

WET'SUWET'EN SOCIAL STRUCTURE

CLAN:

Is a group of people belonging to a particular tribe or House to identify family and territories. Five Clans:

Gilseyhu (Big Frog)

Laksilyu (Small Frog)

Gitumden (Wolf/Bear)

Laksamashu (Fireweed/Killer Whale)

Tsagu (Beaver)

Each of the Wet'suwet'en Clans listed are made up of distinct matrilineal "YAX".

House Chief: The highest title among the Wet'suwet'en/

Sub Chief: Second highest title are those of the thirteen houses, the heir to the highest title sits in front of the chief.

Housemembers: Matrilineage clearly places every Wet'suwet'en within a House/Clan. As a member of this group the actions took by each effect the whole house.