



## **TSARTLIP FIRST NATIONS**

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### ***IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED***

Ancient artifact missing from Helen Point (Mayne Island)

Tsartlip First Nation – Tsartlip First Nation Chief Chris Tom is seeking the public's assistance in locating an ancient artifact that was removed from the beach of Mayne Island.

The artifact is a large bowl carved out of a rock that was used by the Saanich People who traditionally inhabited Mayne Island for food preparation. The artifact has been reported missing to the Outer Gulf Islands detachment of the RCMP who is currently investigating the disappearance.

On August 11, 2007 members of the Tsartlip Chief and Council visited the site to assess the impact the BC Ferries wake was having on the culturally sensitive and sacred sites on Mayne Island when they noticed that the artifact had been removed.

The bowl has been removed previously but after a brief investigation it was returned to its original place. The artifact was last seen on July 25, 2007.

The Tsartlip Chief and Council is requesting anyone with information pertaining to the missing artifact to contact Chief Chris Tom (250-889-7824), Tsartlip Lands Manager Wendy Edwards (250-652-3988) or the RCMP (250-629-6171).

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For more information regarding the missing artifact please contact:

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