

The Clayoquot Alliance for Research, Education & Training

A Collaborative Partnership of the University of Victoria and the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust



“Huʔaciiyuk^wap Ciqʻyak” (Bringing Back the Language)

Building Capacity for Traditional Language, Culture and Knowledge Management

The Clayoquot Alliance for Research, Education and Training has provided support during the establishment of the *Nuu-chah-nulth Central Region Language Group* - an initiative of the member First nations of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council - Central Region: the Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht and Ucluelet First Nations.

FIRST NATIONS OF THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL CENTRAL REGION

TLA-O-QUI-AHT

Population: 757
Fluent Speakers: 30

AHOUSAHT

Population: 1646
Fluent Speakers: 40

TOQUAHT

Population: 118
Fluent Speakers: 4

HESQUIAHT

Population: 599
Fluent Speakers: 15

UCLUELET

Population: 605
Fluent Speakers: 16

Language revitalization is a key concern amongst the Central Region First Nations:

“It’s of the utmost importance that our young people learn the language. Without it we have no custom and tradition - you don’t know who you are, and learning the language you know who you are.”

Pat Charleson, Hesquiaht Elder

The work of the Clayoquot Alliance in support of the Language Group has centred on the production of a multimedia CD-ROM documenting the Nuuchahnulth names and cultural knowledge of selected native plants, animals and marine resources. This is the first of a planned series of CD-ROMs highlighting the traditional language and culture of the Central Region First Nations.

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