



LANDS AND RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Manager:

Good day all. For any of you that don't know me my Tlingit name is *Geneak* and my English name is Charmaine Thom. I am Taku River Tlingit First Nation and am pleased to be the Manager of our Nation's Lands Department. I am very pleased with how well my staff are performing under these uncertain times, and I am grateful for the staff that are working extra hard, and adjusting to working from home. Our Lands Department is busy working on policies, financial updates, and using this time for applications and developing forms and templates that they would otherwise not have time for. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the applicable staff (contacts provided in this newsletter) or myself.

Gunalchéesh and I wish you all the best in health and happiness during these challenging times.



As the Lands & Fisheries Department's Manager I oversee and provide direction for all aspects of the Lands and Fisheries Departments. My specific duties include:

- Working with the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) as the Planner ie: Check Stops.
- Working with the Indigenous Protected Areas (IPCA) team.
- Providing Leadership and CDC with updates from the Lands Department.
- Providing direction to Lands staff as required.
- Working on adjustments for staff working from home during COVID-19 times
- Working on internal Policies and Procedures.
- Financial updates and working on audit with John Rankin.
- Working closely with Governance Department & Lead Negotiator.

Overview of the G2G Agreement

The following is intended to serve as a brief overview of the TRT/BC Government to Government (G2G) agreement and how it guides the TRT Lands Department. This is to help provide context for the rest of the Newsletter.

What is the Government to Government Agreement (G2G)?

The *Wóoshtin Yan Too.Aat*: Land and Resources Management and Shared Decision-Making Agreement was signed by BC and the TRT in July, 2011. The agreement has 2 major components: 1. A Shared Decision-Making Arrangement and 2. Atlin-Taku Land Use Plan implementation. This agreement is a core piece of how the 2 governments (TRT and BC) work together and is overseen by the G2G Forum comprised of 3 TRT representatives, 2 BC reps and 1 local community (Atlin) rep. The TRT **Lands Engagement Officer** handles the day-to-day technical aspects of engagement with the Province, while strategic issues and initiatives are undertaken through oversight from the G2G Forum. The G2G Forum has established several working groups including the Mineral Joint Working Group, the Fish and Wildlife Management Working Group and the Protected Areas Working Group that report to the Forum.

What are the components of this agreement?

Shared Decision-Making Arrangement

This agreement outlines how the 2 governments will undertake shared decision making in the territory. The agreement contains an **Engagement Model** that determines what level of engagement the 2 governments undertake for a given development application. The Engagement Model replaces a referral model and formally recognizes that the TRT makes its own decisions on development proposals.

The Engagement Model uses an **Engagement Matrix** that determines the level of engagement expected from the 2 governments on a given development proposal based on the location and type of development activity.

Atlin-Taku Land Use Plan (ATLUP)

The ATLUP established 13 protected areas as Conservancies under BC Parks designation. These conservancies comprise over 560,000 ha of protected area equaling approximately 28% of TRT traditional territory. While Conservancies prohibit industrial activities, many other activities are allowed including hunting, fishing, trapping, recreation, etc. The ATLUP also established other land use designations with associated implementation direction including: Resource Management Zones, Cultural areas, Salmon Ecosystem Management Areas and Critical Aquatic Habitat areas.

What does the G2G Agreement mean in Practice?

The G2G agreement is not a treaty and does not in any way affect Tlingit aboriginal rights and title. The agreement does however represent substantial progress towards reconciliation and facilitates the governments working together in a respectful manner - even though there are questions of authority and jurisdiction that are yet to be resolved.

Through this agreement BC has recognised that the TRTFN government will come to its own decision on development applications. With the help of the mutually agreed on Engagement Model, the two governments work closely together in an effort to reach consensus, and to anticipate land use conflicts early on. This increases the probability that BC's and TRTFN's decision will be similar, and thus land use conflicts arising will be less likely. Through the Joint Working Groups, the G2G agreement provides opportunities for ongoing collaboration on land and resource decision making into the future.

What about the T'akhu A'Tlen Conservancy (TAC)?

Following the completion of the G2G agreement, the Takhu Atlen Conservancy (TAC) was established when a number of conservation organizations raised money to support the implementation of the G2G agreements and Atlin-Taku Land Use Plan. The original donors (the conservation organizations) provided these funds under specific conditions that determine how this money can be spent. The TAC board of directors oversees how these funds are dispersed each year. The TAC board is made up of 4 Tlingit members (appointed at a JCM) and 3 non-Tlingit members who represent the conservation interests of the original donors. Please note that while TAC supports some initiatives associated with the G2G agreement, it is a separate entity and is not itself a part of the G2G agreement .

It should be noted that while there are some limitations on what these funds can be used for, it is only the TRTFN that can access these funds, through proposals that are submitted to TAC on a yearly basis. TAC funds are flexible and can be used to fill gaps in funding from more restrictive sources and TAC provides matching funding that enables TRTFN to apply for larger sums of money from other funding sources.

