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**Glossary of Abbreviations:** A number of recurrent abbreviations may not be familiar to many readers of The Midden, and the most common of these are defined here.

**Permit types:** ALT = Alteration; INS = Inspection; INV = Investigation.

**Archaeological project types:** AIA = Archaeological Impact Assessment; AIS = Archaeological Inventory Study; SDR = Systematic Data Recovery.

**Forest industry terms:** CMT = Culturally Modified Tree; CP = Cutting Permit; FD = Forest District, FL = Forest License; MoFR = Ministry of Forests and Range; TFL = Tree Farm License; TL = Timber License; TSA = Timber Sales Area.

**Other government agencies:** FOC = Fisheries and Oceans Canada; DIAND = Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; LWBC = Land and Water B.C., Inc.; MEM = Ministry of Energy and Mines; MoT = Ministry of Transportation; RD = Regional District.

**First Nations abbreviations:** ATT = asserted traditional territory; FN = First Nation.

**Legal title descriptions:** DL = District Lot; P/L = pipeline; Rge = Range; R/W = right-of-way; Sec = Section, Tp = Township; T/L = transmission line.

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2006-126 Rob Paterson inspection AIA for proposed oil and gas developments on behalf of Devon Canada Corporation, Devon ARL Corporation and possibly other proponents of the oil and gas industry, located in the area covered by portions of NTS map sheets 94 i, 94 j, 94 o and 94 p within the Peace River region O&GNE

2006-127 Bruce Ball inspection Archaeological impact assessment of forestry developments proposed by Pope and Talbot Inc. and possible other timber harvesting operators, to be identified, in the Arrow Boundary Forest District. Forestry

2006-128 Ian Wilson inspection Archaeological inventory and AIA for future commercial-residential subdivision and ancillary development of a 6.3-ha property, Rem. Lot 2, Pl. 2164, DL 16, Newcastle District, known as Qualicum Landing and located on the Strait of Georgia near Fletcher Creek, just S of Bowser Commercial

2006-129 Beth Hryshuk inspection AIA for oil and gas developments proposed by Encana Corporation, and possible other proponents, within the traditional territories of the Halfway River and Blueberry River First Nations, within NTS mapsheets 94 H-2/6 (S of the Beatton River), 94 B-8/10, 15 & 16 (E of the Halfway River), 94 A-1/4 (N of the Peace River, W of the Beatton River and E of the Halfway River) and 94 A-5/7 & 8/10-15 (W of the Beatton River and E of the Halfway River) O&GNE

2006-130 Ian Wilson inspection AIA of foreshore portion of the Phase 1 Lantzville Sewage Collection System, located primarily on the foreshore area bounded to the E by the District of Lantzville boundary and to the W by Tweedhope Road Municipal

2006-131 David Hall inspection AIA of forestry operations proposed by Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd. (Okanagan Falls Division), Gorman Bros. Ltd., and MoF's BC Timber Sales (Vernon), in the Okanagan-Shuswap FD within the asserted traditional territories of the Westbank First Nation, the Okanagan Indian Band, the Otsocoos Indian Band and the Pentiction Indian Band which do not overlap with other First Nations Forestry

2006-132 Aidan Burford inspection AIA for proposed subdivision of DL 491, except Pt. 9673, PRD., and located on the N side of Moberly Lake at Paquette Creek, approximately 18 km NW of Chetwynd Residential

2006-133 Clark Hamilton alteration Alterations to DiRw-13 resulting from proposed residential development at 5711 Ebb tide Place, Sechelt (DL 304, Strata Plan LMS 2420, Plan 25939 NWD) Commercial
2006-134 Bruce Ball inspection AIA of forestry developments proposed by West Fraser Mills Ltd. and possible other timber harvesting opera-
tors, in the 100 Mile House FD 
Forestry

2006-135 Barry Wood inspection AIA of Elk Valley Coal Corporation’s proposed Line Creek Mine East Refuse Dump Expansion, located approxi-
ately 27 km N of Sparwood 
Mining

2006-136 Morley Eldridge inspection AIA of the proposed High Frequency Surface Wave Radar installation by the Government of Canada at Este-
van Point, SW tip of Hesquiat Peninsula 
Federal

2006-137 Melanie Hill inspection AIA of the MoT’s proposed gravel pit N of DL 3260, in units 99 & 100, Block I, mapsheet 94B.077, near 
Cypress Creek, in NE BC MoT

2006-138 Gerald Williams alteration Alterations to DiSK-1 by demolition of a theatre and construction of a new building utilizing the same footprint 
at 1650 Cliff Avenue, Courtenay Commercial

