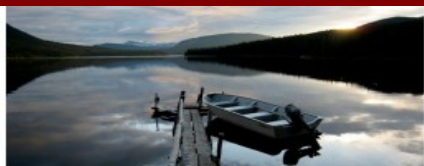


# Atlin Taku

## Land Use Planning

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It seems like a long time ago that we were gathered in the Atlin Recreation Centre for the first Community and Stakeholder workshop. Three and a half years later, seven stakeholder workshops, and countless phone calls and e-mails later, the Province of British Columbia and the Taku River Tlingit First Nation (TRTFN) are pleased to announce the approval of the Atlin Taku Land Use Plan.

On July 19th, 2011 Premier Christy Clark, representing the Province, and Spokesperson, John Ward, representing the TRTFN announced the approval of the Land Use Plan and the signing of the *Land and Resource Management and Shared Decision-Making Agreement*. From Atlin, Åsa Berg, Roberta Whelan, and Rose Anne Anttila were present, and acknowledged for their hard work in representing community interests in the Land Use Plan. The ceremony was also attended by representatives from both the mineral and the environmental sectors.

Be sure to check out highlights from the ceremony here: <http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/2011/07/jobs-and-land-protection-balanced-in-new-agreement.html>. Copies of the final agreements can be found here: [http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/smithers/atlin\\_taku/index.html](http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/smithers/atlin_taku/index.html)

The Atlin Taku Land Use Plan represents a balanced outcome that protects key ecological and cultural values, while providing a wide range of opportunities for responsible development. The plan creates 13 new Protected Areas, including Atlin River, Monarch Mountain, and significant portions of the Taku Watershed. It also leaves the majority of the areas with the highest mineral potential available for mineral exploration and potential development.



## Key outcomes of the Land Use Plan include:

- ◆ Preserving one of BC's and Alaska's salmon strongholds by establishing world-class management of salmon habitat and protecting the mainstem of the Taku River and significant portions of its major tributaries.
- ◆ Preserving the best opportunities for mineral exploration and development and securing access for resource development through strategic access corridors.
- ◆ Providing certainty for investment by outlining clear objectives for the management of resource values and clearly defining where resource development can occur.
- ◆ Creating a network of large, interconnected protected areas and resource management zones and establishing a 3-million hectare area where commercial forestry is not permitted— a major step to sustain natural ecological patterns that support biodiversity, particularly in the face of climate change.

## Thank-you

The Province and the TRTFN would like to thank you for your involvement in the development of the land use plan. Your participation was key to its success. Your participation in workshops, your contributions to draft documents and your interest in the process is much appreciated. Thank you for your passion and commitment -- we have a product we can all be proud of. We look forward to our continued work together through implementation, including your involvement in the management planning for the new Protected Areas, and a role for the community on the Government-to-Government Forum.

## Atlin Celebration

We look forward to celebrating with you in Atlin in the fall in recognition of this historic achievement and your participation in making it a reality. We will keep you posted on the details as they are developed!

Thank-you again!



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