Since it was created, TAC has provided core funding to the TRTFN Lands & Fisheries Department, including funding and capacity support for important programs such as the Land Guardian Program. Currently, TAC is supporting the TRTFN Lands Department with the following initiatives:

- Grizzly Bear Stewardship initiative
- IPCA Match Funding
- RELAW project that TAC is administering in partnership with the Lands Department
- Climate Change Preparedness in the North project

Engagement Update

The following summary has been provided by Christine Ziegler, TRTFN Lands Engagement Officer

Engagement with BC Government Representatives

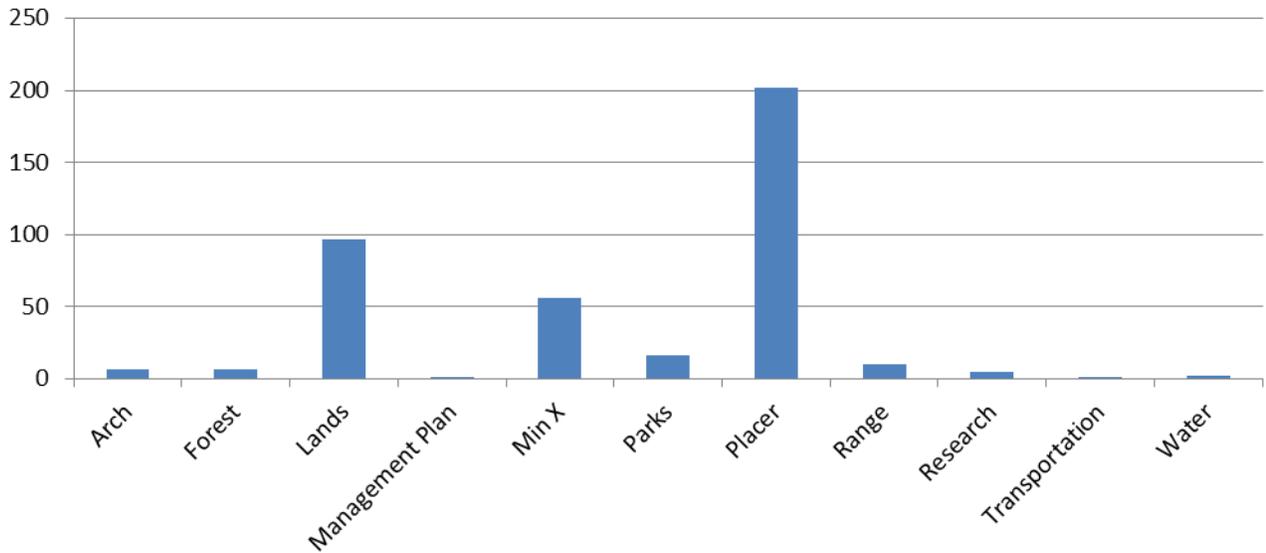
- Despite the hurdles and constraints the COVID-19 pandemic is posing to TRTFN Lands staff and BC government representatives alike, the lands engagement process under the engagement model of the Shared-Decision Making Agreement is proceeding as usual.
- In the current year of 2020, TRTFN has received and processed 11 different land use applications so far. The engagement process for some of those applications is currently still on-going, for instance, for proposed placer mining operations at Pine Creek and for proposed mining exploration activities in the Sheslay.
- While the new engagement model of the Shared-Decision Making Agreement has greatly improved the way BC and TRTFN are communicating about land use applications, there is always room for improvements. As TRTFN's Lands Engagement Officer (LEO), I am continuously working together with BC's Lands Engagement Coordinator, Danica Crystal, to make tweaks to the engagement process so it works best for both parties.

Engagement with Land Users/Proponents

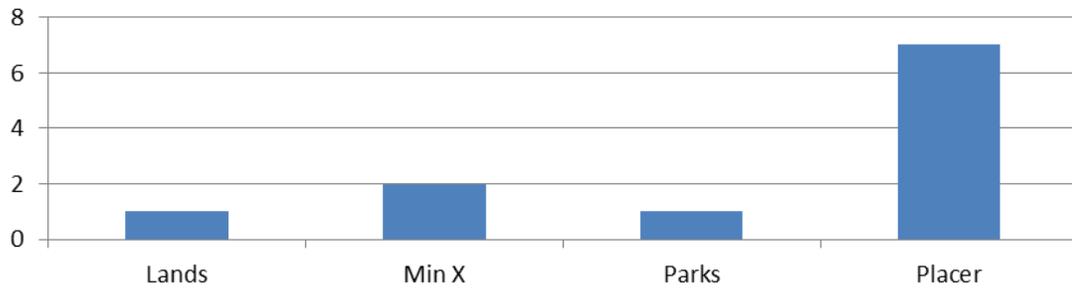
- A growing number of proponents is submitting their land use applications directly to TRTFN and approaches TRTFN on their own account. This is a very positive development, as it shows that proponents increasingly recognize TRTFN's rights and title to the land and are willing to engage with TRTFN early on to build positive working relationships.
- With proponents sending their applications directly to TRTFN, TRTFN has the ability to take the lead on initiating engagement with BC. For 2020 alone, TRTFN has initiated engagement with BC for every third application, which is higher than in previous years. This also provides TRTFN with a greater amount of time for the review process and speeds up the engagement process with BC.
- Engagement with the proponents occurs via E-mail, phone or face-to-face meetings throughout the review process and will continue beyond the review phase in case of approval of the project. These conversations allow both parties to clarify aspects about the proposed project/operations, to anticipate and avoid potential land use conflicts, and to build meaningful working relationships.
- In some instances, proponents are able to provide employment to the TRTFN local community. For the up-coming mining exploration season, for instance, there might be positions available as cook, core cutter, camp labourer, and First Aid Level 3 personnel. If you or someone you know is interested and would like to receive more information, please send an E-Mail to lands.engagement@gov.trtfn.com

