



**Media Advisory
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January 2, 2015

Joint Media Advisory Regarding Recent Events in Anahim Lake

ANAHIM LAKE - The Ulkatcho and Nuxalk Nations are deeply saddened by the tragic events which took place in the Anahim Lake community on Boxing Day. Chief and Council from both communities express their heartfelt condolences to the families of the bereaved and offer prayers of strength to the community as a whole in coping with this tragedy.

Leadership from both communities are working together to address the impacts that the actions of a few have had on the many. At this time, we ask that visitors and media please respect the privacy of families impacted by this event. The ripple effect of these events is being felt profoundly by the many relations of those involved - please give our families the space to grieve their loved ones.

Crisis counselling services have been activated in both Bella Coola and Ulkatcho, and are available to community members. We are working closely with the RCMP, First Nations Emergency Services Society, First Nations Health Authority, and Provincial Health Services Authority to address issues related to public safety, justice and health.

Nuxalk Chief Wally Weber, Ulkatcho Chief Zack Parker, and FNHA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Evan Adams will be hosting media availability on Tuesday January 6th at 10:00 AM.

For dial-in information and to participate in Tuesday's teleconference please contact:

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