

## Acknowledgements

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The project was designed to include employment and archaeological training for members of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Huu-ay-aht field participants in 2004 were Charlene Nookemus, Judy Johnson, Kerri Dennis, Tala Dennis, Henry Williams, Marlene Williams, Duane Nookemus, Shane Nookemus, Vikky Nookemus, and Alexander Frank. In 2006, they were Arthur Peters, Gabriel Williams, and Candice Clappis.

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Various other individuals contributed in diverse ways. Iain McKechnie took a major role in the collection of faunal remains in the field, did the analysis of the column sample fauna, and prepared several of the maps and profiles. Other maps and profiles are the work of Brian McMillan. Gay Frederick did the main analysis of the faunal remains from the site, Ian Sumpter did the shell analysis, and Beth Weathers examined the matrix samples for paleoethnobotanical evidence. Marlow Pellatt (Parks Canada) spent several days at the site to collect core samples from a bog and wrote up the pollen results for this report. Ursula Arndt and Dongya Yang (Simon Fraser University) examined the ancient DNA from selected whalebones for species identification. Michael Wilson (Douglas College) kindly examined the stone artifacts from HuuZii, identifying lithic types and possible sources. Warren Sookocheff and Mike Perdue, students in a "Temperate Rainforest Ecology" course at Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, spent several days in camp while conducting dendrochronological studies on large trees that had grown on the site. Ann Stewart at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre kindly organized the use of several large skiffs and their operators during camp set-up and dismantling. We are indebted to them all.

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