

# Welcome to Wuikinuxv Territory

Encompassing Rivers Inlet and Owikeno Lake on BC's Central Coast, Wuikinuxv Territory extends from the rugged coast at Calvert Island to the mountainous inland watersheds that feed those large water bodies.

For countless generations, the Wuikinuxv people have used abundant Western Redcedar in the region's great forests to build Big Houses, totem poles and ocean-going and river canoes. Their communities thrived on plentiful natural resources, including salmon that travel up the inlets and rivers to spawn.

## Protecting Our Homeland

Wuikinuxv ancestors taught each successive generation that the "land is our responsibility"—a foundational ethic that led directly to our community-based Wuikinuxv Guardian Watchmen program.

With dedicated staff and resources, we help monitor and protect important cultural and ecological resources that are critical to the health and well-being of the Wuikinuxv people.



# Contact Us

**Wuikinuxv Resource Stewardship**  
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For more information about Wuikinuxv  
visit: [www.wuikinuxv.net](http://www.wuikinuxv.net)



# WUIGINUXV GUARDIAN WATCHMEN

**WE ARE THE EYES AND EARS OF  
OUR ANCESTRAL TERRITORIES**  
*Help Us Protect Our Lands and Waters*



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**Coastal Guardian Watchmen**

Wuikinuxv 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](http://www.coastalguardianwatchmen.ca)

**Land and Marine Monitoring**

Wuikinuxv 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 crab, seaweed and grizzly bears, and monitor flow and species composition of local rivers and estuaries.



**Report Suspicious Activities**

While you are visiting Wuikinuxv territory, if you see any suspicious or illegal activities, please contact us immediately at Wuikinuxv Resource Stewardship (250-949-8625 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	<b>DFO—Observe, Record, Report (ORR) Line:</b> 1-800-465-4336 or <b>Province—Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP):</b> 1-877-952-7277 or <b>Crime Stoppers:</b> 1-800-222-8477 <i>(if you wish to remain anonymous)</i>
Oil spills, bilge dumping, or other marine pollution incidents or threats	<b>Marine Pollution Line</b> <i>(Canadian Coast Guard):</i> 1-800-889-8852
A marine mammal that is injured, sick, dead, harassed, entangled or abandoned	<b>BC Marine Mammal Response Network</b> <i>(Observe, Record, Report):</i> 1-800-465-4336
A marine emergency (such as a boat accident or a medical emergency)	<b>Channel 6 Marine:</b> VHF or #727 on cell phone or landline <b>Canadian Coast Guard, Emergency Line:</b> 1-800-567-5111 or 250-413-8933
Poaching wildlife or other illegal hunting	<b>Report All Poachers and Polluters Line</b> <i>(Ministry of Environment):</i> 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on mobile phone
Dumping garbage or other pollution on land	<b>Report All Poachers and Polluters Line</b> <i>(Ministry of Environment):</i> 1-877-952-7277 or #7277 on mobile phone
Forest fires	<b>Report a Wildfire Line</b> <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	<b>BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations &amp; Rural Development, Central Coast</b> <i>(Bella Coola):</i> 250-982-2000
Disturbing or looting an archaeological site or culturally sensitive area	<b>Bella Bella RCMP:</b> 250-957-2388 <b>Or Crime Stoppers:</b> 1-800-222-8477 <i>(if you wish to remain anonymous)</i>
Inappropriate activities in a protected area or conservancy	<b>BC Ministry of Environment</b> <i>(Central Coast):</i> 250-982-2701
Natural or human caused emergencies (oil spills, landslides, flooding, etc.)	<b>BC Provincial Emergency Program:</b> 1-800-663-3456

**About the Wuikinuxv Nation**



The Wuikinuxv Nation has existed here for more than 10,000 years, and these lands and resources are as important to us as the air we breathe. Before European contact, we had established a much larger nation along the Pacific Coast, having built a complex and well-organized society.

Fishing has always been a great source of wealth and a major influence on Wuikinuxv culture, although salmon populations have dropped dramatically over the last century due to industrial-scale commercial fisheries. We have seen the effects of this over-harvesting and neglect first-hand, which is why we are demanding a greater say in how the resources are managed in our territory.

To learn more about Wuikinuxv culture, history and stewardship efforts, visit [www.wuikinuxv.net](http://www.wuikinuxv.net).

**Coastal First Nations**



**An Alliance in Stewardship**

The Wuikinuxv 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.

To learn more, visit [www.coastalfirstnations.ca](http://www.coastalfirstnations.ca).