



Notice to Community Members

Tuesday June 9th, 2015

To keep up to date with the latest Community Notices and News, please visit our new website: www.hupacasath.ca. Immediate updates are posted there for all the community to see. Topics include: fish days, community meetings, job postings, and interesting news.

For the most immediate updates, please ensure your e-mail address is up to date and we can send you instant updates. As a community, let's all take care of each other and make sure those who don't use the internet frequently, get the information as well. Delivering on-reserve notices sometimes doesn't happen until the day after information on the internet is sent out. Please call your family members and elders to ensure we are all kept up to date.

Final Reminder: Hupačasath Youth Centre Grand Opening will be **Wednesday June 10th from 6-8pm.**

Hupačasath First Nations is looking for community members interested in being the Fish Day person(s) in charge.

Hupačasath First Nation Council will be appointing a Fish Day Manager on: Thursday June 11th at 6pm at the House of Gathering.

The purpose of this meeting is to select volunteers who are willing to be the Fish Day managers for the remainder of Fish Days in our community. This requires coordination with Hupačasath administration and staff to ensure a smooth Fish Day.

These individuals will be required to follow the fish day policy and assist with the organizing of fish day. They will work in coordination with the fisherman to let the community know whether or not fish day is a go. On fish day they must be present to take care of the distribution list and keep fish day going in an orderly fashion.

Upcoming Fish Days

We hope to have an appointed band members or volunteers to manage the upcoming Fish Days. We are unsure what the fishing will be like this year as there are low water levels and the waterways are warming up fast. Fishing plans are determined on Thursdays at the roundtable discussions. Please refer to the attached Frequent Asked Questions regarding Fish Day.



City of Port Alberni Water Restrictions

Please consider these water restrictions on Ahahswinis Reserve as get our water from the City of Port Alberni and use the same reservoir.

Current Restrictions - Stage 1

Due to low reservoir levels it is necessary to impose restrictions on Outdoor Water Use including **garden and lawn** watering. Therefore **effective 12:01 a.m. June 8th , 2015** and until further notice, Outdoor Water Use is restricted as follows:

6:00 am – 9:00 am & 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Even No. Addresses can sprinkle on even numbered calendar days

Odd No. Addresses can sprinkle on odd numbered calendar days

In addition to the above restrictions your co-operation in adhering to the following water conservation practices is requested.

1. Minimize water used for non-essentials such as car washing, and hosing off your driveway.
2. Ensure that sprinklers are not left running unnecessarily.

Stage 1 Exemptions include: municipal parks, school yards, sports fields, and public spray parks. Hand watering flowers and vegetable gardens are also exempt.

Adherence to these restrictions will assist the City in meeting your domestic and emergency water demands. Should the dry weather continue the City will impose further restrictions. Your co-operation in adhering to these Outdoor Water Use Restrictions and reducing water consumption wherever possible will be greatly appreciated.



FREQUENT ASKED QUESTIONS: FISH DAY

Due to the inconsistencies of previous Fish Day procedures, we have been directed back to the *Opetchesaht Fisheries Law (1992)*. As a council, we are elected to follow policy. These are the most recent policies agree upon by the community. Until the community amends these policies, these are the ones to follow.

Do we have a Fisheries Manager?

- We are pleased to announce we have hired a Biologist/Fisheries Manager, Graham Murrell on a term position. In his position, he will be mentoring our Fish Escapement Manager, Leon Lauder. We don't have the specific *Fisheries Manager* position at Hupačasath First Nation this year.

How will I find out about Fish Day?

- At Hupačasath, we send out a notice delivered on reserve, online and via email to let people know of the weekly fishing plans.

How is Fish Day determined?

- Fish Day is determined at the Round Table discussions on Thursdays. From those discussions the fish plans are set for commercial and communal fisheries for both Hupačasath and Tseshaht.



When is Fish Day?

- As we can't accurately predict how much fish will come in from our fisherman, the following decision was made:

If there is a reasonable amount caught we would distribute to community members present at Fish Day. Distribution of fish will be at the Hupačasath House of Gathering on **Sunday Morning**.

If there isn't a reasonable amount caught, Elders & Disabled persons will be taken care of by our community fisherman.

I am unable to attend fish day, can I designate someone to pick up my fish for me?

- In the Opetchesaht Fisheries Law, you must **be present and participate** to receive your equal share of fish.

"Elders and disabled persons and children under 12 years of age do not have to assist in order to obtain a fair share"

- According to policy, only Elders and disabled person have the ability to assign a designate for fish pick-up, the written authorization should be in prior to 1:00pm on Fridays.

I live out of town, how do I receive a fair share of fish?

- According to the policy, you must be present to receive your fair share of fish.

"The fish caught shall be divided equally to all Opetchesaht **present** and who have participated"