

A Blunden Harbour Origin Story

The story of Hili'stis, the son of the chief of the killer whales, is an origin story of the first ancestor of the Walas namima of the Nakwaxda'xw. Hili'stis travelled around the world as a killer whale and when he landed at Blunden Harbour he became a man and his whale body became a traveling canoe. He built a house with four platforms at Blunden Harbour and invited four visitors from the Gigil'gam and Tsitsamilek̓ala namimas to his house where he fed them seal and told them the story of his lineage.

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