

2016 Pounamu Taonga Award Recipient



Tannis Reynolds

Tannis is a member of the Stelat'en (people from Stellaquo) Nation. She is a member of the Luk sil yoo or Caribou Clan. Her traditional clan name is Dzih Bhen. Tannis completed her BA in FNST at UNBC in 2009. She defended her MA thesis - "Stellakoh Talook: The Importance of Salmon to Stelat'en" on April 15, 2016. She received a Clear Pass from the Examining Committee.

During her undergraduate years, Tannis was involved in departmental and First Nations Centre activities. She was often part of a Dakelh women's drum group that shared traditional songs at university and community events.

During her graduate studies she moved back to Stelat'en to raise her son at home and to serve her community. Upon returning home, Tannis was elected as a Band Councillor for the Stelat'en First Nation (SFN). She continues to serve the community in that capacity. She represents SFN on the Board of Carrier Sekani Family Services. Tannis has been a very strong activist for the preservation of wild salmon stocks; both locally and provincially. She was instrumental in the development and continues to lead the ongoing Annual SFN Salmon Festival. She was involved in the building of a community Smoke House and she testified at the Gove Inquiry into the Decline of the Fraser River Salmon Stocks.