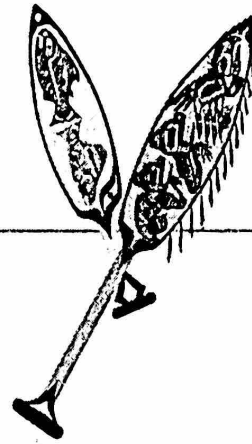


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December 8, 2022

Donald Bremner, President
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President Bremner,

In 2021, the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe learned that Yak Timber, a subsidiary of Yak-tat Kwaan, Inc., intended to log Humpback (Humpy) Creek. As you know, Humpy Creek represents the original settlement of the Kwaashk'i Kwaan people in the Yakutat area. In an effort to protect this historically significant site, our Tribal Council passed *Resolution 2021-10* on August 27, 2021, holding that:

1. Humpy Creek is home to a historic village site and burial grounds
2. Other traditional and sacred places were likely in the path of the proposed logging operation
3. Logging activity and equipment would destroy evidence of sacred places and desecrate future inquiry and research

We recently received photos that show logging has occurred near the banks of Humpy Creek and very near the beach, both likely places to contain sacred and cultural sites. We also have recently received into our possession a photo that suggests the active disturbance of a historic site by logging machinery, and drone evidence that the logging operation may have crossed over into an area Sealaska has identified as a known cultural heritage area, so marked for known burial grounds and historic sites.

The Yakutat Tlingit Tribe hereby respectfully requests access to the Humpy Creek logging site for immediate archeological review, and further requests that no more logging take place in the area until we can determine if burial grounds or historic sites are being damaged by the operation.


Andrew Gildersleeve
Chief Executive Officer

CC: Shari Jensen, Yak-tat Kwaan CEO
John Buller, YTT President
Anthony Mallott, Sealaska Corporation CEO

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to maximize our social, health & well-being while creating economic development benefits to all tribal members.

