

RON CHAMBERS

NATIVE CULTURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST,
CHAMPAGNE-AISHIHIK NATIVE ARCHAEOLOGIST



NATIVE STATUS/ EDUCATION

*Member: Champagne-Aishihik First Nations
Yukon Heritage Resources
Board Member*

*University of Alaska,
Southeast,
Archaeological Methods and
Techniques, Anthropology
•193 [Summer 2012, 2013]*

CANADIAN ARCHAEOLOGY

*Expansive survey locating
nineteenth century
Tatshenshini River Native
Fishing Villages, (1993).*

*Deputy Chief, Champagne
and Aishihik First Nations
when Kwäday Dän Ts'ínchi,
glacial mummified person
was found, (1999).*

*Decades of survey work and
monitoring activities
including locating Obsidian
sources.*

WORK HISTORY

*Champagne-Aishihik Native
Archaeologist*

*SRSCorp. Archaeological
Technician, 2014-2015*

*Kluane National Park, Park
Warden, Canada, 22 years*

*Wilderness Guide, Actor,
Artist, Native History
Interpreter*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Champagne-Aishihik member, Wolf Clan

Ron Chambers has been working with identifying and protecting Native sites and archaeological resources for several decades. He has also devoted much of his life supporting cultural events in both Alaska and Canada. He is an active member of the Yukon Heritage Resource Board (YHRB), which provides advice to governments on issues that affect the Yukon's heritage resources. Board members work with a variety of groups and individuals across the territory and nationally to fulfil this mandate.



Ron is a member of the Wolf Clan and the Champagne-Aishihik First Nations. A well-known wilderness guide, actor, artist, and Native history interpreter, Ron worked for many years as a Park Warden in Kluane National Park in Canada. There, he specialized in mountaineering, search and rescue, and travelled extensively in the backcountry. He is founder of *Kruda Ché* Guiding and Outfitting, Councilor of Champagne-Aishihik First Nations Band and Board member of the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association.

Over the years, Ron has been involved in a number of important archaeology projects. He is credited with "rediscovering" the Hoodoo Mountain obsidian source in Kluane National Park. He led the 1993 archaeology survey effort to relocate the nineteenth century Tatshenshini River native fishing villages. Ron served as Deputy Chief of the Champagne-Aishihik First Nations during the time of the *Kwäday Dän Ts'ínchi* discovery in 1999, the world-famous person mummified through freezing by glacial activity.

Mr. Chambers has monitored grading efforts for the protection of cultural resources in Canada for decades, and has assisted archaeologists in surveys and excavations while working for his tribal group in cultural resource management. Besides his Canadian work, he has been certified for grading monitoring activities through the University of Alaska Southeast. Mr. Chambers has taken Archaeological Field Methods and Techniques (2013), which certified him as an Archaeological Monitor for grading activities in Southeast Alaska. He has surveyed, excavated, and monitored on several local projects over the last six years as listed. He also has worked as a field technician with SRSCorp Alaska where he served as safety director. In addition, he is proficient in videography, an asset for assisting in Native Elder interviews.

SUMMARY PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND DESCRIPTIONS

2011-2015 ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS

- **2015-** *6.5 Mile Burial Investigations, Material Screening- Chilkoot Indian Association [CIA], Haines, Alaska.*
- **2013-** *Kaatx'waaltú /Chookanya Traditional Use Area Ethnohistory/ Archaeology- Area Survey, Chilkat Indian Village [CIV].*