Engagement Update (continued)

402 Applications since 2011



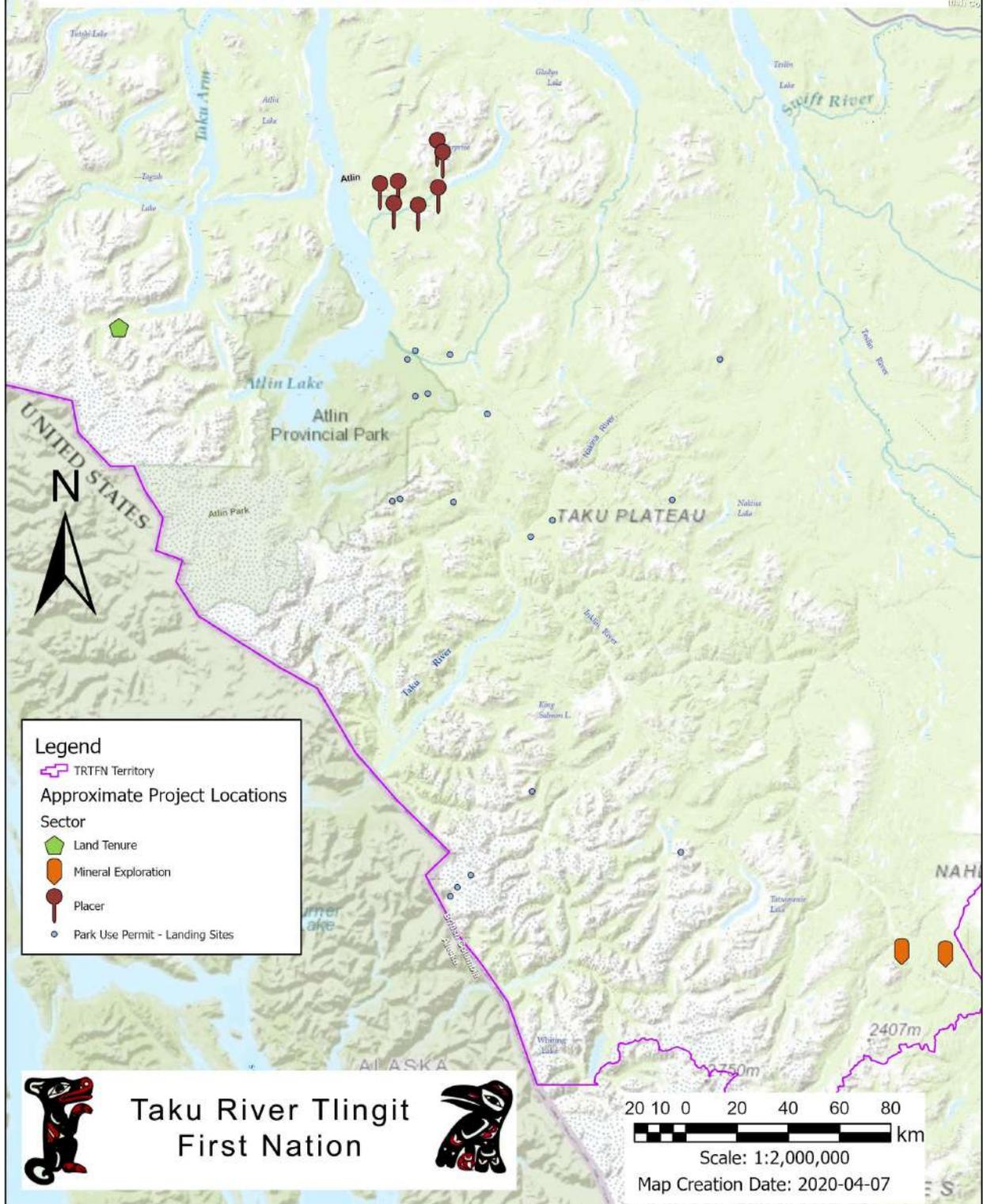
11 Applications since January 2020



Engagement Summary - Key Statistics:

402	applications received and processed since 2011, the beginning of the Shared-Decision
11	applications received and processed since beginning of this year.
64 %	of applications processed this year are placer mining related, i.e., Notice of Work or
82 %	of applications processed this year have Level 2 Engagement, i.e., more thorough
36 %	of engagement for applications processed this year was initiated by TRTFN, i.e., en-

Approximate locations of project applications received since January 2020



Engagement Update (continued)

GIS and mapping support

- As much as the time allows, I am providing GIS (geographic information system) and mapping support to the TRTFN Lands Department apart from my tasks as the LEO.
- Since early November 2019, TRTFN has been in the possession of a license that provides access to modern and sophisticated mapping tools, which allow users to create, store and visualize spatial data.
- Having the ability to view data on an interactive map allows me as the LEO to evaluate proposed land uses in relation to TRTFN key values on the land, such as critical wildlife habitat or significant and sensitive cultural sites.



