

Linking Culture and Nature in Restoration

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How does collaborating with First Nations people contribute to the ER principles of *efficient, effective and engaging*?



On the West Coast of Vancouver Island at the time of contact....

- It is estimated that 80 thousand Nuu-chah-nulth lived on the west coast of Vancouver Island
- Today there are 8 thousand Nuu-chah-nulth
- This area was intensely used as evidenced by early ethnographer and archaeological work



Kiix'in: the Huu-ay-aht captial



First Nations Treaty Tables in PRNPR

Nun-chah-nulth:
Tseshaht First Nation
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation

Maa-nulth:
Him-ay-aht First Nation
Ucluelet First Nation
Toquaht First Nation
Uchuckdesaht First Nation

Other:
Ditidaht / Pacheedaht First Nations
Hupacasath First Nation

A Different World View...



Why we do it...

- Cooperative management & modern day treaties
- Case Law (*Haida/Taku*)
- It's the right thing to do!!





"It is impossible to separate the land from its people and their culture. They are so closely intertwined as to be inseparable." Denis St.Clair Tseshah Director of Research



Throughout Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations you will hear these two words, Iisaak & Hish uk tsa wak, these are two strong and valuable words used by all of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations for varies meanings; Hish uk tsa wak is used a lot for political descriptions; such as when a nation is meeting or negotiating with another government body this word is used to show that all of the land, water, sky the Aboriginal people use.



"As we work through difficult or sensitive items, it only serves to strengthen our commitment to presenting our Nations in a manner that dignifies our people through our joint endeavour. Ida Mills, Ditidaht Elder representative Wickaninnish NCN Working Group





In the end, it's all about the relationship!



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