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Streamlining the way to salmon revitalization

All summer long people cast their lines and nets in pursuit of the salmon that call the currents in Northern B.C. their home.

These past couple of years however, have seen the number of salmon steadily declining, causing a significant hit to the fishermen who depend on the silvery fish for their livelihood.

Nak'azdli Whut'en Fisheries Representative Pete Erickson attested to this worrisome development. "Last year the community was happy with 2000 fish," says Pete, "but in the 1800s we would get 200,000 fish!"

In the Indigenous community of Nak'azdli, you will find the Nak'azdli Fish Hatchery situated on the shoreline of Stuart Lake. This consists of the old stationary hatchery that is currently being brought back online, as well as two of five new mobile hatcheries **funded by Coastal GasLink.**

Thanks to the continued efforts of local Indigenous members from the Nak'azdli and Toboggan Creek hatcheries, there is still hope for the declining salmon population.

West of Nak'azdli you will find the Skeena River Watershed where the **Toboggan Creek Hatchery** resides. The Toboggan Creek Hatchery focuses on research and data collection on the Coho and Chinook populations in Smithers B.C., as well as educating

locals and tourists about their hatchery work. This August, Toboggan Creek Hatchery Manager Kris Bulloch and his crew were busy catching Chinook as part of their Chinook enhancement program.



Lots of our community members remember visiting the hatchery in school so getting the school groups coming in to learn about salmon is great. It's cool to see young kids know more about salmon than their parents." — Kris Bulloch, Toboggan Creek Hatchery Manager.

For the past three years, the 36-year-old hatchery has been undergoing major upgrades in an effort to modernize the facility. These upgrades include, replacing wood structures with metal to make the hatchery more bio-secure, increasing the settling pond, and upgrading the landscaping and trails.

For Bulloch and the hatchery, these upgrades are the key to extending the life of the hatchery.

Coastal GasLink is proud to support Indigenous and local hatcheries along the project route so they can



Aerial View of the Nak'azdli Fish Hatchery



Updated metal barriers at the Toboggan Creek Hatchery

continue educating and protecting the waterways in Northern B.C. As Nak'azdli and Toboggan Creek hatcheries meet their goals, they hope to create a lasting impact to their community and the next generation of environment stewards.

To learn more about how Coastal GasLink gives back to the communities where we operate visit our **Sustainability** page on coastalgaslink.com.

Building a table of Reconciliation and opportunity



Lorisha Desjarlais brought together Coastal GasLink's Indigenous and local team members to help improve Moberly Lake Elementary School.

On this National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, and every day, Coastal GasLink stands alongside our Indigenous community partners to reflect on the past and to look ahead to a brighter future for the next generation.

Gathering around a table and sharing a meal to recognize and celebrate life's important moments is something we can all relate to. Last year, on September 30th, Coastal GasLink's Indigenous and local team members gathered around the table to remember the survivors of the Residential School system.

Doreen Healy, a Kainai Nation member, shared her experiences as a Residential School survivor with attendees in a virtual presentation.

"The content of what we learned is important, it was eye opening for some, and deeply personal for Doreen and Coastal GasLink's Indigenous team members," remarks Lorisha Desjarlais, a Coastal GasLink Community Workforce Accommodation Advisor (CWAA) Coordinator and Saulteau First Nations member. "Sharing a meal after the presentation was healing; we ate together, talked, laughed and discussed ways to influence change."

As Dustin Apsassin, a Construction Monitor Community Liaison (CMCL) Advisor from Blueberry River First Nations, reflects on Doreen's presentation, he shared that "it took a lot of courage to talk about what had happened to her."

Building a brighter future

To mark that important day, Coastal GasLink wanted to reflect and remember the past, while also honouring survivors by helping to build a better future for the next generation. Following the meal, the team got to work planting spruce and pine saplings, and stained picnic benches and tables for Moberly Lake Elementary School.

Desjarlais jumped at the opportunity to plan the day's events. "This is something really near and dear to my heart," she said.

CMCL Advisors like Apsassin are responsible for monitoring construction and reporting back to their communities, while the CWA Advisors help foster safer and more inclusive workforce accommodations.

On that day however, they stood side by side with other team members, sharing stories and laughter, with the hum of shovels and paint brushes busy at work in the background.

"We're here to support our students, their education, and their goals, because our success rate as Indigenous peoples is still below the provincial average. Anything we can do to provide added value helps close that gap," said Desjarlais.

As the planting and painting concluded for the day, Rocky Desjarlais, a CMCL Coordinator, shared that instructors brought the children out to see the impact of an Indigenous-led program on the school.

