

WELCOME TO NUXALK TERRITORY

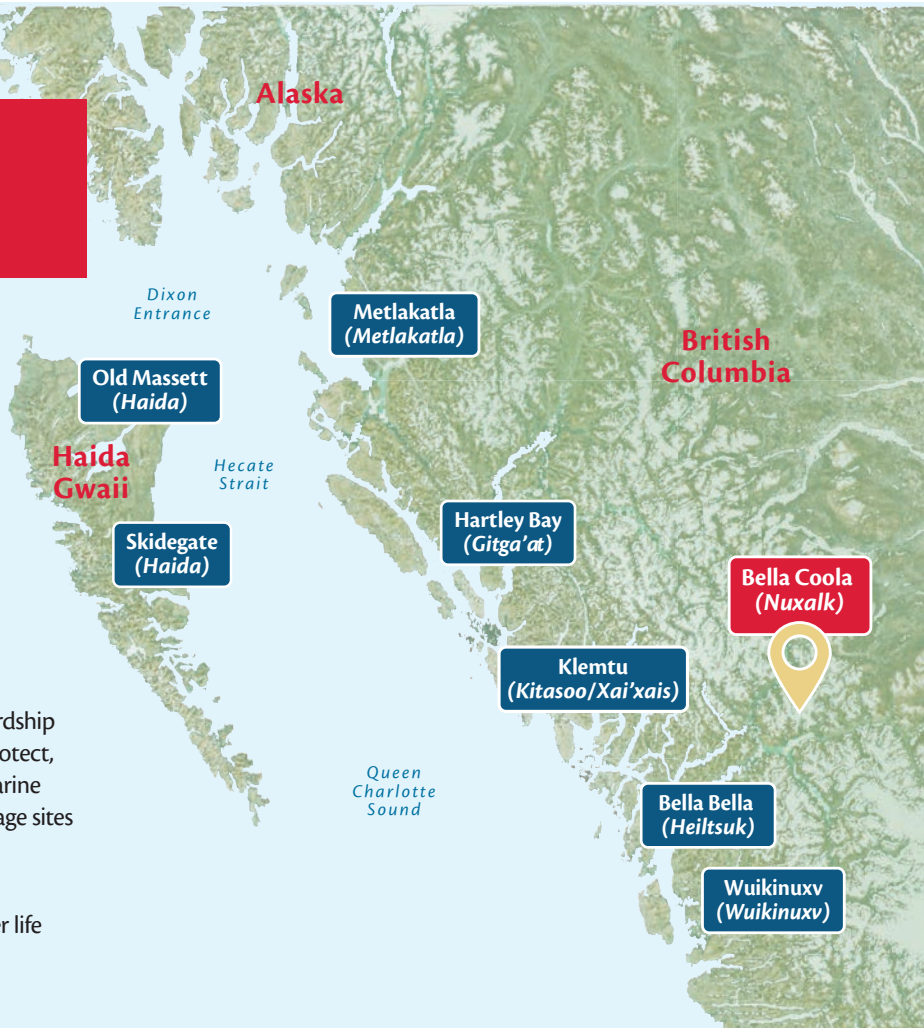
Nuxalk territory covers thousands of square kilometres on BC's Central Coast—from the lush coastline to the snow-capped peaks and rushing rivers of the Bella Coola Valley and surrounding region.

The Nuxalk Nation has the authority and responsibility under Nuxalk laws to protect these lands and waters, and to maintain the region's rich ecological and cultural diversity.

Protecting Our Homeland

Nuxalk Guardian Watchmen work for the Nuxalk Stewardship Office, the stewardship arm of the Nuxalk Nation. We protect, restore, and monitor our territory, including land and marine ecosystems and important cultural areas, such as old village sites and areas used for Nuxalk resource harvesting.

We strive to protect these lands and waters for all future generations and for the salmon, grizzly bears and all other life forms that share this territory with us.



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CONTACT US

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For more information about Nuxalk Stewardship,
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*We are the Eyes and Ears of
Our Ancestral Territories*

Help Us Protect Our Lands and Waters



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Coastal Guardian Watchmen

Nuxalk 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.

To learn more about the Coastal Guardian Watchmen, visit: www.coastalguardianwatchmen.ca

Land and Marine Monitoring

Nuxalk 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 bears, crab, eulachon and salmon, and monitor flow and species composition of local rivers and estuaries.



REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

While you are visiting Nuxalk territory, if you see any suspicious or illegal activities, please contact us immediately at the Nuxalk Stewardship Office (250-799-5613 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 Province—Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP): 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on mobile Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477 <i>(if you wish to remain anonymous)</i>
Oil spills, bilge dumping, or other marine pollution incidents or threats	Marine Pollution Line <i>(Canadian Coast Guard):</i> 1-800-889-8852 BC Provincial Emergency Program: 1-800-663-3456
A marine mammal that is injured, sick, dead, harassed, or abandoned	BC Marine Mammal Response Network <i>(Observe, Record, Report):</i> 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 <i>(Ministry of Environment):</i> 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on mobile phone
Dumping garbage or other pollution on land	Report All Poachers and Polluters Line <i>(Ministry of Environment):</i> 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on mobile phone
Forest fires	Report a Wildfire Line <i>(Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations):</i> 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on cell phone
Illegal harvesting of trees or concerns about logging practices	Central Coast Field Office <i>(Bella Coola):</i> 250-982-2000 or Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477 <i>(if you wish to remain anonymous)</i>
Disturbing or looting an archaeological site or culturally sensitive area	Bella Coola: 250-799-5363 Or Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477 <i>(if you wish to remain anonymous)</i>
Inappropriate activities in a protected area or conservancy	Central Coast: 250-982-2701
Other natural or human caused emergencies	BC Provincial Emergency Program: 1-800-663-3456

ABOUT THE NUXALK NATION



The Nuxalk Nation was created from a collection of ancestral villages distributed throughout *kulhulmcilh* (“our land”), which surrounds what is known today as the Bella Coola Valley.

Knowledge of ancestry remains strong for the Nuxalkmc, and family crests, songs and dances tell the histories of our people. We have forged a rich culture here, deeply connected to the coastal rainforest and ocean. And for thousands of years, we have carefully managed these lands and waters, relying on our knowledge of seasonal cycles to harvest resources without depleting them.

The Nuxalk Nation has never signed any treaties with federal or provincial governments. We maintain Rights and Title to our entire ancestral territory, and exercise our laws and governance structures to take care of these lands and waters.

To learn more about Nuxalk culture, history and stewardship efforts, visit www.nuxalknation.ca.

COASTAL FIRST NATIONS



An Alliance in Stewardship

The Nuxalk 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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