



**'NAMGIS**  
FIRST NATION

# **NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

# DEPARTMENT ROLES

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- Rights and Title Strategy
  - Continue to increase 'Namgis jurisdiction over the Territory
  - Continue to assert 'Namgis interests to outside parties
  - Continue to participate in assessments and research to support Strategy
- Natural Resources Stewardship
  - Continue to increase 'Namgis role in the management of aquatic and terrestrial resources.
- Traditional Resource Use and Occupancy
  - Food fish
  - Cultural Wood
  - Wildlife
  - Cabins

# DEPARTMENT FUNDING SOURCES

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- Aquatic Resources Management
  - Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy with DFO (Canada)
  - Community and Economic Development Program with DFO (Canada)
  - Project specific grants as opportunity allows
- Terrestrial Resources Management
  - Forest Consultation and Revenue Sharing Agreement with MARR (BC)
  - Archaeological Assessments Contracts
  - Recreation Site Management Contracts

# RECREATION MANAGEMENT

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- Kaikash/Blinkhorn Management Contract
- Johnstone Strait Map Reserve and Commercial Kayak Tenures
- Schoen Lake Campground Management Contract
- Hanson Island beaches (Yukusam Heritage Society)
- Ida Lake and Bonanza Lake Campgrounds

# VISION

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Through the community engagement work done so far we have heard that membership:

- Desires 'Namgis control of the Territory,
- Considers the Territory as a place where future generations of 'Namgis work & live.
- Desires 'Namgis to play a greater role in stewardship and guardian type activities, both on the land and the water.

# VISION – CONT'D

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Using BC Capacity Initiative project funding we are working to establish a clear roadmap to improve the Nation's stewardship capacity. We want to:

- Work towards creating more year-round field positions within the NRD, with 'Namgis staff members being cross-trained to fulfill a range of tasks both aquatic and terrestrial.
- Continue to represent 'Namgis interests to outside governments and stake holders in regard to 'Namgis territory.
- Continue to support 'Namgis progress in regard to the Nation's Rights and Title Strategy.

# ACTION

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- Combined terrestrial and aquatic staff and resources to complete contract obligations while having a presence in the Territory.
- NRD physical space - moved terrestrial staff to join aquatic staff in Annex
- Re-branding Department - used project funding to provide uniforms for fieldwork, and new logos for trucks and boats.

# CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

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- First Nation Stewardship Technician Training
- Essential Wilderness First Aid Training
- Swiftwater Rescue Training
- Excel Level 1 Training
- Invasive Plant Awareness Training
- Oil Spill Response Training



# CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT - FUTURE

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- Need to encourage 'Namgis Youth to plan for careers in Natural Resources Management.
  - Average age of NRD Staff = 52
- At this time there are many sources of funding available to aboriginal students to enter 2 year or 4 year post-secondary programs related to this field.

# SALMON ENHANCEMENT ISSUES OF CONCERN

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- Lake fertilization program not funded in the Spring of 2016
- Nimpkish River Chum population has crashed!

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