"It just felt good, knowing that they are seeing positive Indigenous role models volunteering their time to come support their journey towards a better future," exclaimed Rocky.

Reflecting on this year's National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Coastal GasLink's commitment to stand alongside Indigenous communities remains unchanged. We're here to reflect, and we're here to step forward together.



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Reaching new heights on Coastal GasLink

It's a long way to the top, but we made it! The **Section 8 West** team, led by Prime Contractor Ledcor-Haisla LP, successfully and safely reached the highest elevation point on Coastal GasLink at the top of Icy Pass last month.

At approximately 1,450 metres high, the pass is the highest alpine passage for Coastal GasLink through the Coastal Mountains. It brings incredible technical challenges with exceptional elevation gains and steep slopes.

"Reaching the top of Icy Pass is no easy feat; our team had to work alongside year-round run-off channels, extreme weather, and access limitations. I am incredibly proud of our team for navigating through these challenges safely and professionally," said Dan Bierd, Project VP, Implementation East, "they literally reached the top of the mountain!"

A number of other critical milestones were achieved this summer, including the completion of the **Murray River (HDD) pull** near Chetwynd, B.C. This impressive trenchless water crossing is the largest on Coastal GasLink and one of the longest and heaviest in North America, coming in at approximately 1.3 km-long.

To cap off a very successful summer construction season, Section 8 West, east of Kitimat, safely completed the road to the top of Cable Crane Hill on July 20, completing the critical access for construction nine days ahead of schedule.



Views of Icy Pass



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Aerial view of Kitimat Meter Station

In August, the team celebrated the **completion of the Kitimat Meter Station** with no recordable safety incidents. The facility marks the end of the Coastal GasLink pipeline in Kitimat, where natural gas will be measured, inspected for quality, and delivered to the LNG Canada facility.

The Burnt River Direct Pipe Installation (DPI) crossing was completed on September 9, seven months earlier than expected.



More milestones to come!

To keep up to date on construction progress on Coastal GasLink, sign up for our monthly **Construction update** or visit our website at coastalgaslink.com.

Creating a legacy of environmental protection

Respect and care for the environment – including frogs – is core to Coastal GasLink’s construction program.

Recently, our environment team went out along the project route to conduct an amphibian rescue. This practice is an annual activity outlined in our robust environmental management plans. It sees amphibians within our project’s footprint relocated to another suitable habitat where they can thrive.

Kaitlyn Winchester, a Senior Wildlife Biologist and Field Supervisor on the project feels it’s important for people to understand how much is involved in the project’s environmental protection program.



So much effort and care goes into this. There’s a lot of mitigation for the environment that the public doesn’t know about, and there’s a lot of people who are really dedicated to it and working to maintain environmental integrity.”
— Kaitlyn Winchester

Striving for that level of care and excellence for the environment is part of what sets Coastal GasLink apart. At the end of the day, Coastal GasLink is building more than a pipeline. We’re

building a legacy for communities across northern B.C., the province, and Canada.



A member of our environment team relocating amphibians.

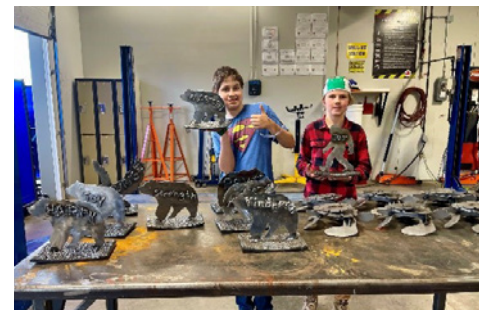
In your community



Coastal GasLink is proud to continue to support **Hope Air** with a \$10,000 contribution to help patients from communities like Kitimat, Terrace, Smithers, Prince Rupert and Prince George reach medical treatment in urban centres. Hope Air is Canada’s only national charity providing travel and accommodations for Canadians in financial need, who must travel for medical care far from home.



Our 7 Mile and Little Rock Lake Lodges housed firefighters during this year’s wildfire season, including Nisga’a firefighters from the B.C. Wildfire Service. Coastal GasLink works closely with the B.C. Wildfire Service, Emergency Management B.C. and local first responders to help keep communities safe, and ensure our teams have the right measures in place to prevent and stop wildfires.



This summer, a group of Grade 8 students had the chance to get hands-on welding experience at the annual Arx and Sparx welding camp in Smithers. The valuable training and development opportunity, sponsored by LNG Canada and Coastal GasLink and delivered by CWB Welding Foundation, targeted students entering grade 8 this fall so they could familiarize themselves with trades programs offered in high school.

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We’d like to hear from you

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