

Biography of
JÌNÌK (CHARMAINE THOM)
SPOKESPERSON for TAKU RIVER TLINGIT FIRST NATION



My name is Jìnik (Charmaine Thom) of the Yanyèidi Clan, I was born and raised very traditionally by Evelyn and Sylvester Jack in Atlin BC. I spent my youth on traplines, hunting camps, and fish camps, through this experience I developed a strong work ethic. Today I continue to live a traditional lifestyle and enjoy time with my grandchildren.

Traditional education on the land and time spent with my late Father Sylvester Jack Sr., (then Chief for the Taku River Tlingit First Nation) instilled a desire to do my part for

my Tlingit Nation. I found my purpose in protecting our Land. I trained at the Yukon University and was offered a job to serve as an Environmental Protection Officer for the Yukon Government which I held for 13 years. I was offered the position as Lands Manager of TRTFN, for the past 2 and a half years. During this time, I managed a large department/team which included Heritage, Land Guardian Program, Fisheries, Mining, Wildlife, and our Lands Engagement Officer for our G2G agreement, along with many contractors, scientists, and citizens who all care for the land, water and air within our territory.

I am newly elected Spokesperson for Taku River Tlingit First Nation, after a successful run in the fall election in August 2021. I am honored to represent our Nation; this is an opportunity to listen and lead accordingly. As I begin my three-year term, I continue to encourage and support on the Land Healing activities and gatherings throughout our territory.

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