2006-139 Nicole Nicholls inspection AIA of BC Ferries’ Langdale Terminal, P.I.D. 025-814-303, DL 8007, Group 1, NWD, Plan BCP6348, P.I.D. 
Ferry Terminal within highway and Port of Port Mellon Highway, all in D.L. 1401, Group 1, NWD 
BC Ferries

2006-140 Rob Paterson inspection AIA of proposed oil and gas developments on behalf of Devon Canada Corporation, Devon ARL Corporation 
and possibly other proponents, located in the area covered by portions of NTS map sheets 94 A, 94 B, 94 G, and 94 H. within the Peace River region 
O&GNE

2006-141 Owen Grant inspection AIA of cutblocks and ancillary developments proposed by Cascadia Forest Products Ltd., Coulton Forest 
Products Ltd., MoF/R/BCTS, and possible other clients, within the portion of the South Island FD asserted as the traditional 
territories of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Tsawtita First Nation, Toquaht Band, Uchucklesas/Peoples’ Government Within a Territory, 
Ucluelet First Nation, Didaaht Indian Band, Hupacasath First Nation, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, Haisla First Nation, and Hesquiat First Nation 
Forestry

2006-142 Joanne Hammond inspection AIA for Dawson Construction Ltd. of a proposed gravel pit in the NW corner of DL 1295, Squamish-Lillooet 
Regional District, located on the E side of the Fraser River opposite the mouth of Caycosh Creek and SE of the town of Lillooet 
Hydro

2006-143 Tanja Hoffmann investigation Investigations at DiRq-022 (Park Farm Site), on a low, natural rise of land adjacent to the N side of 
the Loughed Highway and E of Harris Road in Pitt Meadows 
Research

2006-144 Rob Field inspection AIA of oil and gas developments proposed by Encana Corporation, and possible other proponents, operating 
within the Fort Nelson, Peace River and Mackenzie FDS 
O&GNE

2006-145 Ian Wilson inspection AIA of proposed clubhouse for the Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course, on Lot A, Plan 9145, DL 63, 
Newcastle Land District, within the Town of Qualicum Beach 
Municipal

2006-146 Donna Falat alteration Alterations to DiQG-15 arising from MoT’s proposed construction at the Kidd Creek Rest Area and lowered 
level, W of Yahk 
MoT

2006-147 Dave Morgan alteration Alterations to DiRq-24 by capping of site with imported fill and concrete, and excavation of sewer lines to a 
residence, on the W side of Georgina Bay, Galiano Island 
Municipal

2006-148 Matthew Begg inspection Post-Impact assessment of seismic programs undertaken by Brimel Exploration Services Inc., Complete 
Land Services Ltd., Harrison Energy Group Inc., Peace River Hole Cementing and Exploration Services Ltd. and 
other possible proponents, operating within the Peace, MacKenzie and Fort Nelson FDS 
O&GNE

2006-149 Robert Muir investigation Research excavations at EeRI-7 within and adjacent to Housepit 109, at Keatley Creek near Lillooet 
Research

2006-150 Bruce Ball inspection AIA of forestry developments proposed by West Fraser Mills Ltd. in the Central Cariboo, Chilcotin and 
Quesnel FDS 
Forestry

2006-151 Geordie Howe inspection AIA of oil and gas developments proposed by Pioneer Land and Environmental Services, McElhanney 
Geomatics Professional Land Surveying Ltd. and possible other proponents, operating within the Peace, Fort Nelson and Mackenzie FDS 
O&GNE

2006-152 Morley Eldridge inspection AIA for proposed upgrades to the Departure Bay Ferry Terminal in the vicinity of DiRq 47, Nanaimo 
BC Ferries

2006-153 Karen Brady inspection AIA for a proposed resort community development, District of Lake Country 
Commercial

2006-154 Barry Wood inspection AIA of forestry developments proposed by Tembec Industries (Kootenay Central & Kootenay Columbia), 
Galloway Lumber Company Ltd., Canfor (Radium Division), MoF/R/BCTS Sales, Kootenay Business Area, Ktunaxa Kinbasket Development Corporation, and possible other forestry clients, operating within the Rocky Mountain FD 
Forestry

2006-155 Jim Agius alteration Proposed construction by Jericho Developments Ltd of a commercial building, and completion of related 
ancillary activities such as landscaping and/or trenching, at 1530 Cliff Avenue, Courtenay, within or adjacent to 
DSK-1 
Commercial

2006-156 Dan Reibling alteration Alterations to DJQe-1 arising from Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts’ proposed development of the 
Arlington Lakes Recreation Site, located approximately 25 km N of Beachverdell 
Province