Photo (left) View over Sloko Inlet to the Llewelyn glacier and Juneau Icefield

Photo (right) View of Atlin Lake from the Monarch Mountain trail



Wildlife Update

The following wildlife update is provided by Ryan LaPointe, TRTFN Wildlife Coordinator

Southern Lakes Caribou (Watsix)

The Southern Lakes Caribou Steering Committee is following up with the Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee Recommendations to create a Caribou Plan for the Southern Lakes area. The Steering Committee is made up of representatives from 9 governments: TRTFN, Teslin Tlingit Council, Carcross Tagish First Nation, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, Champagne-Aishihik First Nation, BC, Government of Yukon, and Parks Canada. The intent of the plan is to use both traditional and scientific sources of knowledge without bias to give management directions for areas overlapping with the Watsix/caribou in the Southern Lakes region. Topics being discussed include history, harvest, land-use, highway mortality, population monitoring, and education/outreach.

The initial timeline was to have a draft Caribou Plan completed by the fall of 2020. However, the process has been delayed by the spread of COVID-19. The intention is to hold 1 or 2 Elders gatherings to provide guidance to the process. We also intend to have youth attend these gatherings. The key step of having guidance from Elders through a series of gatherings has been postponed due to pandemic. The committee hopes that the outbreak will settle enough so that gatherings can safely occur by the summer of 2020.

TRTFN Land Guardians have been showing presence on the land throughout the winter conducting track surveys. In follow-up with the Southern Lakes Wildlife Coordinating Committee Recommendations, TRTFN has been a leader in doing Watsix/caribou track surveys for several years to monitor the Atlin Watsix/caribou herd. Additionally, TRTFN started doing winter wolf track surveys to monitor wolves in partnership with other First Nations in the Southern Lakes region as well as the Yukon Government.



Wildlife (continued)

Tawéi (sheep) Monitoring

TRTFN Lands Department began a Tawéi/sheep monitoring project in the summer of 2019 looking at the connectivity between the movement between the two sides of Pine Creek/ Surprise Lake valley. As the snow recedes there will be a follow-up this summer as well. This is a long-term project that hopes to shed light on specific habitat corridors. Additionally, an aerial survey was planned to occur in late March for Tawéi/sheep in the general Atlin area; however, it was postponed due to the Covid-19 outbreak with the intention to carry it out in the winter of 2020/2021.



Collaborative Stewardship Framework (CSF)

The TRTFN has been involved as part of the 3 Nations in an initiative known as the Collaborative Stewardship Framework (CSF) to work with the Province on natural resource management. The focus has been on wildlife, especially Dzisk'w/moose. Representatives from TRTFN as well as Kaska and Tahltan have been working to teach the province traditional practices that can be used to update provincial hunting regulations. Examples of these practices include not hunting during the rut, the basis of respect, etc..

The CSF operates in support of the BC-TRTFN G2G. The CSF has been a major funding source for the Land Guardian and Wildlife program at TRTFN. Additionally, funding coming through the CSF also supports Tulsequah River [environmental] Monitoring, Tawéi sheep monitoring and Watsix/caribou planning. Further the 3 Nations are working together to strengthen our respective Guardian programs.

