

## Clothes for Hunting

Hunters had a special suit of clothes called **Gwiistxa** (completely leather clothing). The Gwiistxa was made from elk skin. Nisga'a used elk skin for the Gwiistxa because it was light and warm.

Gwiistxa

Gwiis - to wear

Txa - leather

Gaydim wildigitkw

Maksa txa

Ts'awaksa Denii



### Why Trapping is Best in Winter

*In temperate climates, such as the Nass Valley, winter is much colder than summer. Fur bearing animals respond to this change in temperature by growing thick coats of long fur in the winter. When spring comes and the weather warms, the thick winter coat gradually falls out and is replaced by a shorter, more sparse summer coat of fur.*

*Most fur is trapped in the winter because this is when the animals' coats are longer and thicker.*