



Doobah

LANDS STUDY

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Doobah – Incremental Treaty Agreement

In March 2013 we signed an Incremental Treaty Agreement (ITA) with the Province. An ITA is a pre-treaty agreement that allows us to enjoy benefits in advance of our Final Agreement. They are meant to help build trust among the parties, create incentives to reach further milestones and provide increased certainty over land and resources.

Our ITA granted us three parcels of land. One of these parcels is called Doobah. It's a large, 350-hectare (865 acre) site on Nitinat Lake just below one of our reserves, Doobah 10. Doobah is seven times larger than our current reserve, Malachan.

Doobah is about 22 kilometres by road, or a 20-minute boat ride from Malachan (see the map on reverse). It's the remaining entrance to Nitinat Lake not under our jurisdiction, giving us more say in how the lake is used and managed. The two other parcels of land will be transferred to us once we've reached other treaty negotiation milestones.

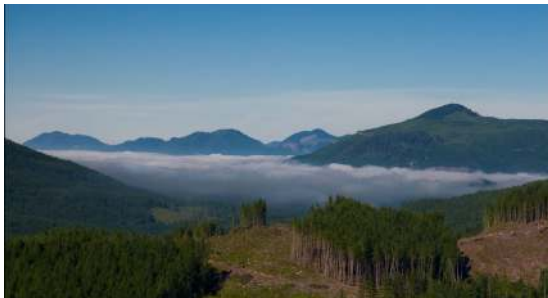


PHOTO: *Early morning clouds over Nitinat Lake*
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WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Ditidaht Development Corporation is working on a project to identify potential tourism and recreation development opportunities on a large piece of land that the Province recently granted us as part of our ongoing treaty negotiations (see sidebar).

The study will help us better understand site conditions and potential opportunities, including smaller scale recreation and tourism activities.

The project will also help us understand what's important to Ditidaht members as we work to better manage our new lands and explore new economic development opportunities.

If members identify an opportunity we want to pursue and its feasible from an environmental, community and business perspective, the project will include the creation of a business plan for the selected opportunity.

WHAT'S THE TIMELINE?

We just hired a consultant to help us with the work. They're planning on having the first phase of the project completed this winter.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

We will be asking members for input and feedback at community meetings and other events, including our next round of treaty meetings (November 3rd to 6th). We'll also be closely coordinating events with our Comprehensive Community Plan project and our Strategic Land Use Plan update project. Finally, keep your eye out for regular mail outs like this one for more opportunities to get involved throughout the project.

WHO'S WORKING ON IT?

The project is being coordinated by the Ditidaht Development Corporation and is being supported by a Vancouver-based planning firm, EcoPlan. They will be working closely with the people working on our Comprehensive Community Plan project and our Strategic Land Use Plan project.



WANT TO STAY CONNECTED OR GET MORE INFORMATION?

You can keep up to date on this project on our webpage (www.ditidaht.ca), look for information in our Uyxabs Newsletter, or contact Paul Seiber, Communications Officer (250-745-3333 ext. 224, paulcomm@ditidaht.ca) or Bryan Cofsky, CEO, Ditidaht Development Corporation (250-929-8370, ditdevcorp@shaw.ca).