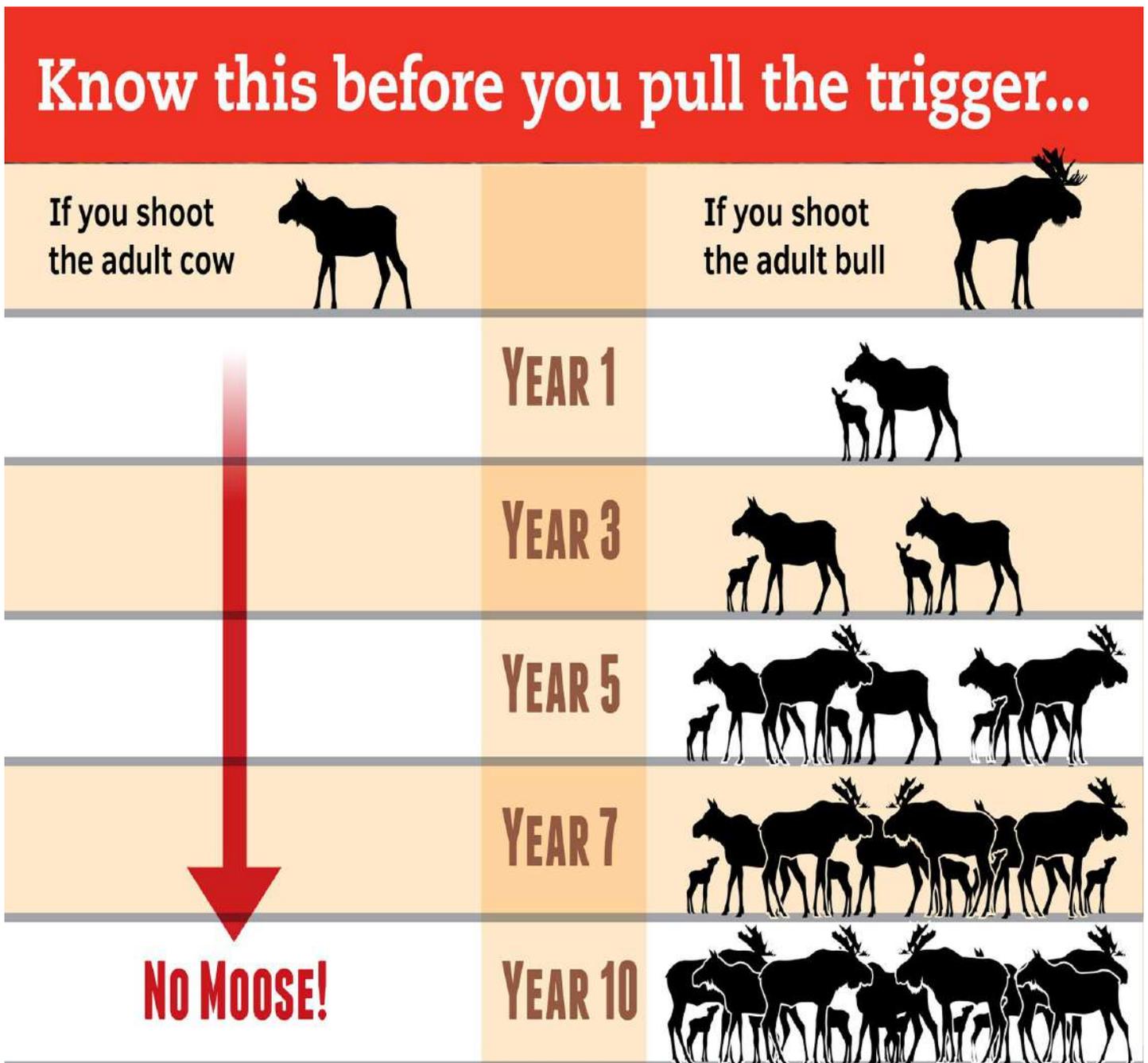


Photo (right): TRT land Guardians attending CSF sponsored training

Cow Moose Harvest

The TRTFN Lands Department has received several complaints from TRT citizens about the number of cow moose harvested this spring by TRT citizens. Cow moose give birth to numerous calves throughout their life which in turn replenishes the population we all depend on. The TRTFN Lands Department is working hard to ensure the food security of our community members and believes that it is important that we live within tradition. The TRTFN Lands Department is working to address these concerns.

As the Figure below clearly illustrates, shooting cow moose has negative impacts on the moose population that we all depend on. This has the potential to negatively affect our long term food security. Please consider this when making harvest choices.



Heritage Department Update

The following update is provided by Ben Louter, TRTFN Heritage Coordinator:

The Heritage Department, like all of the other departments within TRTFN, has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the different challenges that TRTFN and the planet are facing right now, Heritage is working hard to continue moving forward with current projects.

On the very top of the list is the addition of a new member to the Heritage team! A few days before the work-from-home mandate was confirmed, Roberta Shepherd started as the Heritage Officer. Welcome Roberta! Roberta and I have been working with the Governance team and a team of independent researchers on cataloguing and identifying archival files that pertain to ongoing Northern Territory negotiations. This research requires processing of over 800 hours of audio and over 300 individual transcripts.

The British Columbia Capacity-building Initiative (BCCI) is the Heritage Department's main source of funding. The projects that Heritage has applied for this year (2021) through the BCCI are as follows:

Archaeological Site Re-confirmations 2020

The archaeological site A series of archaeological re-confirmations will begin in mid-July. Two trips are planned, one to the Tatsatua region and another near the north end of Atlin lake. Fourteen days in total will be spent in the field. The purpose of these trips is to bolster the work that is being done on the strength of claim, as well as ongoing Northern Territory (Yukon) negotiations. As in previous years, Blake Evans of Wolf and Crow Research will be the lead archaeologist on this project.

