Coastal Program

Monitoring our Shorelines and Coasts

HIA Environmental is working to monitor the harbor for marine invasive species, and starfish wasting disease and in road-accessible areas in Hoonah and out the road. In coming weeks, we will be surveying for marine debris in popular fishing areas using scientific diving. We will also be recording information to understand changes to important fish habitat such as eel grass and kelp, as well as the organisms that make up the marine food web. Keep an eye out for our future public events and opportunities to learn more about the project!

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Electronic waste

E-waste wrap up

This season was an amazing experience for collecting electronic waste,
We have been collecting electronic waste for over 3 weeks now and we have finally got things wrapped up.
We want to thank all of the people in the community that donated their electronic waste.
We are hoping to do more of the electronic waste collection in the near future.

Thank you!

Food fair

Hoonah's second Traditional Food Fair - Join us at the end of the summer to celebrate community, culture and food. There will be games, music, and a lot of free food! We will have many traditional subsistence resource harvesting days throughout the summer where volunteers can learn to harvest, process, and preserve various resources. Check hia-env.org for more details!

Stream Restoration Improves Fish Habitat

In early July, the Hoonah Native Forest Partnership Crew (Phillip Sharclane, Derek Barton, Jeremy Johnson, Ricky Contreras) local TRAYLS youth, members of the Forest Service and Fish and wildlife service completed a stream restoration in Spasski Valley. One of the unique aspects of this restoration was that all of it was done with hand tools. Using hand tools and good-old-fashioned sweaty labor is less impactful to the stream. After 5 days of work the crew made remarkable progress : they installed 13 structures in two channels!
This work is important. Not only because it creates fish habitat, but because of how the Hoonah Native Forest Partnership has set itself up. Projects like these could become the new norm and set up a pattern of reliable work for local workers to work on the lands they use!

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