

## **Chiefs Oppose Rock Quarry**

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"First of all; we acknowledge and recognize Tatau, the Creator through Manakays, the Great Spirit for all that is provided for us since the beginning of time and still is today."

We, the Nuxalk Nation are a Sovereign Nation. Our Sovereignty comes from Tatau the heavenly Father or God in your language. Tatau has allowed us to be caretakers of Nuxalk Territory.

We, as a People, do not want a deep sea port, gravel pit or a rock quarry. We do not want the Bella Coola Rock Quarry in our Territory.

We will have no more destruction of our Territory. Our way life will be completely be destroyed by mining, more so than logging. We will unite all our People to oppose this project.

Enough is enough.

For the future of our children, grandchildren and those yet to be born ...

Way!

Head Chief Nuximlayc House of Smayusta Q'umk'uts' (Bella Coola)