Between 2020-2021 TRTFN Heritage is planning to:

- Continue to develop the capacity of Heritage Staff to carry out archaeological site assessments and archival work.
- Develop a Heritage Department Strategic Plan to help prioritize Heritage Department activities, deliverables and work-plans along with further identifying required training and capacity building efforts for a 5-year period. This Plan will clarify how the Heritage Department can effectively support the TRTFN Lands Department in resource management and asserting Aboriginal Rights and Title. The Plan will link to the implementation of the Atlin Taku Land Use Plan; the Lands & Resources Departmental Strategic Plan; and the TRTFN Land Guardian 5 Year Plan.

Heritage Department Update (continued)

RISC Archaeology & Cultural Monitor Training- Natural Resources Training Group

The RISC Archaeology & Culturally Modified Tree (CMT) Inventory Training for Crew Members course is a five-day applied training program that provides participants with introductory research and sampling skills in the field of archaeology and heritage resources. The course includes both daily classroom and field training and exercises, where participants learn skills and abilities in: site identification, survey design and procedures, and data and site recording procedures.

Upon successful completion, participants are registered with the BC provincial government as a Certified Resource Information Standards Committee (RISC) Technician, and receive a certificate signed and endorsed by the BC Archaeology Branch.

This training will be provided for Land Guardians and Heritage staff, in order to build capacity and provide a higher standard of knowledge when TRTFN is required to work with proponents on or near culturally sensitive sites. This training was originally scheduled for mid May, but it will likely need to be rescheduled due to COVID-19

- Compile archival interview data to support negotiations and inform the implementation of the TRTFN Heritage Policy.

BCCI has supported TRTFN archaeological work in the past two years; however, there is much work left to do in order to complete archaeological assessments in the traditional territory. This work is expensive with more than 100 confirmed archaeological sites and the TRTFN traditional territory is immense. Furthermore, re-confirmation of archaeological sites undertaken in 2019/20 has demonstrated the need to re-map and ground truth all the archaeological sites that were identified by the anthropologist Diane French in the 1970s.



Photo (above) detail of carving at Kuthai Lake

Heritage Department Update (continued)

Photo (right) Mural for the TRTFN Fisheries cabin at Canoe Landing. The lineform mural depicts a raven, a human and a wolf. Many thanks to Wayne Carlick, with help from Matthew Wesley, Lyla Jackson and Leon Jack,.



Digitization projects/ FPCC Grant

The Heritage Department has applied for digitization funding through the First People's Cultural Council. (FPCC) The goal of this initiative is to provide support to First Nations communities in BC that want to convert their existing audio, video and text language resources to digital files.

This funding, if approved will not only cover digitization training and equipment for the heritage staff, it will also allow TRTFN to digitize files that require a high level of technical sophistication.

The FPCC grant is meant to enhance both community and administrative access to First Nations language, stories, songs and traditional knowledge. At this time there are 345 TRTFN audio recordings which are being stored in an inaccessible and incorrect format. It appears that this recording may be the only physical copy that remains of the original recordings. It is imperative that TRTFN secure the funding to have these recordings professionally processed.

This digitization project will dovetail into the existing Northern Territory (Yukon) research that is being carried out in TRTFN Archives, as well as the archaeology planning that is taking place for the upcoming summer 2020 season. These 345 recordings represent a pivotal piece of TRTFN's collection. These recordings span many topics, and in many ways they are priceless.

Heritage Department Update (continued)

Cultural Heritage Policy development

The development of a Cultural Heritage Policy (CHP) is required by the TRTFN Lands Department, as there are an ever-increasing number of proponents and researchers who want to work in TRTFN territory. The stated purpose of the CHP is :

- To protect, preserve, manage and record Taku River Tlingit First Nation Heritage in a manner consistent with traditional laws, values and beliefs.
- To cooperate with other organizations- both Tlingit and non-Tlingit- in the protection, preservation and management of Taku River Tlingit First Nation Heritage.
- To advance Taku River Tlingit First Nation Heritage and cultural traditions.
- To ensure the Taku River Tlingit First Nation is the leader and primary decision maker in the management of its Heritage resources.
- To protect and preserve Tlingit spiritual practices and religious freedoms.
- To ensure that Taku River Tlingit First Nation and our members have access to timely, effective and accurate systems of identifying heritage resources that are of importance to the Taku River Tlingit First Nation and our land use plans and needs. When appropriate and approved this information and could be used to respond to various applications for activities in our territory.

The CHP is well underway and is currently being reviewed by three Elders/ knowledge keepers. Once the first draft is finalized it will be presented during community engagement sessions.



Photo (above) Pictograph of canoe on the Taku River

Mining Division Update

The following update is provided by Jackie Caldwell, TRTFN Mining Officer

Season Start-up and COVID-19

This division of the Lands Department is gearing up for the start of mining season. We have started by sending out a letter to all Mining Operators to remind them about the COVID-19 conditions under which they must work and to ask them to ensure they self-isolate once they arrive in the Atlin area.

We have heard from several operators that have noted their plans for ensuring they are entering the area safely and plan to isolate for 2 weeks prior to interacting in town. It is good news to hear that they have already made plans for this and are taking the situation seriously.

There have been several operators that have already started to open-up the roads to their mining operations and have started prep work at their mines.

