

WELCOME TO KITASOO /XAI'XAIS TERRITORY

Located on the Central Coast within the Great Bear Rainforest, Kitasoo/Xai'xais territory is recognized globally for its wild beauty, featuring ancient forests, deep oceans and coastal fjords. Our main community, Klemtu, is on the east side of Swindle Island and stretches along Trout Bay.

The Kitasoo/Xai'xais Nation has the authority under the Kitasoo and Xai'xais Hereditary Chiefs and Food Fish Committee to enforce our traditional laws.

Protecting Our Homeland

Kitasoo/Xai'xais Guardian Watchmen work for the Kitasoo/Xai'xais Stewardship Authority, a department within the Kitasoo Band Council that manages and protects our lands, waters and resources.

We are tasked with protecting cultural sites, monitoring our territory and conducting important scientific research to support effective decision-making by the Kitasoo/Xai'xais community and its leadership.



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WATCHMEN



KITASOO/XAI'XAIS
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CONTACT US

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For more information about Kitasoo/Xai'xais,
visit: www.klemtu.com

*We are the Eyes and Ears of
Our Ancestral Territories*

Help Us Protect Our Lands and Waters



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Coastal Guardian Watchmen

Kitasoo/Xai'xais Guardian Watchmen are part of the Coastal Guardian Watchmen—a regional stewardship network run by Coastal First Nations - Great Bear Initiative.

As neighbouring First Nations with a shared vision to protect and manage the resources in our territories, we work together on issues of common concern. Together, we are creating a united presence for stewardship on the BC coast.

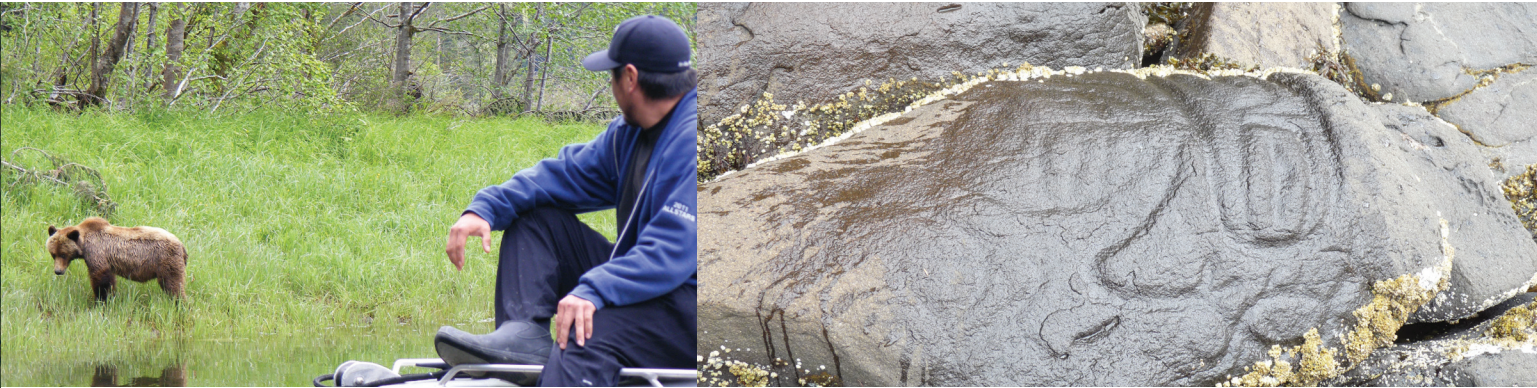
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Land and Marine Monitoring

Kitasoo/Xai'xais Guardian Watchmen patrol our territory on a regular basis, and monitor the impacts of human activities, such as fishing, logging and tourism.

We record what we see, including wildlife, vessel traffic, fishing activity and impacts on cultural sites. Our observations are collected, stored and analyzed using the Coastal First Nations Regional Monitoring System. Data are collected in a standard way along the Coast and we do regional assessments of the health of ecosystems that are important to us both ecologically and culturally.

We also conduct regular population assessments of important species, such as salmon and grizzly bears, and monitor flow and species composition of local rivers and estuaries.



REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

While you are visiting Kitasoo/Xai'xais territory, if you see any suspicious or illegal activities, please contact us immediately at the Kitasoo/Xai'xais Stewardship Authority (250-839-1096 or Radio Channel 6).

You can also report suspicious activities to the relevant enforcement authorities listed below.

IF YOU SEE	CONTACT
Illegal fishing (over limit, fishing in a closed area, out of season, unmarked gear), damage to fish habitat, or pollution	DFO—Observe, Record, Report (ORR) Line: 1-800-465-4336 or Province—Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP): 1-877-952-7277 or Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477 (if you wish to remain anonymous)
Oil spills, bilge dumping, or other marine pollution incidents or threats	Marine Pollution Line (Canadian Coast Guard): 1-800-889-8852
A marine mammal that is injured, sick, dead, harassed, entangled or abandoned	BC Marine Mammal Response Network (Observe, Record, Report): 1-800-465-4336
A marine emergency (such as a boat accident or a medical emergency)	Channel 6 Marine: VHF or #727 on cell phone or landline Canadian Coast Guard, Emergency Line: 1-800-567-5111 or 250-413-8933
Poaching wildlife or other illegal hunting	Report All Poachers and Polluters Line (Ministry of Environment): 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on mobile phone
Dumping garbage or other pollution on land	Report All Poachers and Polluters Line (Ministry of Environment): 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on mobile phone
Forest fires	Report a Wildfire Line (Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations): 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on cell phone
Illegal harvesting of trees or concerns about logging practices	BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development, Central Coast (Bella Coola): 250-982-2000
Disturbing or looting an archaeological site or culturally sensitive area	Bella Bella RCMP: 250-957-2388 or Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477 (if you wish to remain anonymous)
Inappropriate activities in a protected area or conservancy	BC Ministry of Environment (Central Coast): 250-982-2701
Natural or human caused emergencies (oil spills, landslides, flooding, etc.)	BC Provincial Emergency Program: 1-800-663-3456

ABOUT THE KITASOO/XAI'XAIS NATION

In the 1860s, our two distinct nations came together in Klemtu—the Kitasoo Nation of the islands and the Xai'xais Nation of the mainland.

In addition to coming from different geographies, the Kitasoo and the Xai'xais spoke different languages prior to the introduction of English. The Kitasoo are the southernmost group of the Tsimshianic language family and speak Sgüüxs (a southern dialect); the Xai'xais are part of the Wakashan language family and speak Xai'xais.

To learn more about Kitasoo/Xai'xais culture, history and stewardship efforts, visit www.klemtu.com.

COASTAL FIRST NATIONS



An Alliance in Stewardship

The Kitasoo/Xai'xais Nation is a part of Coastal First Nations - Great Bear Initiative—an alliance of nine First Nations along BC's North and Central Coasts and Haida Gwaii.

Although each Nation has its own distinct territory, governance and culture, our territories are found within the **Great Bear Rainforest**—one of the largest temperate coastal rainforest systems left on Earth. After decades of industrial logging and over-fishing in our territories, we collectively vowed to create a new conservation-based economy in our territories.

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