarding acquiring a first fire response capability. More to follow on this in the future.

SDNA is developing a Resource Road Radio Use Guide for SDNA's staff needing to travel on active logging roads.

The Nazko/Lhoosk'uz Flood Mitigation Project was kicked off with a field visit by an engineering company and SDNA staff. The purpose of this project is to identify mitigation measures to protect roads and infrastructure, as well as minimize flood risk to the communities.

By Rob Dimmer, SDNA Emergency Response and Planning Coordinator



PRESERVING SALMON IN LHOOSK'UZ



Nikki Bogh - Health Director from Lhoosk'uz and Corina Clement - CCTC Traditional Wellness Coordinator worked together to have 200 salmon delivered to Lhoosk'uz community.

The salmon were processed in a 2-day event by Lhoosk'uz community members, Traditional Healers; Catherine Haller and Jolene Prince, Health Directors; Nikki Bogh (Lhoosk'uz) and Rachael Chantyman (Nazko), as well as SDNA and CCTC Staff; Loretta Williams, Valerie Setah, and Corina Clement.

It was noted that 7-year-old Savannah Chantyman from Nazko helped through all aspects of the preservation. She learned how to gut, clean, cut fish Lillooet style, and salted it. She also assisted with vacuum sealing and helped with putting the salmon that were jarred into the pressure canners.

By Corina Clement, CCTC Traditional Wellness Coordinator

Photo credit: Corina Clement



WOLF MONITORING NEAR CARIBOU HERDS

This past May, representatives from SDNA (Pauline Priadka) and Lhtako Dené Nation (Frank Boucher) joined BC biologists to check on a wolf den site near the Barkerville caribou herd. The purpose of visiting the den site was to count the number of wolf pups born this year. A pack of wolves will typically have one litter of up to six pups per year. Den sites are found by biologists using recent or past satellite telemetry information from GPS collared adult wolves. Monitoring of wolf dens will continue over the years to keep track of wolf numbers near threatened caribou herds.



By: Pauline Priadka (SDNA Wildlife Biologist)

Photo by Pauline Priadka: An inactive wolf den underneath tree roots.



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

SDNA STAFF CORNER

This month we would like to introduce to you Cassandra Abel.

Cassandra is the Health Department Coordinator with SDNA. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Northern British Columbia. She has a bachelor's in health sciences with a focus on community and population health as it relates to the environment. As this is her first job within the health field, and with First Nations, she is grateful for the education she has received. This has allowed her to better understand the amazing people and communities that she gets to work with. With her educational background and a willingness to continue learning, she looks forward to making a difference in the health and wellness of the Dakelh Nation.



As Health Department Coordinator for SDNA, Cassandra organizes and helps develop the health department projects and strategies. A huge part of what she does is provide support to the health team by doing research, applying for grants, and helping oversee budgets and events. She is very interested in making a difference for the communities she has grown up around and finds that her job is a great way to do this.

In her spare time, Cassandra can often be found biking and hiking around her hometown with friends and family. She is very lucky to be living in and around the Williams Lake area as it has some of the best wilderness and outdoor recreational opportunities available in the province. So, of course, if she has the opportunity, she is always up for exploring more of her home province.

You can reach Cassandra at coordinate.wellness@dakelh.ca

SDNA Communities Lunch and Open House

Lhoosk'uz - Lhtako - Nazko

Thurs. Sept. 22, 2022

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Quesnel Seniors' Center

461 Carson Ave, Quesnel

Lunch provided from

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lots of Door Prizes