2020 and Reclamation

The focus for this year will be to start establishing better reclamation practices. This is the process of putting a mined area back to a condition for natural plant growth to start.

Salmon Gold and Otter Creek

We are working with the BC government and a non-profit organization called Salmon Gold to continue restoration work on the lower Otter Creek area, such that the creek will provide fish habitat again. Work in this area is ongoing and will be for several years.

In addition to that area of Otter Creek, Salmon Gold will be attempting to partner with the mine operators on upper Otter Creek to enhance the reclamation that those operators are obligated to conduct. This means that, if this partnership goes through, the reclamation done by those operators will be to a higher standard than what is currently practiced in the Atlin area.

This project intends to show that when reclamation planning and work is done in partnership, reclamation can be coordinated on a watershed scale resulting in an improvement in the quality of reclamation from the upper reaches through to Surprise Lake.

Once the mining and reclamation is completed in this area (hopes are for this to happen within 5 years), this area will no longer be available for any further placer mining in the future.

Mining Division Update (continued)

Reclamation Prescriptions

We have a funding agreement that will be used to hire a consulting firm to develop reclamation prescriptions. This means that a chart will be developed that outlines which plants should be planted in a given area as part of reclamation after mining is complete. Revegetating with plants that naturally grow in the Atlin area, and that establish quickly on disturbed ground, will help an area recover from mining disturbance and will create habitat quicker than if the area is not planted.

Currently placer mining operators are not required to plant during reclamation because of the worry that the seeds used may be contaminated with weed species or spread grass seed. But once we have a properly developed 'prescription' of what seed or seedlings are best for an area, BC government has committed to making those prescriptions part of a mine permit and planting would then become a requirement.



Photo (top) Placer mining east of Atlin, (below) willow plug planted through TRT reclamation efforts.

Land Guardian Program Update

The following update was provided by Anna Schmidt on behalf of the TRTFN Land Guardian Program.

The Land Guardian Program is currently undergoing some change. Stephen Badhwar has stepped away from the position of Program Coordinator, and the Lands Department is in the process of hiring a replacement.

A few key highlights of the Program:

Summer 2019

- The Guardians participated in assessments and re-confirmation of archeological sites on the Taku and Nakina Rivers
- The Guardians also collected fish samples around the Atlin area to test for contaminant levels
- Guardians also led the Nakina trail hike last June, which involved a number of Tlingit youth

Fall 2019

- Guardians have been supporting the Mining Officer to undertake water quality sampling around the Atlin area and Tulsequah River
- Guardians have also support Fisheries with work on the Tatsatua River last fall

Winter 2020

- Trevor Williams and Logan O'Shea participated in a two-week Drone training program This resulted in TRTFN receiving a free Drone which can be used to support monitoring work by the Lands Department
- Guardians participated in aerial caribou surveys
- Guardians have been participating in wolf track surveys in the Yukon portion of the territory to understand wolf-caribou interactions in the Southern Lakes
- Guardians have also continued the caribou track surveys to monitor the Atlin caribou herd; this monitoring has been done every winter since 2014.



Photo (right) Shawna Yoemans guarding TRT Land at the recent COVID check stop (see page 21)

Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCA)

Update

The following update was provided by Susan Carlick on behalf of the TRTFN IPCA team
Land Protection - A New Opportunity

Land Protection has always been a high priority for our people. TRT members and Elders identified over 50% of our territory for protection. Through the Atlin Taku Land Use Plan we achieved protection (no mining or industrial development) for about 25% - SO... there is a lot of work still to do. The Tlatsini Map (TRT Protection Vision) approved in 2009 will continue to guide your leadership and the TRT work.

We/TRT Land and Resources has secured funding from Canada (November 2019) to participate in a National process to protect biodiversity throughout Canada. Canada's advisors have said that the best way to achieve protection targets is to support Indigenous lead conservation. TRT has Funding is secure for this fiscal year and we expect we will be applying for additional funding from conservation partners and to Canada for funding beyond March 2021.

Priorities identified for 2020-2021:

Our highest priority is communication with TRT membership. We are currently developing tools and clarify how we are going to engage with our community. We are working on a series of videos for your information and will be seeking approval to initiate a webpage and facebook page. Any ideas you have will be appreciated. We need to engage with our members and Elders to get their input, advice and direction!

We are also working to:

- Identify the priority areas within the Tlatsini Vision for protection/special management, we also want to explore the questions "is all the land we want protected in the Tlatsini Vision?" - we already have developed a Tlatsini+ icefields Vision based on community direction last spring
- Identify TRT priorities; Tuslequah Valley, Icefields, etc. Are there other management issues that need our attention?
- Communication and collaboration with Tlingit neighbors
- Monitor what the Tahltan are doing - and initiate discussions regarding overlap.
- clarifying how to support the Guardian program and help develop overall capacity

If you would like more information or want to provide input into the work - please contact Susann Carlick or Charmaine Thom and we will make sure to connect you to the planning team.

RELAW (Revitalization of Land, Air, and Water): Tlingit Law Revitalization Update

The following update was provided by Anna Schmidt on behalf of the TRTFN RELAW team.

