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Media Advisory

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After being first on the scene of the sinking Queen of the North ferry 3 years ago the Gitga'at First Nation of Hartley Bay has been forced to take British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. to court.

The Gitga'at have filed a statement of claim for ongoing damage to their territory.

The ferry and the vehicles inside are leaking hydrocarbons and threatening the ecologically diverse and rich habitat on which the Gitga'at have lived sustainably for centuries. Many species from sea cucumbers to sea lions are at risk now and the situation will only get worse as the wreck deteriorates and leaches a lengthy list of toxic substances.

The families of those who went down with the ferry have been compensated and the Captain of the Queen of the North has been reinstated. It is the Gitga'at and their territory in the Great Bear Rainforest who have been left with the mess.

The Gitga'at are calling on B.C. Ferry Service to file a claim with their insurance company and retrieve their ship before it does anymore damage.

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