



The 2018 field season of the Hoonah Native Forest Partnership is in the books! The hard work and dedication of the six crew members during the fourth summer of the partnership continues to provide a working example of how investing in a local workforce can provide for a community and aid in land management.

Girdled Trees Near Spasski

Have you seen the girdled trees near Spasski? Those are part our deer habitat improvement. Instead of cutting the tree down and creating slash, girdling kills the tree and allows it to fall slowly. The result : light gets to the forest floor and produces deer food, the deer can still use the stand, and the stand is improved for timber. We know these practices alter our land, and this spring HIA, HTC, and Sealaska performed a tree ceremony for all trees cut in 2018.



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Upcoming Coastal Resources Work



Around the world oceans are changing, and that change is affecting all coastal communities including Hoonah. HIA received a grant from the BIA to study our ocean—especially resources important to the community. The primary goal of the project is to create a baseline environmental assessment and monitoring of nearshore areas beneath the low tide line. Over time, this project will help us understand the impacts of warming oceans on nearshore habitats, which have potentially negative effects on traditional coastal foods and fisheries.

***Keep watch for upcoming jobs to do
this exciting work in 2019!***

This newsletter was printed in black and white to save money for other projects, but a full-color copy can be viewed at:

www.hia-env.org/the-tide-newsletter

IGAP 2018
at a
glimpse

Seasons greetings from everyone in the IGAP Department, and thank you everyone in the community that participated in our various studies throughout the year. It's been a very busy year, we look forward to serving the community for many years to come, happy holidays everyone!

- * Shellfish Bio Mass Survey
- * Weekly Water Samples
- * Monthly Shellfish Samples
- * Weekly Ocean Acidification Samples
- * Weekly Water Nutrient Samples
- * Working with Science Class
- * Wood Stove Demonstration Project
- * Presentation at ATCEM
- * Waste Stream Assessment Study

Introducing the new IGAP Assistant!

Hello! Name is Samuel Sheakley. I am happy to say that I am now a part of Hoonah Indian

Association, I have recently joined the Environmental Department as the Environmental Assistant .



Looking Ahead to 2019

IGAP 2019 we are continuing our work to improve indoor air quality in Hoonah. This winter we are monitoring indoor air quality in homes and partnering with the HELP program (Home Energy Leadership) to help community members get a handle on their energy usage and bring down those big energy bills.

Indoor Air Quality Monitoring and Home Energy Leadership

To sign up now to have your home's air quality monitored and help getting your energy lower for **free** and be entered into a drawing to win...

A Cord of **Fire** Wood
Or
The Same Cost in
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