The TRTFN Lands Department has been engaged in Tlingit Law Revitalization work since summer 2017 in partnership with West Coast Environmental Law (WCEL). During that time the RELAW team (K'èdukà Jack and Shawna Smith with TRTFN, and Gavin Smith, staff lawyer for WCEL) gathered Tlingit stories, and used innovative legal methodologies to identify Tlingit legal principles from those stories. They also engaged with the community through a number of meetings and training sessions. The project ran for a year until summer 2018 when it was put on hold while the RELAW team worked with T'akhu A'Tlen Conservancy (TAC) to apply for new funding.

In 2019 the RELAW project received funding through the Canadian Mountain Network (CMN) to continue the law revitalization work. TAC is administering the project with TRTFN, and the original team has been brought back together under contract with TAC, with Anna Schmidt working for Lands. The team has always had a strong commitment to this work, and has dedicated their time to regaining momentum with efforts focused mainly on community engagement materials and capacity building. Over the last year the team has grown to include Shirley Jack and Caitlin O'Shea, and is taking steps to hire a full-time staff member in the next year.

Although certain aspects of the programming and community engagement have been paused due to safety recommendations around COVID-19, our work has continued and deepened in other areas. Preparation for an on-the-land Law Training Camp, the delivery of a synthesis of Tlingit legal principles at the next JCM, and our planning for meaningful community engagement are in full swing. We also continue to seek additional funding to move this essential work forward at every opportunity.

Keep an eye out for our RELAW newsletter in which more in-depth information will be provided about all areas of the RELAW project.

UPDATE ON CHECK STOPS



During Easter long weekend TRTFN set up a Check Stop to gather information around essential travel through COVID-19 regulations. We had staff and Auxiliary Land Guardians positioned at two places, at 5-mile reserve and ATELP reserve. We provided people with information that was dependent on what they were travelling for, such as cabin use recreational use or hunting.

The weather was great and we enjoyed doing something to help the Atlin community as a whole. We will consolidate the information gathered to provide to CDC, with the intent for them to make an informed decision as to how effective these Check Stops were.



Photo (above) Christine Ziegler holds the line at Como Lake



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PLEASE NOTE: Due to Pandemic consideration, our staff is operating on a modified schedule with limited office times for the foreseeable future



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Projects and Initiatives Summary

The following Table lists projects/initiatives currently ongoing at the Lands Department

Project	Lead(s)
Atlin Road check-stop	Charmaine Thom, Shauna Yeomans
Grizzly Bear Stewardship Project	Shauna Yeomans, Anna Schmidt
Otter Creek Delta Restoration	Jackie Caldwell
Otter Creek Watershed Reclamation	Jackie Caldwell
Tulsequah Chief Mine Remediation	Jackie Caldwell
Tulsequah River Monitoring	Jackie Caldwell, Mark Connor
Implementation of 2019 TRTFN Mining Policy	Jackie Caldwell
Reclamation Prescriptions	Jackie Caldwell
Reclamation Research	Jackie Caldwell
Mercury Study	Jackie Caldwell
Atlin Placer Mining Water Monitoring	Jackie Caldwell
Mining Visits and Inspections (TRTFN and BC)	Jackie Caldwell
Greenhouse/seedbank Report	Jackie Caldwell
Land Guardian Program	TBD (Program Coordinator), Anna Schmidt, Shauna Yeomans,
RELAW	Anna Schmidt
Hydro expansion environmental review	Christine Ziegler, Ryan LaPointe, Mark Connor
Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas Planning	Charmaine Thom, Susan Carlick, Robin Urquhart
Cultural Heritage Policy	Ben Louter
Digitizing heritage Archives	Ben Louter, Roberta Shepherd
Northern Territory Research	Ben Louter, Roberta Shepherd
Canoe Landing signage	Ben Louter
Cultural Monitor training	Ben Louter
Archeological site confirmation	Ben Louter
Collaborative Stewardship Framework	Ryan LaPointe
Sheep Monitoring	Ryan LaPointe
Southern Lakes Caribou Recovery	Ryan LaPointe
Ungulate point count monitoring	Ryan LaPointe

Projects and Initiatives Summary (continued)

Projects/initiatives currently ongoing at the Lands Department (continued)

Project	Lead(s)
Atlin Moose Action Planning	Ryan LaPointe
Wolf Track Surveys	Ryan LaPointe, Trevor Williams
Caribou Winter Track Surveys	Trevor Williams, Jerry Jack, Ryan LaPointe
Wildlife TK Synthesis	Ryan LaPointe
GIS mapping support	Christine Ziegler
Project Application reviews (11 ongoing)	Christine Ziegler
Digitizing Field Surveys	Christine Ziegler, Shauna Yeomans
Modernizing processing, tracking and spatially visualizing land use applications	Christine Ziegler
Spatial Data Management	Christine Ziegler
Climate Change Bird Monitoring	Ryan LaPointe

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Grizzly bear on
the Nakina River