2006-157 David Hall inspection AIA of forestry operations proposed by MoF/R/BCTS, Skeena Business area within the North Coast FD and 
possible other proponents, operating within the Kalamalka FD formerly identified as TFL 41 
Forestry

2006-158 Hugh Middleton inspection AIA of forestry developments proposed by Waddington Charter and Contractor Ltd., as represented by 
DWB Forestry Services Ltd., and other licensees within the Anahim Block South of the Chilcotin FD, approximately 
200 km W of Williams Lake 
Forestry

2006-159 Clinton Coates inspection AIA of the proposed preloading of the on-shore and immediate off-shore areas east of Westbank First Nation’s 
Lot 427-1, Tantalus Inlet IR #10, in preparation for construction of a new bridge across Okanagan Lake at Kelowna 
MoT

2006-160 Barry Wood inspection AIA of forestry developments proposed by Atco Lumber Ltd, and possible other clients, within the Arrow-
boundary FD 
Forestry

2006-161 Doug Witala alteration Alterations to CMT sites GSp-10, GSp-11 and GSp-22 by West Fraser Mills Ltd., Pacific Inland Resources 
Division’s proposed timber harvesting in CP 616 blocks 2, 2A, 2B and 2C and CP 617 block 3, and associated 
road development, in the Nik&#243;kwa Lake/Fort Babine area, Skeena-Stikine FD 
Forestry

2006-162 Monty Mitchell inspection AIA of forestry developments proposed by International Forest Products Ltd. in the vicinity of Tahsis Inlet, 
Hsitin Inlet, Williamson Passage and Tispana Inlet, on the W coast of Vancouver Island 
Province

2006-163 Diana Alexander inspection AIA of BC Ferry’s proposed for development for the Cypress Mountain Venue of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic 
and Paralympic Winter Games, located along the E slope of Black Mountain and the headwaters of Cypress and Montizambert Creeks, and along several intermittent creeks and a portion of a small peat fen NE of Yew Lake, all within Cypress Provincial Park 
Province
in the T'xwelatse family, Stone T'xwelatse wound up at a village on the south-western shores of Sumas Lake where in 1892-1144 years ago — he was taken by members of a non-Aboriginal “pioneer” settler family. He was moved into Sumas, Washington, sold for display in a “dime museum,” and eventually collected by the founding members of the Washington State Museum — now named the Burke Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Stone T’xwelatse lived among the Museum’s collections for over 100 years — cared for by the Museum staff — until October of this year. In 1992, T’xwelatse (Herb Joe) began efforts to repatriate his ancestor — after Stone T’xwelatsta’s whereabouts were brought to his attention by way of anthropological research being done at the Sto:lo Tribal Council (see the associated sketch by Smith). Overcoming obstacles encountered in the newly established American Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) required considerable efforts involving the T’xwelatse Family and the Nooksack Tribe Council and Culture Committee (hosts of the NAGPRA process), with support from the Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Tribe, Sto:lo Tribal Council, Sto:lo Nation, and Sto:lo House of Elders. During the ceremony at Semah:th over 70 individuals were recognized for helping in one way or another to navigate this long, winding, and ultimately successful process. In October 2005, the official NAGPRA repatriation request and supporting documentation were finalized and submitted by the Nooksack Tribe on behalf of the T’xwelatse Family and broader Nooksack-Ts’elxweyiyw-Sto:lo community. The Burke Museum’s “Notice of Intent to Repatriate” Stone T’xwelatse as a recognized “Object of Cultural Patronymity” under NAGPRA was published in the U.S. Government's Federal Register on August 18. Stone T’xwelatse returned home, by way of the Nooksack Tribe, on October 14, 2006, and many people — community members and siyaye (friends) alike — came out in great numbers to witness and support this happy occasion. Where did Stone T’xwelatse go from the Semah:th Longhouse? He will be provided a new home at the Stehïyïq Healing Centre in the Chilliwack River Valley — very near where T’xwelatse was transformed by X’al:is — currently being designed and built in collaboration between the Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Tribe and Sto:lo Community Futures (SCF). The Tribe/SCF is temporarily hosting Stone T’xwelatse in their recently remediated Headquarters in Chilliwack/Vedder until he can be transferred to the Healing Centre.

As exemplified by the Haida Repatriation Committee at their Repatriation Conference of 2003, information and knowledge gained from the experience of repatriating T’xwelatse — particularly as it pertains to cross-border issues — can be shared and potentially prove useful to other First Nations and Aboriginal communities engaged in this process. It is our intent to pursue this outlet. Please look for an upcoming edition of the Midden for our follow-up article covering T’xwelatse’s return in greater detail. Thanks to all those involved and to all those who came out in support!

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Herb Joe carries the name T’xwelatse and is a member of the Tzeachten First Nation.