

# Hoonah Stewards

## Update on the Hoonah Stewards App!

This app was built with the community in mind. We know it's not perfect YET but with your help we can get there. That's why we need your feedback!

The Hoonah Stewards phone app is a first-of-its-kind program intended to bring Hoonah community members' subsistence needs and priorities to the landowners. After all, the management decisions made by the landowners directly affect your community. Shouldn't you be able to shape those decisions?

You can start shaping them today! **To become a Hoonah Steward NOW**, go to [www.hoonahstewards.net](http://www.hoonahstewards.net) to create an account.

Using this tool you can:

- Log your use of resources to communicate your reliance on natural resources
- Engage in conversations on your needs and priorities as a subsistence-user
- Keep your community safe by posting alerts and hazards
- Stay up on local job opportunities
- Find information on local events

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# TRAYLS

## Local Youth Participate in Shellfish Survey

The Training Rural Alaskan Youth Leaders (TRAYLs) program brought together 4 youth from Hoonah with our Environmental Department to do a baseline shellfish population survey. The data collected will help us monitor our cockle and butter clam populations. They beat the bugs and helped us collect some great data!



The TRAYLS members, Ashlyn Gray, Nick Treutel-Jacobson, Sam Shaekely, and Dawson Hollingsworth

**Rebekah Sawers**, the TRAYLS crew leaders, thinks the program is important because “our local youth get direction and exposure to skills and experiences that they can use to get jobs that are important to the area.”

**Ashlyn Gray** feels that she has had a lot of fun and learned many things during the program. “I didn’t know much about shellfish before, and I learned how to measure and weigh them so that we could see if they have toxins in them.”

## Hoonah Traditional Food Fair!

### Do you like prizes? Come to the Hoonah Traditional Food Fair!

Keep your calendars open for a traditional foods festival to be held in early September! The official **date and location TBD**. HIA, Ecotrust, and Huna Heritage Foundation are collaborating on this event to support and uphold healthy and traditional subsistence lifestyles.

Come celebrate our way of life together with:

- Blueberry pie eating contest!
- Judged recipe competitions for multiple food categories!
- Huge food distribution by the HNFP forest crew!
- Huna dance group performances!
- Carnival games and prizes!
- Potluck style meal!
- Space available for food & non-food vendors, and info booths!

### \*Prizes for all competitive categories

You are invited to join the planning committee: the next meeting will be held Monday, July 16th, and again every two weeks following. Contact Miakah Nix for more details (below).

If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please call Mary Peterson or email Miakah Nix at [mnix@ecotrust.org](mailto:mnix@ecotrust.org).

## The Phytoplankton are here!

Weather is warming up and with that the Phytoplankton are returning to our waters. So far we haven't seen anything that would cause our shellfish not to be safe to eat. With that being said it doesn't take much for water conditions to change and they can change rapidly.

We will continue to water sample the Harbor Boat Launch, and Shaman Point Dock each week, and we will do shellfish samples every couple of weeks and will post the results on the Clam Hub message board located in the harbor. For water sample results and shellfish results and news we will post them on our Face Book page and on our web site, you can also call us any time.



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