



NEWSLETTER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM NSLP!

It was great fun to visit our Shareholding Nations and present a Gratitude Seafood Gift Basket and treats from St. Jean's!
We wish all our Shareholding Nations and community members a very happy, healthy holiday season!



Al McCarthy (Yuufu?if?ath Government), Larry Johnson



Kathy Happynook, Carla Halvorsen (Uchucklesaht Tribe Government), Larry Johnson



Kathy Happynook, Cynthia Rainer & Rita Johnson (Huu-ay-aht First Nations), Larry Johnson



Kathy Happynook, Dianna Dragon (Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tlles7et'h' First Nations), Jennifer Woodland



Kathy Happynook and Brian Tate (Ditidaht First Nation)

KELP FUN FACTS

- BC has over 500 species of kelp!
- Kelp is a highly nutritious sea vegetable and while a staple in Asian diets, it has a rapidly growing market in North America!
- Kelp is carbon positive! It removes carbon in the ocean and reduces acid acidification!
- Products made from kelp include: food, pet food, cosmetics, nutraceuticals, bio-packaging, fertilizer, and so many more!

NSLP AND CASCADIA SEAWEED SIGN MOU

Earlier this year, NSLP completed the kelp aquaculture study with funds from the National Science, Engineering, Research Council of Canada (NSERC). The study involved seeding kelp at four locations – three of which were fallow shellfish tenures belonging to Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Huu-ay-aht First Nations. The results identified two locations that were suitable for kelp culture. Building upon this initiative, NSLP met and developed a partnership with Cascadia Seaweed (cascadiaseaweed.com). In August, a MOU was signed with Cascadia to develop seaweed culture for the benefit of NSLP's Limited Partners. This December, two sites were anchored and seeded!

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Huu-ay-aht First Nations now have kelp farms in their traditional territories! Learning from this coming season and with the continued partnership with Cascadia, NSLP will have a model for assisting interested Nations with kelp aquaculture.



Kathy Happynook & Larry Johnson checking kelp test lines



Charlie Cootes, Bill Collins, Mike Williamson



Community members getting the lines ready



Cascadia Seaweed CEO Mike Williamson and NSLP President Larry Johnson

NSLP INVITED TO SPEAK AT TWO FIRST NATION EVENTS

Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative Engagement Session

NSLP was invited to present at the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI) Engagement Session in October. Commercial Fishing Enterprises (CFE's) from all over BC were in attendance. Larry Johnson and Jennifer Woodland presented about "*Steps for Success and Opportunities in Aquaculture*". The talk recieved very positive feedback and initiated many questions about how NSLP achieved their goals and aquaculture development.



Larry Johnson, Harvey Eng (PICFI) and Kathy Happynook



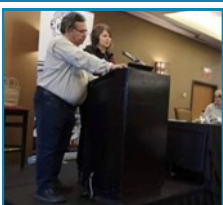
Jennifer Woodland answering questions about aquaculture

First Nations Fisheries Council Annual General Assembly

NSLP was excited to be invited to present and join a panel on aquaculture at the First Nations Fisheries Council Annual General Assembly at Harrison Hot Springs in November. Larry Johnson and Jennifer Woodland were asked to present on "*Kelp Aquaculture – An Opportunity for First Nations*". While attending the assembly, Larry and Jennifer were able to tour Golden Eagle Aquaculture's Land Based Coho Farm nearby in Agassiz. Special thanks to General Manager Terry Brooks for his time and sharing his knowledge about the challenges in land based farming. We learned a lot!



Jennifer Woodland and Larry Johnson at the
FNFC Aquaculture Panel



Terry Brooks touring Larry Johnson at the coho farm